



08/25/2020, 4:30 PM

Zoom

Senate Minutes

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Call to Order at 4:35 PM
 - B. All Present
 1. Not Present: Senator Awan
- II. Visitors & Guest Speakers
 - A. None at this time.
- III. Swear in Executive Branch
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. No Amendments Made
 - B. Minutes are approved at 4:41 PM
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. None at this time
- VI. New Business & Discussion
 - A. None at this time
- VII. Reports
 - A. Advisors
 1. Chaplain (**Fr. Michael Christiana**)
 - a. Father Michael stated welcome everyone. Faith, Service, and Justice Fest is tonight at 7:00 PM. There will be representatives of student leaders and staff of all the groups under Campus Ministry.
 2. Advisor (**Dean Manzano/Rodriguez**)
 - a. Dean Manzano stated that it is great to be with everyone and that he hopes everyone is safe and healthy. Almost everything is being done virtually so he encourages to look on websites to see how administration is engaging with students. There is a new undergraduate newsletter called the Kettle that will come in your mailbox every other week. There will be important information about student success and engagement on campus.
 - B. Legislative Branch
 1. Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs (**Senator Palmer**)
 - i. Senator Palmer stated that due to COVID-19 related issues, many projects that has made progress over the summer has been tabled such as the LGBTQIA+ learning community. Without a lot of contact with Residence Life, it is on hold. He is also the only member of Academic Affairs currently, so meetings have been sparse. For now, he is holding off until he gets fresh eyes on the issues he is working on.
 - b. Allocations (**Senator Doyle**)
 - i. Senator Doyle stated that they spent summer busy. In relation to COVID-19 many things have changed. They have spent the summer finding different ways to help RSOs and student groups. They also updated policies in the RSO handbook and helped SAGA with their policies as well. Allocations has also been working on recycling SBR funding and appeals. If you have any questions, please email us. Outside of COVID-19, they have been working with the CFO and CSO looking at TGIF and looking at creating a multicultural fund as well. Appeals are due next Friday and it also when SPOT begins.
 - c. Facilities & Transportation (**Senator Khan**)
 - i. Senator Khan stated that they have not been that busy this past summer. They have been since developing new ideas on how to help and ideas to bring up to administration at meetings. If you have anything to bring up with them or want to sit in, please let him know.
 - d. Justice (**Senator Bronec**)
 - i. Senator Bronec stated that she appreciates all the work put in by Senator Walsh, Senator Mallory, and former Senator Nick Boyle. Nick Boyle was working on voter registration, and

they are looking forward to connecting with LUPE again. With cutting ties with Aramark, Senator Caputo and herself have met with Student for Food Sovereignty and are looking at drafting legislation. For National Suicide Prevention Month, Senator Walsh, ACO Esparza, and herself have connected with Howard Brown Health and hope to be informative. She did want to make a note that there have been on campus protests to cut ties with CPD. She does not have more information than that but is looking towards to communicating and connecting moving forward.

- e. Residents, Commuters, & Dining (**Senator Caputo**)
 - i. Senator Caputo stated that everything is in the report. Senator Bronce and herself will be putting together a presentation to prepare everyone for the debate and voting on the pieces they are drafting.
 - f. Safety & Wellness (**Senator Rafiq**)
 - i. Senator Rafiq stated that everything is on the report. They are looking into targeting specific groups for mental health and addressing Campus Safety and their relationship with CPD to make LUC a more equitable university.
2. Special Committees
- a. Fall Elections Committee (**Senator Palmer**)
 - i. Senator Palmer stated that the Fall Elections Packer was released yesterday. They are working on getting candidate meetings scheduled. Regarding COVID-19, it has presented a unique difficulty to promoting the role and first years marketing material. That has led to many interesting conversations about how to go about marketing. Thank you to Speaker O'Brien, the Communications Team, and the other Fall Elections Committee members. If you know anyone you would be interested in running for internals or first-year senate, please let them now. They are making sure everyone gets a fair and equal opportunity. We have received high interest in the role and have already started to go through the candidate process.
- C. Judicial Branch (**Chief Justice Mooney**)
- 1. CJ Mooney stated that everything they have worked on has been in the report. Please do not be afraid to reach out. She does not want legislation to not pass due to a small issue. They are here as resources and they will have office hours established soon.
- D. Executive Branch
- 1. President Drescher & Vice President Flores
 - a. President Drescher stated that there are calls to cut ties with CPD. One way is via protest. No one has spoken out of place on this. As a remainder, the two ways the org speaks is through a piece of legislation or a statement from the president. You all in your individual role can speak on behalf of you as a student or senator can speak, just not for the organization of for your committee.
 - b. President Drescher stated that they are in touch with some members since they are thinking about writing a statement aligning with the BLM movement and the action items from earlier. They want to acknowledge the first amendment rights. ACO Esparza has volunteered to put together a graphic for safety and tips during the protest.
 - c. VP Flores stated that on every administration agenda they have had meetings with, they have made sure that the action items are on the agenda since there are certain levels of transparency needed.
 - d. President Drescher stated that all of their administration meetings are on SharePoint, so they are accessible to everyone. On the weekly reports, there will be upcoming or past meetings. If there is anything that you feel would be beneficial to pass someone's desk, please let them know.
 - e. VP Flores stated that in regard to the Sustainable Investment Portfolio and Divestment, President Drescher, CSO Hoyos, and himself will be informing Board of Trustees and kickstart the conversation. This is the work that many people have done and is more than happy to answer questions.
 - f. President Drescher stated that at the end of last term there was legislation to develop a portfolio and put a student on the BOT committee. With being in student government, we have the ability to appoint students to a BOT committee. The timeline they have laid out is to bring in a student by December. They are going to go through the application process, complete interviews, and choose their top three. Then there will be interviews through the investment committee to choose their final pick.
 - g. VP Flores stated that this is the work of many students. This is huge progress and they are very glad. The next morning, they will also be presenting to the Student Success Committee.
 - h. President Drescher stated that at since the beginning of the summer they were trying to get more students part of the sub-committees. They did not get the official green light. At the end of June in a meeting with Dr. Rooney, she said that it would not make sense to spread students out on various committees because most of them are not student related. They have instead been tasked with putting together a Student Advisory Group to talk about their experience throughout the COVID-19 process. CFO Bello will be sitting on there and they will reach out to other student groups as well.

- i. VP Flores stated that they are homing in on great University Senate representatives. They are pulling in from a great cross-section of folks and are hoping to have a list ready by Sunday and then vote on them next week.
 - j. President Drescher stated that external committees are non-SGLC committees that SGLC members are asked to sit on. Nick Boyle who has just resigned sat of LUPE. They will need another student to sit on that since there is a lot of work going into voter registration and voter turnout. If you are interested there is an opportunity for that. They also have three opportunities with the Board of Undergraduate Studies. You overlook academic proposals that may do with multiple schools or even the creation of a DEI certification for your degree which came out of the Provost's office. All of these opportunities are included in their report. There is also the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice. In years past, SGLC has sponsored one or two SGLC students to go. This year's conference is virtual. VP Flores, CEDIO Thomas, Father Michael, and herself can all speak on their experiences there. The application is live on LUCommunity. The delegation application is also there. There is also a unique opportunity is that there is an opportunity to lead or present to a group. They will be reaching out to some people as well.
 - k. VP Flores stated that the SGLC retreat is mandatory and you need to RSVP. If you do not show up, we would likely seek judicial action. It is the weekend of September 12th-13th. This is a chance to build community within the organization.
 - l. President Drescher stated that if you cannot make it, we did ask for excusal requests by last night. She will extend it to tonight so send it to her ASAP.
2. Arrupe Liaison VP Camargo stated that he hopes to build stronger community relationships with Arrupe and Loyola.
 3. COO Prag stated that she sends out emails twice a week. On Sundays she sends out the meeting materials and on Thursdays the meeting minutes. If there is any information you would like to send out to the organization, please send me the information by 4:00 PM on Sunday and 12:00 PM on Thursday. If you send me anything after this, there is a chance it will not make it into the email.
 4. COS Dervishi stated that if you are not a part of LUCommunity of the SGLC Facebook group, please let her know so they can extend communication to those platforms as well.
 5. CHWO Siddiqui stated that she is working with the Wellness Center and establishing relationships with different staff members. Something that she finds helpful is to be subscribed to the Wellness Center newsletter. She was thinking about subscribing everyone in the organization which has many updates and resources.
 6. CSO Hoyos stated that she is working on the Sustainable Investment Portfolio with President Drescher and VP Flores. A huge part of that is divestment from fossil fuels but is also advocating for sustainable investment. She is also working on the Aramark divestment and promoting creativity to all students about TGIF.
 7. CFO Bello stated that he is in charge of the budget. Please think about how spending is going to look this year. COVID-19 has changed the way that they spend throughout the year. Please find creative and purposeful ways to spend.
 8. ACO Valente stated to please sign up for a slot at the organization fair.
 9. CCO Carfagno stated to please check out our website, ACO Valente has completely reorganized it. Elections are also in full swing. He updated the organizational outreach spreadsheet and sent information out to over 200 groups. There are also a lot of welcome week activities and ways for members to become involved.
 10. CEDIO Thomas stated that all summer she has been sitting on the University Anti-Racism Committee. She is also communicating with student advocates. She is also communicating with student advocates. There is also a lack of confusion and lack of knowledge with what is happening with the anti-racism community. She can also put together a presentation to give information about all of this.
 11. ACO Esparza stated that they have gained over 150 new followers on social media and engagement has been super high. Please keep sharing the posts. She has been working on member highlights as well. If you have not filled out that form yet, please do. Thank you for all of the positive feedback.

VIII. Speaker O'Brien

- A. The Organization Fair is tomorrow. The Communications Team has worked hard to get us there.
- B. She will hold a legislation workshop and encourages senators to come.
- C. Please keep promoting elections.
- D. Please read the meeting materials before Senate.

IX. Adjourn

- A. Meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM