



3/23/2021, 4:30 PM

Zoom

Senate Minutes

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Call to Order at 4:32 PM
 - B. All Present
 1. Not Present: Senator Robbins (4:39 PM, left at 5:15 PM)
- II. Visitors & Guest Speakers
 - A. None at this time.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. No Amendments Made
 - B. Minutes are approved at 4:35 PM
- IV. Advisors' Reports
 - A. Chaplain (**Fr. Michael Christiana**)
 1. None at this time.
 - B. Advisor (**Dean Sheahan & Rodriguez**)
 1. None at this time.
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. Marketing Fund Act (**Senator Doyle**)
 1. Debate
 - a. Senator Doyle stated that she has gone through an in-depth presentation on our budget, spending, and organization of it. This will help with creativity on how to spend the money in the future. She hopes that we can get ideas on how to use the budget for tabling and for our committees.
 - b. Senator Riopedre stated that this is critical to the productivity of our organization moving forward. It will help with creativity and help with the budget overall.
 - c. Senator Harrison stated that Senator Doyle has put a lot of work into this piece over the last two years. Even with Senator Riopedre and her helping, she wants to make sure that the credit is given where it is due.
 2. With a vote of 28-0-0, the legislation passes.
 - B. Election Code Revision of Voting Period and Candidate Meeting Requirement Act (**Senator Palmer**)
 1. Motion to approve amendments in red approved.
 2. Debate
 - a. Senator Palmer stated that he has seen various elections cycles and has served as elections chair. This will help with substantial change in something they do not follow so it should not be in the articles.
 3. With a vote of 28-0-0, the legislation passes.
- VI. New Business & Discussion
 - A. Revenue Fund Act (**Senator Doyle**)
 1. Senator Doyle explained the legislation.
 2. CFO Bello asked what would happen to the funds at the end of the year.
 - a. Senator Doyle stated that the funds would rollover unless we choose to donate the funds.
 3. Legislation is automatically tabled until the following Senate meeting.
 - B. Scaling Back Loyola University Chicago's Partnership with the Chicago Police Department Resolution (**Senator Harrison & Senator Mallory**)
 1. Senator Harrison and Senator Mallory explained the legislation.
 2. CFO Bello asked how the funds are being moved and if current students would get access to the funds.
 - a. Senator Mallory stated that all current and new BIPOC students will get access to the funds.
 - b. Senator Harrison stated that the movement of funds would be a=on the administrative level.
 - c. CFO Bello asked if the current students would get the discount still.
 - d. Senator Mallory stated that the students who currently have the discount will continue to have so. But there are no new discounts being given out.
 - e. Senator Harrison stated that the website with the information has now been taken down.
 3. Senator Pittman asked how the application process will work or how many students will receive the scholarships.
 - a. Senator Harrison stated that it is still in the early conversation, but they plan on having further conversations about it. It would operate as any other grant that has been established.

4. VP Flores asked why the Office of the Provost was named.
 - a. Senator Harrison stated that the Office of Admissions did not have an overall general knowledge of the program, so they decided to name the Office of the Provost. The Office of the Provost also has the control of the voice of the university itself. By calling out the Office of the Provost for having this program in the first place, is something that needed to be emphasized rather than attacking the compliance of the Office of Admissions.
 - b. Senator Mallory stated that Dr. Rooney also told us that the program was going to be denounced, but not the Loyola student body. This will hold them accountable and make sure that everyone knows.
 - c. VP Flores asked that the education partnership took the form of tuition discounts, why have you chosen to do a grant versus a discount instead.
 - d. Senator Harrison stated that they did research based on the current number of scholarships and grants. They felt like the grant would be more necessary so we could be able to target that this was specifically for a specific community that are repeatedly marginalized within our society. That's why we felt that we should continue it as a grant rather than a scholarship because we want to make sure that the University can continue using it this way rather than finding a loophole.
 5. Legislation is automatically tabled until the following Senate meeting.
 - C. Budget Approval Act (**Senator Riopedre**)
 1. Senator Riopedre explained the legislation.
 2. Legislation is automatically tabled until the following Senate meeting.
 - D. A Resolution to Instate the Position of Associate Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer (**Senator Riopedre**)
 1. Senator Riopedre explained the legislation.
 2. Legislation is automatically tabled until the following Senate meeting.
- VII. Internal Reports
- A. Legislative Branch
 1. Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs (**Senator Palmer**)
 - i. Senator Palmer stated that everything is in the report. Please be careful with Covid precautions, we are still in the midst of the pandemic. Transition documents are also due today.
 - b. Allocations (**Senator Doyle**)
 - i. Senator Doyle stated that she wants to take a moment to recognize or validate anyone in shock over the events in the past week. We are doing SBR hearings this Saturday and the decisions will be out on Wednesday. The petition for SAF rollover is still up, we are looking for more signatures. If any of you are part of a RSO on campus, please reach out to your President and ask them to check their email about the petition. If there are any questions, please let them know.
 - c. Facilities & Transportation (**Senator Carberry**)
 - i. Senator Carberry stated that everything is in the report. Don't forget about engagement requirements.
 - d. Justice (**Senator Bronec**)
 - i. Senator Bronec stated that they recorded the podcast this past week. It has been sent to ACO Esparza today. Congratulations of the first read of the CPD Educational Partnership since they have been working on that for some time now.
 - e. Residents, Commuters, & Dining (**Senator Caputo**)
 - i. Senator Caputo stated that everything is in the report. Please take the Food Security Survey that was sent with the minutes last week.
 - f. Safety & Wellness (**Senator Rafiq**)
 - i. Senator Rafiq stated that everything is in the report. There are only a couple more pieces from Safety & Wellness coming up. Please take the SGLC awards nominations survey that was sent out with the minutes last week.
 2. Special Committees
 - a. Budget Committee (**Senator Riopedre**)
 - i. Senator Riopedre stated that they have been going through a lot of legislation and presentations lately. They have an upcoming meeting to go over their official scholarship proposal and getting that to administration.
 - b. Governance Committee (**Senator Kwak**)
 - i. Senator Kwak stated that they are getting all of their final pieces in. Please read over them and reach out to the Chief Sponsors if you have any questions or if you would like to Co-Sponsor.
 - c. Spring Elections Committee (**Chairperson Walsh**)
 - i. Senator Richards stated that the last Presidential Debate is tomorrow, and voting begins Saturday.
 - B. Judicial Branch (**Chief Justice Mooney**)

1. CJ Mooney stated congratulations to all the Chief and Co-Sponsors on all the legislations that have passed. Please come to office hours. They also heard a censure case on Monday and will hear another one on Friday.

C. Executive Branch

1. President Drescher & Vice President Flores
 - a. President Drescher stated that herself, Senator Pittman, CCO Carfagno, and AJ Almanza and possibly Senator Richards are meeting for Resource Consolidation with several folks involved with the Kettle, ITS, and UMC.
 - b. VP Flores stated that they are meeting with Dr. Rooney next Tuesday, bi-weekly meeting with UMC, and bi-weekly meeting with VP Neufeld that they will be rescheduling.
 - c. President Drescher stated that there were celebrations following the Men's basketball games on Saturday with the crowds gathered outside of Fordham Hall. It was a clear violation of Covid safety behaviors. There were also major violations of open container laws. Anyone there was a minor in the presence of alcohol or in the presence of minors with alcohol. Not only are these violations of Loyola student conduct, but any SGLC member there was also in violation of our Articles. In follow-up to that, herself and several other Exec members have coordinated communication with administration for several reasons. There were clear disparities of photos and videos that were circulating of Campus Safety officers' fist-bumping and hi-fiving students with open containers versus how student protestors were treated in the Fall, particularly Our Streets, BLM, and students of color. There is an institutional issue that they are working on addressing. However, the pandemic is not over. It does not matter if you are vaccinated because the CDC recommends that you meet in small gatherings with other vaccinated people or households with low-risk individuals. It does not mean you get to go party in the street. For anyone who wants to argue that they were outside, it still doesn't matter. It was Loyola private property so those are the protocols we have to follow. Even so, the group still managed to violate Chicago's large group gathering protocols. COVID-19 disproportionately affects black and brown communities and Roger's Park is one of the most diverse communities in Chicago and in the nation. Anyone here is a guest in the community. Our community members have voiced this at Loyola community meetings about concerns of college student behavior. She is extremely disappointed that she saw familiar faces from our organization in that crowd. She recognizes that people posted photos from across the street while wearing a mask. It is still guilt by association to some degree. Some of you have the common sense to not post yourself in the middle of a crowd mask less. Just because you did not post it, doesn't mean you didn't end up in the background of someone else's post. She cannot begin to express the utter disappointment and frustration she has about this. They have been clear about this since the beginning of the year. You are held to the same standard as other Loyola students, but you are also student leaders. It feels like a direct slap in the face to her, and to other members who have spent the last year advocating for a safe return for students, advocating for mental health resources, etc. She has not named any names and she is not going to. If you feel called out on anything she has said so far, reflect on why. If you have been being responsible throughout this pandemic, she affirms you in doing so because you are keeping people around you safe. There are safe ways to do things. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, but we are not in the clear yet.
2. CoS Dervishi stated to please sign up for the weekly meet up program. The podcast will be uploaded soon. Engagement requirements are due on March 26th. Please do that in the next couple of days. She will be canceling some April meetings that are in the calendar in case you get notifications for that. She will also be sending the invitation for the End-Of-the-Year celebration. If you have anything that you would like archived, please let her know.
3. AG Burris stated that transition documents are due tonight. If you have reached out about needing an extended due date, that's fine. After Senate is adjourned, he will not be accepting any more extensions. Thank you, President Drescher, for that discussion. Please be Covid conscious when you are going about doing things.
4. ACO Esparza stated that Spring elections are still happening. If she has not put your material in the story highlight, please let her know. For promoting voting this next week, she can make a little blurb that you can share in your Zoom classes. The Constituency engagement meeting got canceled last week, but they will be meeting soon to discuss how they can support our AAPI community and how to safely celebrate on Saturday.
5. Speaker O'Brien stated that there is a lot of legislation hitting the floor. Next week is the last week you can submit legislation. If you want to make any amendments or become Co-Sponsor on a legislation, reach out to the Chief Sponsor before Senate so it can be included in the amendments. On behalf of herself, AG Burris, and COO Prag they need at least 24 hours' notice if you will not be at Senate for whatever reason. At this point, they will not accept them if you will text one of us at noon. That is not an acceptable or usable response. Initiative transition documents are due April 1st. If you are working on anything that is an initiative, please fill one out.

- a. President Drescher stated that it is for the transition, put it is also so we can provide an update to our org goals. It is to show the community what we have done so far. We may have not completed everything, but steps forward is still a win.

VIII. Adjourn

- A. Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM