

Student Government of Loyola Chicago



11/07/2019, 6:00 PM

SGLC Office (Damen 210), Lake Shore Campus

Executive Minutes

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Call to Order at 6:04 PM
 - B. All Present
 1. Not Present: CoS Carfagno, CCO Martinez, ACO Nelson, ACO Stefanic, Arrupe College Liaison Villazana, CEDIO Thomas, CJ Lanham
- II. Check Ins
- III. Questions from reports
 - A. None at this time.
- IV. Caring for the organization (**AG Barbieri**)
 - A. AG Barbieri stated that she was thinking about the End of Semester Potluck and was thinking about doing it after Senate one day. Everyone is busy right now and it is hard to ask people to take more time out of their week. We can do something after Senate if it ends early since that time is already blocked off. The doodle did go out with the minutes this afternoon, but she wanted to get everyone's input.
 - B. CFO Noriega said she liked the idea for after Senate.
 - C. President Meis stated that it is something to think about. We want to take stress off of people but then we have events or meetings and that does not necessarily help people.
 - D. VP Guerrero stated that he liked the idea of having it after Senate since the time is blocked off.
 - E. Speaker Drescher stated that he likes the idea, but we also have to consider the Committee Meetings at 7:00 PM. She can bring this up at cabinet to see their thoughts. It is also hard to predict because we do not know how long how long an agenda will play out to be. If there is a way to do something on the spot or something that is flexible may be the best thing to do.
 - F. President Meis asked if she was thinking about this instead of Friendsgiving.
 - G. AG Barbieri stated that is what she was originally thinking but logistically speaking she does not know if it is possible. We can also look toward the future in second semester. We can look at ways to utilize the time since most of us already have our schedules blocked off to do something fun.
 - H. Speaker Drescher stated that she is all for doing something this semester but also in the essence of caring for ourselves some of the perception may be that it is another thing that we have to go which is the mentality we are trying to fight against. She is wondering if next semester is a better opportunity as we get better scheduling to work out.
 - I. AG Barbieri stated that this is just something she was thinking about and is fine with it being a next semester thing as well.
 - J. President Meis stated that even throwing something out there after Senate for those who do not have a committee meeting is also an option.
 - K. VP Guerrero stated that with caring for selves, we should look for creative way to develop more avenues to release.
 - L. Speaker Drescher stated that for the last couple of years there has been an intermural volleyball team. There is also a dodgeball team or Relay for Life for the fun part of it as well. We can explore that as well.
 - M. VP Guerrero stated that we should find avenues to alleviate some of that, it can be good for the organization.
- V. Focus Groups (**VP Guerrero**)
 - A. VP Guerrero stated that Loyola Votes has been an initiative that he has been a part of since the beginning. They have not engaged with a lot of students because after Loyola Votes, they created Loyola University Public Engagement. It was born out of a desire to capitalize on how much our student population cares about social justice issues, engaging with democracy, and engaging with the democratic process. He had a meeting with one of the members of that committee because they recognize there are only two student representatives. They came up with the idea of a focus group to see where students are at and how they engage with the democratic process. He wanted to get input on if this is something we would be interested in hearing about.
 - B. CFO Noriega stated that she does not know a lot about it but would be interested to learn more.
 - C. CSO DeBold asked that when Loyola Votes does tabling for registration, do they talk about how students will cast their vote.

