

Student Government of Loyola Chicago



09/04/2019, 8:00 PM
Damen 210, Lake Shore Campus
Executive Minutes

I. Roll Call

- A. Call to Order at 8:04 PM
- B. All Present

1. Not Present: Chief Justice Kostiuk, Chief Financial Officer Noriega, Chief Sustainability Officer DeBold, Associate Communications Officer Stefanic, Attorney General Barbriere

II. Check Ins

III. Meeting with Marshawn Brown, Executive Director for Diversity (CEDIO Thomas)

- A. CEDIO Thomas stated that President Meis, VP Guerrero, and herself are in the process of setting up a meeting with Marshawn Brown, the Executive Director for Diversity and Inclusion campus wide, who currently sits on the Executive Council. In the meeting, we are interested in talking about what SGLC is doing to push the inclusion narrative this year. She stated that she is planning on sharing the pillar President Meis and VP Guerrero developed in their campaign and how that will be put forth in current initiatives of the multicultural center conversation and assisting any identity based or cultural student groups on campus. VP Guerrero gave various examples that were campaigned on "more diverse administration, advocating for a multicultural center, implementation of diversity curriculum development, and the creation of safe spaces to learn from different faiths and traditions. Speaker Drescher asked if there is going to be any kind of expansion for undocumented students. CEDIO Thomas stated that it can be included in the meeting because it is a very important topic. Relating to SGLC, there is a FAQ page for undocumented students that will hopefully be developed by the end of the year. The meeting date has not been decided yet. CoS Carfagno asked if there is a difference between SDMA and a multicultural space, is it a different vision. CEDIO Thomas stated that the ultimate vision is for SDMA to be in that center but for other identity and culturally based groups to also be in there. President Meis stated that there will be conference rooms and study spaces for students to use. VP Guerrero stated that many students have expressed wanting a space like this. During Loyola Movement, and one of the requests from the university was to get designated spaced for these reasons. VP Guerrero stated that he went to a previous Vice President to talk about this vision. For example, Damen was something that SGLC helped put together even though it took several years. Latino organizations were petitioning for a space like that because the SDMA room is not enough. They want more space to find a community. Speaker Drescher stated to consider reaching out to RCDC and Facilities & Transportation about the new residence halls because there were conversations about having spaces like that.
- B. CCO Martinez asked if anything about Arrupe will be discussed during that meeting. CEDIO Thomas stated that it can be added to the agenda and connecting Arrupe to the conversations about undocumented resource page. President Meis stated that CEDIO Thomas is working on a workshop for the retreat to be more educated on the topics. CCO Martinez asked if there is anything related to the LGBTQ+. CEDIO Thomas stated that she was not working on it directly but that is something that she would like to see what overall can be done through SGLC. There has been some progress around campus. For example, at De Nobli where they changed the language on the signs for the bathrooms. But she is interested to see if another Senator this year would be able to pick that up and continue. President Meis asked if there were any LGBTQ+ initiatives. CCO Martinez stated that he just does not have that much knowledge on the topic but has not seen that many student-led initiatives. President Meis stated everything will not get the proper attention it deserves due to issues with the structure of the Senate which can be addressed.
- C. CoS Carfagno asked if there was any space downtown for a SDMA satellite office for any students that live down there. CCO Martinez that there are no resources like that and students tend to stay in their own space and do not branch out as much. ACO Nelson stated that Loyola students may not feel welcome at Arrupe because there are not any classes there. CCO Martinez stated that the social work school is inside of Arrupe College. Cso Carfagno stated that there are a lot of students who live downtown and may not want to come

all the way here just to be able to use the resources. Even just having satellite hours once a month, it is important to expand those resources.

IV. Intercampus Shuttle Service Phoenix Article (CoS Carfagno)

- A. CoS Carfagno stated that the union that the shuttle drivers are part of are negotiating with the company that handles CPS, special needs programs, and Loyola. The union filing unfair labor charges against the transportation company and there is a possibility of the union on strike as a threat to transportation company. CoS Carfagno asked if there were any ideas of how to respond/report to the students who utilize the resource. Arrupe College Liaison Villazana stated that there is a high possibility that they will go on strike and completely shut everything down. CoS Carfagno stated that there are 10,000 employees that are a part of the union. This is something that is important to help keep people informed mainly on the different options for transportation. For example, letting freshman know what stop to get off of for various things or 8-ride. VP Guerrero stated that it would be a good idea but to wait and see how the situation develops. There is very little that SGLC can talk to the administration about because it does not have to do with Loyola specifically. He stated that nothing should be said before the negotiations are concluded because we do not know what the conversations are like. At this moment, look at options and wait to see if we can communicate afterwards. ACO Nelson stated that something can be posted on social media for stops downtown, how to use the buses, or some Google Maps tips. CoS Carfagno asked if it would be worth putting together some kind of strike contingency plan on what to do if they did go on strike and speak to Gretchen Kari who oversees this. CCO Martinez stated that from a communications standpoint, materials can be put together right now that can be pushed out if something does happen. Arrupe College Liaison Villazana stated that the company is called BJ's Transportation and will not really affect Loyola, possibly just CPS schools. CoS Carfagno stated that if the union does strike, is Loyola their top priority as a transportation company. For example, switching them to a route to transport the special needs kids. Speaker Drescher stated that it may not be worth speculating about the outcomes. She stated she can speak to the Chair of Facilities and Transportation for information/contacts and go from there. Nothing should be released at this time. CoS Carfagno stated that SGL just needs to be there to support the students. VP Guerrero stated that he was not comfortable reaching out to Loyola if they had a plan if the union strikes and not put it on their radar. CoS Carfagno stated that the plans are more for normal operations going. President Meis stated that the strike is more symbolic and will most likely let people know what day they are striking in advance. If and when that day comes, we can think about what to do then. Gretchen Kari is not an established relationship yet, but that is something we are working on.

V. Communications Video (CCO Martinez)

- A. CCO Martinez showed a business plan about a video he is working on putting together and is working on finalizing the document. He stated he will be meeting with a undergraduate student, Paulina Aragon, who has experience with video editing and recording. The goals are to showcase the mission and members of the student government mainly the main leaders because they are the main faces and it has a greater amount of value. Some other goals are for the video to be reusable for other administration, student outreach, and increase voter turnout for the 2020 elections. President Meis stated that the percentages were 13% for this past year and was at 22% in the past at some point. VP Guerrero stated that he loves the idea and that it is powerful to have visuals. However, challenge yourselves (Communications Team) to do it in an inclusive way, even minimally. Be careful with language because everyone does have a small part in the organization. It will take more work to include everyone in some way, but it would be a good tool externally and internally to foster community and a team mentality. CCO Martinez stated that he does agree that it has to be inclusive of everyone in the organization, however, the video cannot be more than two minutes, so the video needs to be intentional. The already know these faces and may feel more excited but will try to find a way to be inclusive of everyone. Arrupe College Liaison Villazana asked if one of the meetings could be showcased of everyone there. CCO Martinez stated that is a good idea and he will discuss it with Paulina. VP Guerrero stated that maybe not get a lot of members in the video speaking cause it will be too long, more along the lines of taking a long shot of everyone. CEDIO Thomas stated that we could ask various students around Damen about what they want out of their student government. Arrupe College Liaison Villazana stated it could promote itself because it will help more people watch the videos if they are in it and they share it with their friends and so on. CoS Carfagno stated that the video should be big and bold, something that has everyone involved, and is student driven. For example, they could say something or hold up a poster, just something that gets all students involved, not just SGLC. CCO Martinez does not want to only the main faces, there are going to be shots of other people and narration. ACO Nelson stated that it will definitely be student driven, but more of what SGLC can do for the students and what resources we offer to help build more of a two-way street. President Meis stated that the structure can be confusing to people so the big picture seems to be a better idea. CoS Carfagno asked if the Communications team has reached out the university for assistance from who they get their videos done from. CCO Martinez stated that he wanted the video to be completely driven by

students. ACO Nelson stated that it is typically UNC and that they do charge money. CCO Martinez stated that he was thinking of talking to Kettle Camp studios to see who would help out from there. CoS Carfagno he stated that he will reach out to a fellow student who may be able to help. CCO Martinez stated that he will talk about this during the next Senate meeting in order to get feedback. He is also planning on finishing the video before the semester ends. CCO Martinez stated that he got the inspiration from Columbia's student government who had made a similar video before. Arrupe College Liaison Villazana stated that he knows someone from Columbia that can help out with the video. CCO Martinez stated that he wanted to keep it strictly Loyola based.

VI. Executive Branch Engagement with Legislative Branch (VP Guerrero)

- A. VP Guerrero stated that he wants everyone to think about what it means to be a member of the executive branch compared to others. These are specialist positions, and everyone was chosen for their skills and knowledge. Be conscious of overstepping with other members of SGLC, set a time to talk and be intentional, be passionate but not overwhelming, be a resource, and do not be afraid to reach out. People have talked multiple times about organizational cohesion which starts by being interested in what others are doing but make sure that others are willing to listen first. CCO Martinez stated that on the behalf of the Communications Team, the expectations of the group are available to the Senate and push anything that we are working on forward to students. Making sure we are being intentional on why we are here, what we are doing, and working with others. CEDIO Thomas stated that it is a way of bridging the gap between legislation being passed and promoting it through social media. VP Guerrero stated CEDIO Thomas and himself worked last year developing a statement to SGLC about an initiative created when he was a Senator but supported by a member of the Executive Branch. Speaker Drescher stated, as a representative of the Legislative Branch, that even though it is important to reach out to them, waiting for a couple of weeks for them to figure out what they could need you to be available for. Since full committees have not been finalized, neither have their goals, let committee chairs get into the year a little before reaching out to them. CCO Martinez mentioned that he was planning on meeting with the committee chairs. Speaker Drescher stated that she would personally suggest waiting because they just got these roles and it can be overwhelming. President Meis stated that we are a team and we should move within this branch together and look at what everyone is prioritizing at this moment and working off of them. CoS Carfagno stated that for example, his on-on-one meetings are very relaxed and personalized for each person and to figure out a way help in any way he can. Speaker Drescher also stated that it would be good to give them the option of meeting with you instead of making it mandatory which can help make it more natural. VP Guerrero stated to utilize the spaces we already have and speaking/ reaching out to others because we are a team. CoS Carfagno stated that it does not have to be a scheduled meeting, but mainly just saying that if they need anything that you can be there for them.

VII. Organizational Goals

- A. President Meis stated that people can submit things for the agenda, please do so. The guiding questions can be helpful for some of the topics. Senate is a very big part of this organization, but not the only part. You can have your own organizational goal and work together with others because you are a team. These goals do not have to be campus wide; they can also be internal. We will revisit this topic again next week. CEDIO Thomas stated she was confused about the guiding question about what our role is in the retreat. President Meis stated that when we are in the workshop, have everyone together and talking about working toward a common goal. VP Guerrero stated that we have so many processes that we can/cannot vote on, technicalities but during the retreat it is not about that. The retreat is about collective about what we are prioritizing about the year and having an equal opportunity of sharing. Speaker Drescher stated that the Fall Retreat Committee has worked on the schedule. Everyone is together except for the parts designated for the branches. Be conscious of our roles and looking in the future, in those conversations about the organizational goals what does that look like for your position but also what does it look like for collaboration.

VIII. Anything for the good of cause?

- A. President Meis stated that to keep Executive Reports during Senate Meetings shorter and only highlight the important points.
- B. ACO Nelson asked what time the State of the Student Body is going to be. President Meis responded that it is currently going to be on September 26th from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. CCO Martinez asked if we could be able to introduce ourselves and what we all do. President Meis stated that was the plan but she needed another week to come up with a draft program. CCO Martinez stated that CoS Carfagno and himself came up with the idea to emails RSOs to cordially invite them to come. President Meis stated that it is a great idea but waiting until a more formalized draft for the program so there are more details to give. CoS Carfagno asked if a committee was going to be put together for the event. President Meis stated that she needs a few more days to figure out the details and then delegate tasks. ACO Nelson stated that we can ask WLW to come play during the downtime while people are still congregating.

- C. CCO Martinez asked if the Executive Minutes will be published on the website. President Meis stated that would be a good idea.
- D. Secretary Prag asked that if there is any information that anyone would like to include on the Thursday email, to please send it to her by 12:00 PM on Thursday due to her class schedule.

IX. Adjourn

- A. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM