



2/23/2021, 4:30 PM

Zoom

Senate Minutes

- I. Roll Call
  - A. Call to Order at 4:32 PM
  - B. All Present
    1. Not Present: Senator Nanda, Senator Iqbal, Senator Cabral (4:36 PM)
- II. Visitors & Guest Speakers
  - A. None at this time.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
  - A. No Amendments Made
  - B. Minutes are approved at 4:34 PM
- IV. Advisors' Reports
  - A. Chaplain (**Fr. Michael Christiana**)
    1. None at this time.
  - B. Advisor (**Dean Sheenan & Rodriguez**)
    1. None at this time.
- V. Unfinished Business
  - A. None at this time.
- VI. New Business & Discussion
  - A. A Resolution to Implement Racial Sensitivity and Cultural Competency Training (**Senators Kwak & Riopedre**)
    1. Senator Kwak and Senator Riopedre explained the legislation.
    2. Senator Richards asked if they looked at how much funding it would take to implement and if that funding is substantial that it won't impact tuition increase.
      - a. Senator Riopedre stated that they did not look at the numbers specifically. They did talk to Campus Safety about what other extensive trainings they have which shows that they do have the resources. Campus Safety is extremely invested in new training programs. They feel that any new trainings would fit well with Campus Safety's priorities.
    3. Legislation is automatically tabled until the following Senate meeting.
  - B. The SGLC Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Act (**Senator Bronec**)
    1. Senator Bronec explained the legislation.
    2. Senator Richards asked that with the first Be It Enacted it states that there is a designation, what does that look like.
      - a. Senator Bronec stated that was intentionally not put in there. From her understanding, that this would help with more self-reflection. They will add some more information to the Appendix on what that practice would look like.
      - b. Senator Richards asked if it will have any issues with the Speaker and their duties.
      - c. Senator Bronec stated that the Speaker can designate a person. The hope is that an individual or group of individuals would participate or hope to do so.
    3. Senator Richards asked that they already have the diversity, equity, and inclusion statement and how this would fit within equity, how is it different or could it be implemented in the diversity statement
      - a. Senator Bronec stated that she can talk about this more off of the floor.
      - b. Senator Richards stated that if the AoG is internal, how can we implement this to the broader university.
      - c. Senator Bronec stated that is it internal and something that we need to discuss about is what the precedent is that we are setting. It is a small step that we are taking.
    4. Senator Brist asked how this Act will be maintained for future years.
      - a. Senator Bronec stated that this will be put into the AoG. The second Be It Enacted is the living side of it and it will also be a part of the appendix.
    5. CFO Bello asked where the tribe names came from.
      - a. Senator Bronec stated that CSO Hoyos sent her the current LUC land acknowledgement which is a little different from this one. It was taken from different land acknowledgements that she has written in the Edgewater area as well as pulling from the Sunrise movement acknowledgement that we had a few weeks ago.
      - b. CFO Bello stated that he wanted to express concern with land acknowledgments that some do not really look at the people we are acknowledging.
    6. Senator Mallory asked that with the outreach for future Loyola rambblers, do you plan on doing any programming or doing any outreach outside of Loyola in the community to bring awareness.

- a. Senator Bronec stated that having this within our Articles sets precedent for other RSOs to start or continue with their work on indigenous justice. That next step is not clearly stated within the legislation.
  - 7. Senator Cabral stated that the phrasing of the Be It Enacted was tricky.
  - 8. Legislation is automatically tabled until the following Senate meeting.
- C. A Resolution to Recognize Federal Election Days (**Senators Harrison & Nanda**)
  - 1. Senator Harrison explained the legislation.
  - 2. Senator Doyle asked where do you think this will lead and what will result.
    - a. Senator Harrison stated that they think that by providing this opportunity we will see a greater turnout with students. Even faculty and staff will be able to use this time to go and vote. This will be followed up with next steps. They also want to work on setting up a polling site to help as well.
  - 3. Senator Mallory asked how can this spark up the dialogue to staff and faculty to encourage students to get to the polls and events.
    - a. Senator Harrison stated that this is something that they want to look at with their next steps.
  - 4. Legislation is automatically tabled until the following Senate meeting.
- D. Marketing Fund Presentation (**Senator Doyle**)
  - 1. Senator Doyle stated that the goal is to separate the Marketing Fund and Committee Funds based on their purposes within the Articles, to erase the inequity in initiative-driven publicity funding within committees, to give committees an equal opportunity to find organizational publicity, to increase the Marketing Fund in order to ensure funding for future publicity.
  - 2. Senator Doyle stated that Organization Driven Publicity is meant to promote and gather data for SGLCs a whole. On the other hand, Initiative Driven Publicity is to promote specific initiatives within SGLC. Organization Driven Publicity has its use in the Marketing Fund while Initiative Driven Publicity has its use in the Committee Fund.
  - 3. Senator Doyle stated that the Marketing Fund is accessible to the President and CCO, has \$1,030, and is used to promote the organization as a whole. Committee Funds are accessible Buy chairs. Each committee has \$425 while Allocations have \$650. This fund is to promote specific initiatives or to gather data for specific initiatives within SGLC.
  - 4. Senator Doyle stated that according to reports from 2019-2020, \$700 was spent from the Committees and the Marketing Fund. Committee Funds are being used more for organizational publicity rather than initiatives. Senator Doyle stated that committees are required to do two tabling or publicity events per semester. Committees that spend different amounts on organizational publicity create an inequity on how much money that they are spending on their initiatives.
  - 5. Senator Doyle stated that we need to consolidate their spending in order to solve this problem. As a Senate, we don't have access to the Marketing Fund. We want to increase the Marketing Fund to balance inequities and make the organization more efficient.
  - 6. Questions
    - a. Senator Rafiq asked that you are proposing that the tabling funds be taken out of the Marketing Fund.
      - i. Senator Doyle stated that they are proposing to shift funds to the Marketing Fund and make it accessible to committee chairs.
    - b. Senator Thilges asked if this would do away with the Committee Fund or what would it be used for then.
      - i. Senator Doyle stated that committees will still have a significant amount of money. They are trying to make sure that we are not spending money in one place where we have funds for another.
    - c. Senator Pittman asked what the tabling requirement is.
      - i. Senator Doyle stated that when we are in person, each standing committee has two tabling commitments per semester. We would set up a table in Damen or do a town hall. Currently, tabling is not allowed. When we are back in person and it is safe to do so, she assumes that it will be a requirement again.
    - d. President Drescher asked what if there is more than one committee working on an initiative or that with the linking of committees to initiatives and if the legislation has already been passed through all three branches, could someone not make the argument that it is organization wide at that point.
      - i. Senator Doyle stated that past data can answer the first question, it is up to the committee's prerogative. Committees will still have full discretion over their committee funds.
  - 7. Senator Doyle stated that they are proposing a transfer of funds. They want to take \$500 from the Senate Discretionary and \$250 from the Committee Funds to the Marketing Fund. There is a huge decrease in funds when it was taken for LIT. The Marketing Fund is still operating with the antiquated idea that we still have \$5,000 in there. We need to be able to adapt to a different funding ability. This is one place that we do spend money, therefore we need to invest there. Since SGLC did not renew the subscription to LIT, the \$2,500 was split between other various funds. We are taking money from committee funds because committees are the biggest spenders on organizational publicities. Allocations is excluded due to their own publicity requirement and they will not have access to the fund. You still have discretion and freedom over your funds. It will just be better regulated so we don't end up biting our own tail at the end of the year.

8. Senator Doyle explained the proposed policies for the AoG.
9. Question
  - a. President Drescher asked why not just take the money that you want to put into the Marketing Fund and divvy that up between committees, basically expanding committee funds.
    - i. Senator Doyle stated that this is the way that she has seen and experienced it through Allocations. She wants to make sure that this solution works for everyone. She does not think that expanding committee funds will be effective in this.
    - ii. President Drescher stated that she does not think that Exec has come to committees for funds, it has been a way for committees to use their funds when it hasn't been used.
    - iii. Speaker O'Brien stated that there was an incidence where committee chairs were approached on using their funds.
    - iv. CHWO Siddiqui stated that we had a lot of money left over in our committee funds. It was more of a means for us to use our funds.
    - v. Senator Riopedre stated that the definitions of the funds itself, the marketing fund is to be used for organizational publicity. With this transfer, we free up these funds to be used for initiatives. By moving these funds around, chairs for committees can be driven to use these funds. It facilitates a culture shift and makes people take a hard look at the funds
    - vi. Senator Doyle stated that committees will still have discretion over their funds. There are problems that need to be solved regarding the budget.
  - b. CCO Carfagno asked if the appeals and application process the same for CCO and President.
    - i. Senator Doyle stated that since they already have access to the fund, they don't have the same process. Chairs given access to this would only leave the CCO and President a little less than what they originally had.
    - ii. CCO Carfagno stated that the Marketing Fund has been used for marketing material that has our logo on it. A lot of that goes towards tabling events and tabling for the committee. Under this new legislation, would committee chairs be responsible for what needs to be purchased or would the CCO still be responsible and then delegating it to the committees.
    - iii. Senator Doyle stated that the solution for this can be figured out by the people who have access to the fund when it gets expanded.
  - c. Senator Bronec asked if this is happening because Justice Committee went over budget last year.
    - i. Senator Doyle stated that it was just a part of the larger inequity and problem with the way we are spending money.
  - d. Senator Carberry asked if the Budget has not been changed since 2014.
    - i. Senator Doyle stated that there have been minor changes but we are operating with the same system. We are trying to adapt the system to what we need now.
  - e. CHWO Siddiqui stated that she thinks that we are drawing lines around initiatives and committees. There is so much overlap between committees.
    - i. Senator Doyle stated that they don't want to draw lines and restrict their use of their funds. Their goal is to return more freedom to committee chairs and to encourage engagement with the budget and organization as a whole. She wants to make a system that works best for the whole organization.
  - f. Senator Carberry stated that a pooled budget may be a good solution to work together.
  - g. Senator Riopedre stated that creating a focus for committee funds will help create more collaboration with others.
  - h. Senator Rafiq asked if there were any other alternative solutions and why we cannot just move the \$500 into the Marketing Fund.
    - i. Senator Doyle stated that the \$500 was one piece of evidence they found. They are willing to listen to you and is willing to talk about why they wanted to take \$50 out of committee funds. The other option was to stick with committee funds and to switch definitions arounds.
    - ii. Senator Rafiq asked if they were to redefine the definitions, the committee funds would then focus on initiatives and tabling.
    - iii. Senator Doyle stated yes. Then that goes into the conversation that CCO Carfagno brought up earlier. It is not as easy of a switch as it seems.

## VII. Internal Reports

### A. Legislative Branch

1. Standing Committees
  - a. Academic Affairs (**Senator Palmer**)
    - i. Senator Palmer stated that everything is in the report.
  - b. Allocations (**Senator Doyle**)
    - i. Senator Doyle stated that for SPOT 2 they have 39 requests which is as near to a SPOT cycle as they have had. They have seen a lot of creative ideas come through. Connor Bishop from the

Office of Sustainability is coming to committee meeting about incentivizing sustainable practices amongst RSOs.

- c. Facilities & Transportation (**Senator Carberry**)
    - i. Senator Carberry stated that everything is in the report.
  - d. Justice (**Senator Bronec**)
    - i. Senator Bronec stated that everything is in the report.
  - e. Residents, Commuters, & Dining (**Senator Caputo**)
    - i. Senator Caputo stated everything is in the report. She had a meeting with the director of programming for Swipe Out Hunger. She created a folder and also took minutes. There are really great resources and information in the program.
  - f. Safety & Wellness (**Senator Rafiq**)
    - i. Senator Rafiq stated that everything is in the report.
2. Special Committees
- a. Budget Committee (**Senator Riopedre**)
    - i. Senator Riopedre stated that they have committee meetings, please come and talk to us. Next week she will present on the Marketing and Scholarship funds.
  - b. Governance Committee (**Senator Kwak**)
    - i. Senator Kwak stated that there are a lot of legislation that will be coming out of Governance.
  - c. Spring Elections Committee (**Chairperson Walsh**)
    - i. Senator Richards stated that packets will be out by this time next week. They will start promoting it later this week.
- B. Judicial Branch (**Chief Justice Mooney**)
1. CJ Mooney stated to please come to see Judicial during office hours or make an appointment.
- C. Executive Branch
1. President Drescher & Vice President Flores
    - a. President Drescher stated that as more legislation comes through Senate, if you are sending drafts of legislation out ahead of time, please make sure to state that it is a draft and that it is not final.
    - b. President Drescher stated that between the branch leaders that during the week of our second Spring break, they will plan on canceling meetings. Committee chairs that is up to our discretion. Please take time for yourself.
    - c. President Drescher stated that there is a new VP of Diversity & Inclusion. This position is in direct advocacy. CEDIO Thomas, Senator Mallory, folks from BCC, folks from Black Graduate Student Association, White Coats for Black Lives, and folks from Our Streets as well were central in that student advocacy.
    - d. VP Flores stated that there is an upcoming university webinar sponsored by USenate on the vaccine ([https://luc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kF4\\_JXLWQUCZc5yop5j7hw](https://luc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kF4_JXLWQUCZc5yop5j7hw)). It is primarily geared towards faculty and staff but has a similar syntax to what students will get as well. It is on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.
    - e. VP Flores stated that they met with a few of the leaders of the Honors BIPOC Coalition. They are making needed recommendations to the Honors Program. He wanted to flag their petition (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxWbefHRXxd3rIgNQbNeEF5rGp6IEg77BK7lGaKnUcApXvg/viewform>).
    - f. President Drescher stated they have several administrative meetings next week listed in the report.
  2. CSO Hoyos stated that they want to shout out the compost bucket program by having a SGLC member film them doing it.
  3. ACO Esparza stated that there is a lot of stuff going up on social media. Next week and the following weeks she will have the spring elections graphics.
  4. Speaker O'Brien stated to make sure you have five Co-Sponsors when sending in legislation. Please check the Legislative Checklist. March 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day for legislation.

VIII. Adjourn

- A. Meeting adjourned at 7:01PM