

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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LOYOLA CHICAGO

**MEASURE OF THE SENATE**

**Committee Restructuring Act**

*To modernize the descriptions and titles of the Standing Committees.*

03/02/2021 Date Introduced to the Senate

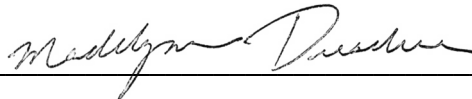
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Signed by the President of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago



**Date:** 03/23/2021

Signed by the Chief Justice of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago

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## Committee Restructuring Act

### *To update the descriptions and titles of the Standing Committees.*

<sup>1</sup>Whereas, According to page 9 of the Articles of Governance, hereafter referred to as the Articles, of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago, hereafter referred to as the SGLC, the mission of the Governance Committee is as follows:

*“The Governance Committee shall be concerned with evaluating the effectiveness and correctness of the Articles of Governance, and shall draft amendments as necessary in order to maintain consistency, accuracy, and clarity throughout the Articles of Governance,”* and

<sup>2</sup>Whereas, Chapter 3, Article 9 of the Articles state:

*“§1. Descriptions: The membership of the Senate shall be divided proportionally across six Standing Committees. The Standing Committees shall serve the following purposes,”* and

<sup>3</sup>Whereas, The Standing Committees are written as follows:

*“(A) The Academic Affairs Committee shall be concerned with academic issues at Loyola University Chicago including but not limited to: classes, curriculum, finals scheduling, library services, University Core requirements, and major and minor requirements. The Academic Affairs Committee shall also serve as the primary representative of the SGLC to the Academic Council.*

*i. The Academic Affairs Committee shall also be responsible for the continuation of the Summer Months Intentional Learning Experience Scholarship, hereafter the SMILE Scholarship. The Academic Affairs Committee shall work jointly with the Center for Experiential Learning to maintain funding for, promote, and review applications for the SMILE Scholarship.*

*(B) The Allocations Committee shall hear Student Activities Fund requests from Registered Student Organizations. The Allocations Committee will then determine whether to fund the Student Organization and inform the office of Student Activities and Greek Affairs of its decision. The Allocations Committee shall also, as necessary, review and propose changes to the Students Activities Fund funding guidelines.*

*(C) The Facilities and Transportation Committee shall be concerned with issues regarding campus facilities and transportation services, including, but not limited to: 8- Ride, intercampus shuttles, room reservations, and residence hall and building maintenance.*

*(D) The Justice Committee shall be concerned with issues of social justice, environmental sustainability, and issues of Catholic and Jesuit identity at Loyola University Chicago.*

*(E) The Residents, Commuters, & Dining Committee shall be concerned with issues including, but not limited to: the student residence life experience, dining services on campus, and the off-campus student experience.*

*(F) The Safety and Wellness Committee shall be concerned with issues including, but not limited to: student health and issues of safety on campus and in the neighborhood. The Safety and Wellness Committee shall also serve as the primary representative of the SGLC to Campus Safety and to the Wellness Center,” and*

**<sup>4</sup>Whereas,**

The phrasing “shall be concerned with issues...” does not best represent our mission of being in service of the student body, and

**<sup>5</sup>Whereas,**

The Academic Affairs Committee is no longer working with the Center for Experimental Learning on the ASPIRE Grant, formally known as the SMILE scholarship, and

**<sup>6</sup>Whereas,**

The Justice Committee should not be concerned with issues of Catholic and Jesuit identity, and

**<sup>7</sup>Whereas,**

The Residents, Commuters, & Dining Committee is not the most representative name regarding that committee’s functions, and

**<sup>8</sup>Whereas,**

The Facilities and Transportation Committee is no longer productive to serve the student body of Loyola, or the SGLC standing committee structure, and

**<sup>9</sup>Whereas,**

As of February 2021, many Facilities initiatives, projects, and administrative connections are sustainability oriented, and

**<sup>10</sup>Whereas,**

In spring of 2020, the Institute of Environmental Sustainability became the School of Environmental Sustainability, increasing their capacity and funding in the next several years, and

- <sup>1</sup>Whereas,** The student body continues to expand their advocacy based on environmental and sustainability issues.
- <sup>1</sup>Be It Enacted,** Chapter 3, Article 9, Subsection 1 shall be amended to read:
- “§1. Descriptions: The membership of the Senate shall be divided proportionally across six Standing Committees. The Standing Committees shall approach their work from a lens of Jesuit values and serve the following purposes,”* and
- <sup>2</sup>Be It Enacted** The Academic Affairs Committee description shall be amended to read:
- “(A) The Academic Affairs Committee shall foster connections with Registered Student Organizations and Administrators regarding academic issues at Loyola University Chicago including but not limited to: classes, curriculum, library services, University Core requirements, and major and minor requirements, and Undergraduate research concerns. The Academic Affairs Committee shall also serve as the primary representative of the SGLC to the Academic Councils,”* and
- <sup>3</sup>Be It Enacted,** The Academic Affairs Committee description shall no longer include the subsection that states:
- “i. The Academic Affairs Committee shall also be responsible for the continuation of the Summer Months Intentional Learning Experience Scholarship, hereafter the SMILE Scholarship. The Academic Affairs Committee shall work jointly with the Center for Experiential Learning to maintain funding for, promote, and review applications for the SMILE Scholarship,”* and
- <sup>4</sup>Be It Enacted,** The Justice Committee description shall be amended to read:
- “(D)The Justice Committee shall foster connections with Registered Student Organizations and administrators regarding issues of social justice and antiracism including but not limited to: racial, LGBTQ+, gender, ability, citizen status, and economic equity; equal access to student opportunities and resources; advocacy for all students’ needs; and reflective education on concepts and practices related to diversity and inclusion,”* and
- <sup>5</sup>Be It Enacted,** The Safety and Wellness Committee description shall be amended to read:
- (F) The Safety and Wellness Committee shall foster connections with Registered Student Organizations and administrators*

*regarding issues including, but not limited to: student health and issues of safety on campus and in surrounding neighborhoods. The Safety and Wellness Committee shall also serve as the primary representative of the SGLC to Campus Safety and to the Wellness Center,” and*

**<sup>6</sup>Be It Enacted,** The Facilities and Transportation Committee shall be dissolved, and

**<sup>7</sup>Be It Enacted,** A new Sustainability Committee shall be formed in its place, and

**<sup>8</sup>Be It Enacted,** The Sustainability Committee description shall read:

*“(C) The Sustainability Committee shall foster connections with Registered Student Organizations and administrators regarding issues of environmental sustainability, environmental justice, and sustainability within campus facilities,” and*

**<sup>9</sup>Be It Enacted,** The Residents, Commuters, & Dining Committee shall hereafter be concerned with issues regarding transportation services, and

**<sup>10</sup>Be It Enacted,** The Residents, Commuters, & Dining Committee shall be renamed to be the Campus Life and Operations Committee, and

**<sup>11</sup>Be It Enacted,** The Campus Life and Operations Committee description shall be amended to read:

*“(E) The Campus Life and Operations Committee shall foster connections with Registered Student Organizations and administrators regarding issues including, but not limited to: the student residence life experience, dining services on campus, transportation services, and the commuter student experience,” and*

**<sup>12</sup>Be It Enacted,** Chapter 9, Article 26, Subsection 2, subsection I, letter I, shall be amended to read:

*“(I) The Campus Life and Operations Committee Chairperson”*

**<sup>13</sup>Be It Enacted,** Chapter 9, Article 26, Subsection 2, subsection I, letter G, shall be amended to read:

*“(G) The Sustainability Committee Chairperson”*