- D. VP Guerrero stated that they offer that service for students who have questions about that. There are different methods of casting your ballot which depends person to person. All we can do is provide the information about the options and they pick which one they want to do.
 - E. President Meis asked what Senators are interested in this.
 - F. VP Guerrero stated that Senator Doyle, Senator Alvarez, and Senator Bronec all stated they were interested.
 - G. AG Barbieri stated that she would be interested in this as well.
 - H. President Meis stated that she has been discussing the topic in her classes. Also, some organizations host watch parties for the debates so making sure that is consistent. Social media is also an option.
 - I. VP Guerrero stated that since we do operate under the assumption that everyone has all of the information, he asked if it would be beneficial to put up flyers with information for students.
 - J. AG Barbieri stated it is a good idea because for most people their most experience with political activism is when they come to college. Loyola is a very liberal campus so discussions about politics will come up. It will be helpful especially because most people can vote now.
 - K. VP Guerrero stated that they are also trying to expand what it means to be civically engaged. It is not just about voting; it is also about volunteering or activism.
 - L. Speaker Drescher stated that Senator Gibson would probably be interested as well.
- VI. Spring Inservice (**President Meis**)
- A. President Meis stated that she is not sure when it will be, but it will probably be sometime early February. It will have its own committee to plan it out. She asked what are some things that you foresee you may want to include.
 - B. Speaker Drescher stated that we can get Rambler Outdoors to come and do a mini version of what we did at the retreat.
 - C. AG Barbieri stated that we could do a meditation session.
 - D. Speaker Drescher stated that it can also be some kind of outreach to campus partners, we can have the Wellness Center come and do something like that.
 - E. President Meis stated that this is a workshop we do on campus in the Spring for a couple of hours on the weekend. She stated that there could be some value in a budget boot camp. She asked if any committee has spent any money yet.
 - F. CFO Noriega stated that Facilities & Transportation has spent money on tabling.
 - G. CSO DeBold stated that we can also do a recap on other funding avenues. So TGIF and the Academic Innovation Fund especially for new Senators.
 - H. VP Guerrero stated that since the workshop is half a day, we have to decide what workshops to prioritize, especially for new members.
 - I. President Meis stated that we can do new member training before the Inservice. We can talk to CEDIO Thomas and see if she wants to do a follow-up of her workshop from the retreat.
 - J. Speaker Drescher stated we should also do a mid-year organizational goal check-in.
 - K. President Meis stated that she wanted to see if anyone had any specific things to bring up before they go into their first meeting.
- VII. Student Innovation Fund Project (**President Meis**)
- A. President Meis stated that there is an amount of money that the University has put toward student projects. It started at \$100,000 their first year. Students can go through an application and proposal process to get the money. It is how the menstruation products on campus are paid for. It came up at the Senate Meeting on Tuesday. It is about \$80,000 now and it may not be an avenue for SOAR because there is not going to be enough money. VP Guerrero had asked VP Neufeld what if a student comes up and asks how they can use the Student Innovation Fund. She said it would be problematic because the application is not updated, there is no student group to make these decisions, and there are no current processes in place. She asked us to come up with a deadline and structure for this. We do not want the money to go to waste. President Meis wanted to see if anyone had interest in this to come up with the brainstorming.
 - B. CFO Noriega stated she would be interested.
 - C. President Meis stated that they came up with the deadline of January 17th for students to submit a request. That is good information for you all as student leaders to know about.
 - D. CFO Noriega asked if it is just coming up with a structure and procedures for people to apply.
 - E. President Meis stated yes. Allocations may also be interested so possibly to also have a conversation with Senator Safakas. VP Neufeld wants a student group/representative to do this.
- VIII. Feedback on Board of Trustees Draft (**VP Guerrero**)
- A. VP Guerrero stated that they are trying to be transparent this year on what they are presenting. They will be including the video about what student government is about, what we do, what does it entail. We will talk about the retreat and its purpose, highlights, pathways to initiatives, and then brainstorming about the organizational goals. It is a Jesuit tradition for collective decision making. They will be distributing the final copy of the organizational goals and speaking about why they are important for direction, intention, and accountability. They will present on the Fall Banquet about how students, staff, and student leaders got together on how they can improve Loyola. Also highlighting the administration listed. If there is any administration that is not listed, please let us know. Then

present on the State of the Student Body Address. They will present on the progress of initiatives. Advice that Dean Manzano offered was to balance heavy initiatives with more lighter initiatives.

- B. President Meis stated that none of it is set in stone. They want feedback on which initiatives they will be talking about. She does not know how much they will talk about with improving their relationship with Arrupe College.
 - C. AG Barbieri stated that she does not know if we have done a lot to strengthen relationship with Arrupe College.
 - D. President Meis stated that they have a meeting with Valeria and Angelo tomorrow so that will help clear some things up.
 - E. CSO DeBold asked if there was room to talk about their relationship with Campus Safety.
 - F. President Meis stated yes. If anyone has any ideas or input, please let us know. Senator Siddiqui and herself have a meeting with Loyola Chief of Police Tom Murry.
 - G. VP Guerrero went through other initiatives that they may go through.
 - H. President Meis stated that she wanted to make them aware of the Public Statements and a lot of it comes down to framing and how it is articulated.
 - I. Speaker Drescher asked what the hesitation was.
 - J. VP Guerrero stated that his hesitation was more initial. It is important to present it as long as it comes with an explanation on why it was warranted.
 - K. Speaker Drescher stated that was her initial reaction to. But we chose to release these statements and send them to administration. It is not a secret. As long as they prepare, it is all in terms of framing the presentation.
 - L. VP Guerrero stated that they will have to engage in uncomfortable questions and that they will have to be prepared for that.
 - M. AG Barbieri stated that they have to understand that student government has to be in touch with the campus. It is better to put it up front. They are articulated very well. It is being authentic and truthful because you are in student government, but you are also students.
 - N. CFO Noriega stated that she agrees. They were two strong messages that were put out and were interesting.
 - O. VP Guerrero stated that in the past they have been criticized on not responding so he does agree on putting the statements in the presentation.
 - P. CSO DeBold stated that it depends how much or little exposure the Board of Trustees had on these instances. They may reflect back on how the institution responded to this and ask more questions. They are very well written and speak for themselves. Any hesitancy or anything on the negative side is a good thing to know.
 - Q. Speaker Drescher asked in the terms of distribution, are they going to summarize it or distribute the statement.
 - R. President Meis stated that she is thinking about it.
 - S. AG Barbieri stated that you can print them for reference.
 - T. VP Guerrero stated that they will also talk about the Blood Drive, which is in partnership with athletics, so making sure we highlight that connection. Then speaking about the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice as well and what the focus will be.
 - U. President Meis stated that she will take it to Steering Committee and Senators for input as well.
- IX. Jesuit Student Association Winter Summit (**President Meis**)
- A. President Meis stated that a group she is part of, the Jesuit Student Association, have a winter summit. She, VP Guerrero, and Speaker Drescher are all unavailable. She asked CEDIO Thomas if she would be interested. She did accept. President Meis wanted to let us know because we will be helping out with costs using SGLC funds and if there are any topics you would like her to bring up or curious about, please let her know.
- X. Reports (**Secretary Prag**)
- A. Secretary Prag stated that reports are due at 4:00 PM on Sunday. If you know that your report will be late, please text her to let her know.
- XI. Updates/Announcements
- A. Application Updates
 - 1. President Meis stated that they have two applications for Associate Justice and five applications for Chief Sustainability Officer. They will not extend the deadline, but they will not submit the nomination till next Sunday.
 - B. Next Semester Executive Meeting
 - 1. President Meis stated that it is hard having two different groups meeting. She will send out a doodle as soon as possible to see the availability. She stated that we will probably do evenings.
 - 2. AG Barbieri stated that the 5:00 PM or 6:00 PM time is a good time.
 - 3. President Meis stated that she will get that out and if everyone could sign By-laws.
- XII. Anything for the good of cause?
- A. President Meis stated that there are two new positions in the Wellness Center. One will be in Sullivan as an academic advisor type role but are also certified therapist. The other will have experience with students of color. VP Neufeld stated that this is very representatives of what the needs are on campus.
 - 1. VP Guerrero stated that they start next semester. So, if you know anyone who needs that support system, let them know about this option.
- XIII. Adjourn
- A. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM