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*Senate Minutes*



- I. Roll Call
  - a. Call to order at 4:04 PM.
  - b. Speaker Kelley takes roll
    1. Absent: Sen Diaz, Sen Greene (excused)

-Sen Diaz enters at 4:07 PM

II. Visitors & Guest Speakers

A. Internal Elections

1. *Rana Hamadeh*: I am a junior, community college transfer student. Described as a go-getter. President of MESA. SJP involvement. Wellness Advocates involvement. Applied last year, did not get it but was not discouraged. Real interest came through Divestment. I went to the hearing and know that I would like to become a part of this. I am not afraid to speak out and speak my mind. I would like to accomplish a lot here, become a part of Justice Committee.
  - a. Sen Fleisher: What is one valuable thing being in MESA has taught you?  
Hamadeh: It has taught me a lot about leadership. Also has taught me that a lot of people are not culturally aware.
  - b. Chair Winters: Were you involved in anything in the school you transferred from?  
Hamadeh: So I graduated HS early, went to community college at age 17. I was mostly there for credits and school which is has allowed me to graduate early. I was there mostly for school based reasons, but decided to join organizations here.
  - c. Sen Paulson: So you mentioned you will speak out, are you also willing to listen?  
Hamadeh: Yes, of course. Dialogue is very important.
  - d. Sen Hanani: What initiatives do you want to work on here if you are elected?  
Hamadeh: I really would like to get involved with the Privilege campaign.
2. *Sausan Loutfi*: I am a sophomore, psychology major neuroscience minor. I am a Gannon Scholar. I helped in starting the student organization Students for Syria. I also was a student representative for the Board of Trustees. I have a large passion to be the bridge between administration and students, and I feel this organization does that well. I really liked the Divestment and black lives matter campaign. I think it's important to support students on campus, allow for diversity.
  - a. Sen Nowak: Important leadership qualities?

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Loutfi: I am a hard worker, I like to get things done. At the time, I have patience. I work as a Sunday school teacher and have found patience is helpful when trying to communicate with others. I feel like I communicate well with others.

- b. Chair Winters: What initiatives and campaigns would you like to work on if elected?

Loutfi: One of the things I feel like I have experience working with is commuters since I was one last year. I understand how difficult that can be. Also I think from being on BOT, I know that I would like to help lead more representatives on BOT. I don't think there is enough room with just 1 student on each committee.

3. *Anusha Mannam*: I am a freshman, International Studies major and a minor in Spanish. I ran for freshman representative but did not get it but I am back and excited to be at internals. I was on HS student council. I was also a youth advisor and cross country captain. I would love to be more involved on campus, make Loyola a better University than it already is.

- a. Chair Winters: What issues are you passionate about?

Mannam: My dream to work with the UN, social change is important to me. Basically anything that would help others.

- b. Sen Hall: What sparked your initial interest in running in the school wide election?

Mannam: I was a part of council in high school, but never ran for an actual position due to it conflicting with cross country. And now in college, I really want to be more involved with campus decisions.

4. *Matharr Bayo*: So I am here to run today. A little about my past leadership experience: I was senior Vice President of K club, which did a lot of work with community outreach and service. I was also community service chair of Black student union. I was a senior mentor for the debate team after being on the team for 2 years. I was a Teacher Aid in High School. My freshmane year here, I became involved with the BCC and Before4E as well as CCMA. I was the social chair of the African student alliance.

Some of the qualities I possess: I'm an effective communicator, I have high emotional intelligence, and I'm sociable. I think one thing we forget when getting involved and stepping into positions of leadership is the human aspect / the ability to connect with others. I also bring a multicultural perspective. I did part of my growing up in a third world country which has shaped me to be open minded.

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Some reasons I'd like to be in SGLC deals with my political science major. Furthermore, I want to be more than a student, really want to be active on campus. I am goal oriented. I think there is a lot for me to learn and gain from all of you in this organization. I am an idealist. Important to learn how to incorporate abstract ideas into a rigid system. I would be vocal in meetings. I am a confident person.

a. Chair Winters: What issues and initiatives would you like to focus on?

Bayo: I would like to focus on the black lives matter, but also extend a hand to other minority groups that want to empower themselves. Cultural and ethnic issues specifically are what I want to focus on.

b. Sen Nowak: Which committee would you like to join?

Bayo: I think I would want to join the Justice committee, rooting from me wanting to become a lawyer. Decision making process learning opportunity.

5. *Nariman Shehaiber*: I am a freshman, undecided business and pre-law. I wish I had run in the school wide elections but it was early in the semester and I was really overwhelmed trying to get adjusted to college, but I'm excited to be here now for internals. In high school I was Vice President of the speech team and theatre program. I communicate well. My focus coming in would be social and political justice. Would like to get involved with campaigns of organizations that work with that stuff. This roots to why I would like to join, my voice will have more weight within senate. I want to be part of an organization that doesn't just talk but takes action and creates solution. I would like to get involved with the Community Benefits Agreement. In addition, would like to help with the Beyond guild solidarity through action. I want to talk about marginalization and bring that to light. Really important to me to make everyone feel comfortable while still acknowledging the different struggles students may have. I want to create a safe places for people to talk about their problems. Friends with diverse friend groups. Take the best and worst, and bring it forward. I will always bring input. Want to give my time to this organization. I am a firm believer, if something makes us uncomfortable doesn't mean we shouldn't talk about it.

a. Sen Nowak: Which committees are you most interested in?

Shehaiber: Justice Committee jives with my personal interest and the wellness committee because I care about students.

b. Sen Caldwell: Involvement with other organizations so far since coming to Loyola?

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Shehaiber: Still dipping feet in water in testing other organization to see which correlate with my interests and values.

6. *Natalia Hornik*: Since the first day I arrived at Loyola, I loved it. From past experience of Vice President of student council, I learned the positive impact students can make. I helped create a campaign at my school called “Spark Week,” it helped empower students and ignite the spark from within. Students were motivated to work hard. I am responsible and reliable, and also willing to commit time and efforts to this organization. I understand the values of teamwork, respect, and dedication.

a. Sen Nowak: What other organizations are you involved in on campus?

Hornik: I am in Honors Club which is dedicated to help create community for honors students. I am also in Polish Student Association which aims to bring Polish community together. Also I am in Pre Law club, because I want to know more about the field.

b. Sen Mifsud: Do you have any ideas or initiatives?

Hornik: I went to a 360 retreat, and I find that after something like this it's hard to continue bonds after retreats. I would like to start an initiative with organized events to work with students they met over retreat. From an academic perspective, I'd like to look into increasing the number of tutors available specifically more math tutors.

- Sen Hall motions to close the meeting at 4:35 PM
- Sen Nowak motions to re-open the meeting at 4:49 PM

II. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Minutes are approved.

III. Budget Appeals Training

- a. Student activity fees, if student org appeals during budget cycle, it comes to Senate.

- b. Sen Henry leads SGLC meeting.

1. Sen Anderson: how often do these occur?

- i. Chair Henry: Cycles happen 3 times every semester, 6 times a year.

- c. Budget presentation is attached.

- d. Speaker Kelley & Sen Henry conduct Budget Training.

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2. Sen Caldwell: How is it closed, meetings closed?

i. Sen Henry: There was a discussion about that, possible grounds for it to be open again. SBR this past spring, members of the audience felt their orgs were being targeted. Looking into keeping them closed.

ii. Speaker Kelley: Article of Governance do not mandate that the meetings are closed, the motion to close them is available though. In past, Senate has chosen to close meetings. If a Senator or group of Senators would like to amend this in the Articles, rather than changing it from meeting to meeting this would allow for there to be no inconsistency.

V. Unfinished Business

VI. Committee, Board, & Advisor Reports

A. Standing Committees

1. Justice (Chair Winters)

- Focusing on logistics of Privilege campaign.
- Logo designs, which some of us made our profile pictures on Facebook.
- Having a meeting tonight with Improv group because we want to have segment with skits to illustrate different situations for privilege or lack thereof.

2. Allocations (Chair Henry)

- Letter decisions will be sent out for Spot 1 Cycle tomorrow.
  1. Sen Hall: Do organizations have to apply for appeals on the 29<sup>th</sup> or are they due then?
    - a. Chair Henry: They are due the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Questions about future dates, just briefly look on google.

3. RCDC (Chair Flowers)

- Exploring options for purchasing printers for halls, will discuss this further in new business.

4. Facilities & Transportation (Chair Pazik)

- Finally elected a chair: Chair Pazik of the committee.
- Committee will be working with ESO on solar thermal panel proposal.

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B. Special & Ad Hoc Committees

None currently.

C. Judicial Board

Chief Justice Bravo:

1. The SGLC Judicial voted in favor 3-2 to censure Senator Philbrick for failing to submit a committee report by the Sunday at 4PM deadline.
2. The SGLC Judicial Board voted in favor 5-0 to censure Senator Gorecki for failing to notify Speaker Kelley 24 hours in advance of her absence to the September 1st Senate meeting.

When I was a Senator, many people asked why is this information announced publicly? This is because we are a community, and it goes along with the idea of transparency. 3 censures means, you're eligible for impeachment. This also announced to set a standard. Committee reports and attending meetings matter.

D. Executive Board

Pres Fasullo: A lot going on. Questions off the bat?

1. Sen Hall: How were Sunday office hours?

- a. Pres Fasullo: They went really well. Trying to check in with people as much as I can, I'm at the IC a lot so I may see you all there. Did you all see my email last night?

- Chair Philbrick: I did not get it.

Pres Fasullo: I will resend this email. I added everyone to a group to make it easier for me to send emails to the whole body. I will figure that out. So for the Ignation Family Teaching for Justice, this is a trip that happens yearly. It's a teach-in. Conference but more intentional and participatory. It's trip to DC where you learn about different social justice issues. I went last year, main topics were environmental justice and child migrant crisis. We went to the Hill. Main component are the workshops, really great time. This year's focus is bridges. Partnered with SGLC, so 3 members can go this year due to budget. You pay initial \$150 but SGLC pays for the rest.

1. Sen Fleisher: Can you appeal for financial aid for that?

- a. Pres Fasullo: Yes. There are different ways.

2. Chair Henry: What if you are interested but there is a conflict with Tuesday meetings they say are mandatory? 7-8:30, 2 in September and 1 in October.

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- a. Pres Fasullo: I'll give you her email to talk about this conflict but still apply.
3. Sen Hall: Who picks the representatives to go?
  - a. Pres Fasullo: Campus Ministry will pick.

Pres Fasullo: Tomorrow, we're having an intentional community night. I will pick the article we will talk about and also will be selecting the flavor of ice cream tomorrow. I'm hoping it can be at my place. It's going to be a good time.

1. Sen Dumbald: The event says, 10-11? Also if there is an update in the location, can you send out an email or text so I don't get yelled at again?
  - a. Pres Fasullo: Yes and yes I'll change it to 8:30 PM.
2. Chair Philbrick: When is this again?
  - a. Pres Fasullo: Tomorrow night.

Pres Fasullo: Also, right after this Executive is sponsoring an event with Mexican Solidarity Network in the Damen Den. Great event to talk about what's going on, what they do, as well as issues and how it connects to our school; this will be tied to worker justice and student empowerment. There is a lecture that will happen in Spanish and will be translated. Also there is a chance to participate with a workshop after. This is at 7 PM.

1. Sen Hall: Our meeting will be at 8 instead because we are going to the event instead of at 7:15 PM.

Pres Fasullo: Next week, Exec will be sponsoring State of Student Body Address. Reaching out to all of you to get you all involved. Typically event similar to state of the university address. I will be talking about the status of the University as well as issues and concerns. This will be next Monday at 7pm.

1. Sen Nowak: Damen Den?
  - a. Pres Fasullo: It will actually be in Damen MPR. Will be communicating with you all more about that. Concerns with organizations on campus, moving off campus. Global Brigades and Ramble Outdoors. I suggest you talk to Kimberly directly about reasoning for Global Brigades. It's more so in my eyes logistical and I'm not prepared to answer questions.
    1. Sen Anderson: What is it?
      - i. Sen Dumbald: It's a global organization, it's student run where students would go to impoverished companies to work for positive change. Very little

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administrative oversight. I can answer any more questions.

- b. Pres Fasullo: Concerns about Ramble Outdoors: shifting from not being outdoors but to be more on Loyola’s campus. Program that does outdoor trips such as with kayaking. Recently decided they shouldn’t do that, but instead should remain on LUC’s 4 campuses. They have more reach with students here and more can be involved if they do this on our campus. I suggest going to Kimberly (Advisor Moore). My concern with this to be transparent is that the Rambler Outdoor leaders were not involved with the process. They invested time, energy, and money (certification programs) and they are going to remain here and often won’t need the certifications they may have put energy into getting. Concerns from student leaders. I am looking into it.
2. Sen Dumbald: Were you reached out to or how did you find out about this?
  - a. Pres Fasullo: Actually George came to meeting and spoke up about it, and after that I sent a couple emails about it.
  - b. Sen Dumbald: I urge we move this conversation away from Senate floor.
  - c. Pres Fasullo: I respect this, so any more questions about this, come to me. Looking into this further. Next, the BOT Confidentiality Agreement, still sifting through reasons for it. We had a meeting last week. If still interested, I suggest we have a side conversation away from Senate floor. One with what role means and one with what can and can’t be shared. Work on action plan, see me after this meeting. Lastly, Exec’s doing well. Excited to partner with the Senate in future things.
- CFO Meradith: Committee chairs spending plans due by end of day tonight. Something to reach out to all of senate. Going to put in orders for office supplies. Something that SGLC needs or something that could be used for all, please let me know. Someone brought up a survey monkey account that could be useful for a lot of people. I will deal with those requests. Committee office space but there are designated cabinets that are labeled for each committee. Chair Flowers brought up the printer, the budget for SGLC looks different this



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year. Committee budgets are a lot smaller. Senate discretionary fund, in theory you can request money for that. First time we are doing this so it is a new process. I want to let you all know, you are responsible for using that budget. Process will be written in legislation and then it will be voted on. Consider other initiatives where that money can be responsibly used.

D. Advisors

- Advisor Howes: Nothing new to report besides reminder of Family weekend coming up.

VII. New Business & Discussion

A. Residence Hall Printers

1. Chair Winters: planning Privilege campaign made it their responsibility as a body to buy printers for halls. We are concerned while we have this discretionary fund, we know as a body that money would go for the printers for a residence hall. This falls into RCDC as a committee but we as a committee are concerned what that implies for the discretionary fund. We are still looking into what others have to say about that policy.
  - a. Sen Wild: I heard it in the past, we have not used that funding entirely. To use \$1000 for printers, we would still have left over.
  - b. Speaker Kelley: So \$325 is allotted per committee. Can be used by legislation to fund any purchase the Senate deems worthy of use.
2. Sen Hall: So if the Justice committee, wanted to use it by next week?
  - a. Speaker Kelley: The money can be allocated during duration of the year.
    - Sen Hall: Yes, but the campaign starts the 7<sup>th</sup> of October.
      - Speaker Kelley: Okay then you would need to get legislation in ASAP.
3. Sen Fleisher: \$325 per semester or for the whole year? What was it last year?
  - a. Speaker Kelley: I believe it was about \$715 last year.

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- Chair Flowers: I want to give you all some background on what has been brought to attention. We've gotten feedback as a committee, Campion and DeNobli both need and want printers. Now, in process of seeing who brought printers for res hall originally. We've been in contact with RDs, ITS, etc to make sure everything is running properly. Nobody knows who bought the printers to begin with. Jane Neufeld has staff looking for us and also potential funding options. Not sure where rumor started about RCDC using the discretionary funds for this, brought up as possibility but would never use discretionary fund without your approval. Just want you all to know, we aren't using discretionary budget without everyone knowing. Our budget could not purchase these because of one print. \$2700 per res hall, not an option. Our committee will not be using that to purchase printers.
  1. Sen Hall: So your goal is to purchase both by end of year?
    - a. Chair Flowers: Yes, once we figure out who bought them that will help us figure out how we will fund these. Running into issues. We don't know where printing funds are going after you swipe your IDs. Should be going to ITS and they aren't getting the money.
  2. Sen Farquhar: A lot of people at Campion were freaking out last week to print their papers, I know they would be really appreciative if they were able to get one in Campion.
    - a. Chair Flowers: Campion is our priority currently. Trying to secure printer for them then move on to DeNobli. Also looking to purchase locks because we think people have been taking paper out of trays, 10,000 pages.
  3. Sen Paulson: So I know you're focusing in on first year residence halls, how come you aren't thinking of residence halls in general?
    - a. Chair Flowers: So first year are largest population in residence halls, so that is serving huge part of student body and they are the ones requesting these services. Fordham is a huge hall, which is why they have one. Meeting with Hall council and res hall association to talk about what the needs are. Feel free to email me or talk to people in our committee with any questions or comments.

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Speaker Kelley: The Attorney General has counted the votes and the newly elected Senators are: Matthar Bayo, Natalia Hornik, Anusha Mannam, Sausan Loutfi, and Nariman Shehaiber.



- Also next week we will be convening on the West Quad. Reports will be limited to 2 minutes each. Primarily discussion based-discussion topics are due as usual by 4pm on Sunday.

Sen Fleisher deferred to VP Chavez: Please come to the event tonight in the Den, it is Exec sponsored and is really going to be awesome.

- Chair Henry motions to adjourn the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.