

Student Government of Loyola Chicago



09/12/2019, 6:00 PM
Damen 210, Lake Shore Campus
Executive Minutes

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Call to Order at 6:04 PM
 - B. All Present
 1. Not present: Associate Communications Officer Stefanic, Chief Communications Officer Martinez, Chief Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Officer Thomas, Chief Justice Kostiuk
- II. Check Ins
- III. Questions from Reports
 - A. President Meis asked how the reports are going and if everyone has had time to read everything or at least skimming them. She asked is it too long, them being sent out on Sundays, or is it repetitive information.
 - B. ACO Nelson stated that they are repetitive, but that is not a bad thing.
 - C. AG Barbieri stated that that some of the reports are very long, but people have been doing a lot of things which is great. Maybe try to condense it a little more especially when it gets to over a page. Reports are great cause you can showcase all the great work you are doing but possibly try to make it more concise.
 - D. President Meis stated that a lot of it is for us to keep track of what we are doing as well. There can be a way to keep track of it and to either consolidate it or keep it to new information.
 - E. AG Barbieri stated that it is hard at the same time because people are doing a lot of good work and are keeping themselves busy.
 - F. President Meis stated that we should try to make the reports more condensed and in return make an effort to read them. It is a little frustrating getting questions that are in the report but can also understand that the reports are a little long. She stated to also make sure you are reading both Executive and Committee Reports because you talk to us generally more than Senators.
- IV. Bylaws
 - A. President Meis stated that this will be sent out ahead of time before we all sign it. The Bylaws are the governing document as a branch to hold us all accountable and to hold herself accountable. None of these are shockers but the only thing we should talk about really is the mission. President Meis reviewed the information under Meetings stressing that meetings switch between Wednesday and Thursday every week. There will also be a monthly meeting on Sundays with the entire branch. If she ever changes the time, there will be prior notice well ahead of time. Everyone is required to attend all the branch functions which includes the Executive meetings. It is listed who will be attending on Wednesdays and who will be attending on Thursdays. Everyone is also required to attend Senate weekly meetings and Executive monthly meetings.
 - B. ACO Nelson stated that since she no longer has a night class, she will be able to attend both days.
 - C. President Meis there is an unlimited number of excused absences. For unexcused absences, members who attend every week will be allowed two unexcused absences while members who can only attend every other week will only be allowed one unexcused absence. Just let her know via email at least for Judicial purposes 12 hours ahead of time. Branch members will be given two unexcused absences for Senate and you technically only have to let her know. Any unexcused absences in excess will shall be considered grounds for Judicial action. Duties are generally from what was in the Articles and submit your Report to the Secretary (upload it to the Google Drive) no later than 4:00 PM on Sundays. You can read over it for general statements about what you do as an Executive member. President Meis asked if we would like to change the mission of the Executive Branch in the Bylaws or at least talk about it.
 - D. VP Guerrero stated that the Mission right now is very technical because technically the Senate does change some of our positions
 - E. CoS Carfagno asked if this is the same Bylaws to the year before.
 - F. President Meis stated that this is except the Attendance and Mission have been changed.

- G. VP Guerrero stated that the Mission right now is very technical because technically the Senate does change some of our positions and they do passes legislation that we are bound to but that is not really our mission. He asked if there is anything, we wanted to include about how we see ourselves within the context of the University and student body.
- H. President Meis asked why everyone joined the Executive Branch, did you join just to be legislated by the Senate or something else.
- I. CoS Carfagno asked if we could change it to carry out and implement changes as per the Articles.
- J. President Meis stated that is not so tied up in that verbiage because it is true, but for our entire mission it does not speak to the legitimacy.
- K. CFO Noriega stated to have it more inspired and cultural.
- L. President Meis agreed stating she wants something representative of this group.
- M. CSO DeBold stated that it is not an Executive responsibility, but it is also the Senators to be the eyes and ears of the student body. Looking out to see if our actions are working and see what else we need to do.
- N. CoS Carfagno stated that we could right we shall ensure that the changes for legislation implemented by Senate. Our job is to enforce in a way, or make sure that everything is going the way the Senate intends it.
- O. President Meis stated that the words "carry out" instead of "enforced" in the Articles a lot.
- P. AG Barbieri stated that other stuff the Executive Branch does like retreat planning should be included like the culture or operational side of things. They are not cosmetic aspects of SGLC.
- Q. President Meis stated that a lot of the roles here, for example the Secretary, AG, or CFO, are more on the operational and internal to the body but that is still a service to the students. Let's use an example, so CCO Martinez wanted us to speak about the Phoenix article, should we talk about that as our role as Executive members. These are all just hypotheticals and we do need some time to think about this so we can table this till next week as well.
- R. CoS Carfagno asked why are doing what we are doing.
- S. VP Guerrero stated that it is important for us to be a resource for the organization along the lines of what CSO DeBold stated earlier. Be a resource both internally and externally and communicate and articulate what the student body cares about and our respective roles within the organization.
- T. President Meis asked if we should sit on this another week.
- U. Speaker Drescher stated that we should also consider as sitting as a liaison between the Legislative and Executive Branch it is difficult for her to put into words what is our mission as Executive specifically. Many of the things we are saying affect the whole body, but we should not be afraid to try to just categorize our mission separating from the other branches. What we are doing as a body we should also do as Executive members.
- V. CSO DeBold asked if that means the things that each branch does is assumed, we should just be specific to us.
- W. Speaker Drescher stated that for example, stating that we are the eyes and ears of the student body is something that everyone should be doing.
- X. CoS Carfagno stated that everyone should be a resource and promoting the culture it should not just be us.
- Y. Speaker Drescher stated that it is still okay to list those things and not just think about Executive versus the rest.
- Z. President Meis asked what makes us different.
- AA. CoS Carfagno stated that the Senate legislates, and we carry it out.
- BB. CSO DeBold stated that he liked what CFO Noriega said about culture and the roles within Exec that makes sure SGLC can carry out what Senate is identifying.
- CC. CFO Noriega stated that nothing would be happening if we were not putting policies into place or thinking about the structure about how you want things to happen. So, it is really just about creating an organization where Senate can carry out its functions in a way.
- DD. CoS Carfagno stated that we could try to say that the policies that the Senate implements are affecting the student body in the right way.
- EE. VP Guerrero asked if we could put those together and say that we could support and advise the Senate in their roles and responsibilities. We can figure out language later. To Speaker Drescher's point, he does think it is important even though it is something that the rest of the organization is doing, it is important to be explicit about it. For example, in other conversations when talking about diversity and inclusion he has learned that if it is not mentioned there is no guarantee that it will be done.
- FF. Speaker Drescher agreed stating that we should be explicit about those things even if it does affect the whole organization.
- GG. Ag Barbieri stated that going off of the policies that the Senators implement are affecting the student body and making sure the student body is aware of the things the Senate is doing. It is not just a Communications Team thing; it is also an Executive Branch thing as a whole.
- HH. Speaker Drescher stated that we should also add faculties and the University as a whole.

- II. President Meis stated that there is also a lot of advising and mentoring within our group. You all will do a lot of advising and mentoring throughout the year in your positions.
- JJ. CFO Noriega stated that something else to consider with culture is that President Meis and VP Guerrero ran on certain things on their agenda which very much creates the culture of where our mindsets are. There many things that you believe in and we are all working to fulfill that within that framework.
- KK. CoS Carfagno asked if we should twist, he University's mission statement if we can to make it work towards our purposes.
- LL. VP Guerrero the way he sees this exercise is not so much as creating an eloquent statement. Right now, it is just to get our ideas out there and then later we can adjust it.
- MM. President Meis stated as long as people are okay with this timeline, we talk again next week and tease more of this out. Then when all meet together in September, we can finalize it and sign it. She stated she will come up with several options to make sure we are incorporating everyone's ideas.
- NN. CoS Carfagno stated that when reading through this, make sure to look at each individual item.
- OO. President Meis asked if everyone was on board with the Attendance.

V. Phoenix Article

- A. President Meis stated that we will most likely spend the rest of the time on this topic and also spend some time talking about this at next week's meeting. She has seen this article on her social media as well. This is the second or third time we have discusses a Phoenix article and we should look at practicing to get information from other sources. But if someone does submit something, she is happy to discuss it.
- B. CSO DeBold asked that with the new members if anyone going to be working with the Phoenix.
- C. President Meis stated that she did not think so but for context VP Guerrero and herself are meeting with them this next coming week on Monday.
- D. VP Guerrero stated that they were also invited to the Banquet but have not sent their RSVP in.
- E. ACO Nelson stated that she would not prefer to comment on it on our social platform because while it is important. The article stated that this happened, but they cannot give all the information and there still is a lot going on. There was no conclusion so we cannot really give a conclusion ourselves which is what scares me about the Phoenix because you do not know if something is going to change in the future.
- F. CFO Noriega stated that this article was just trying to cause a stir, but when you get into it you cannot do much about it. There are definitely grounds to be concerned and sympathetic, but I do not know what action they expected out of the student body was.
- G. VP Guerrero stated that there is a balance between how we build stories and the people that decided to share them. Similar to what ACO Nelson stated what can we do about them. He stated that he wants to know more about the process of writing something like this. VP Guerrero mentioned that he wants to invite our previous Advisor Tim Love to a meeting to have a conversation with him about this topic. There are also people in the Office of the Dean of Students that deal with Title IX. Unfortunately, he does not think the answer is straight forward but just an invitation to continue to inquire.
- H. ACO Nelson stated that she likes how VP Guerrero brought up the policy. A lot of these she does think about when posting about how it relates to a student government. It makes sense for someone who experienced sexual assault not to go to their student government but instead to go through the process and are comfortable bringing their story forward. For right now it does not make sense to necessarily say anything.
- I. AG Barbieri stated that for student government can come across as out of touch in situations like this because we are silent. This is not because there is a straightforward answer to this. We do not have to agree on what was said but it is good to comment or put something out there, so people know that we are paying attention. She thinks that without acknowledging things that are on campus, we run into the problem of saying anything with big things happening at the University can come across as we do not care.
- J. President Meis stated that historically we have been criticized on not saying anything where there is an article about how SGLC is silent.
- K. AG Barbieri stated then that we do not want to alienate any group of people by coming forward with coming forward with a strong stance on something but just saying that we here you.
- L. VP Guerrero asked if we should put up something recognizing the stories and their importance stating that as their student government, we stand by them and will continue to work with the Office of the Dean of Students on Title IX.
- M. AG Barbieri stated it would be nice to say something like that, but she is not on the Communications Team, so it is not her decision. This does not have to be the article where they have to take a stance, but it would be a missed opportunity to not say anything.
- N. President Meis stated that one concern she has is that she does not want students to read this article and not go to the Office of the Dean anymore.

- O. ACO Nelson stated that it is hard to say something about this article because we cannot say something and include the resources we have because this article goes against those resources. So, it is hard because who do we send them to.
- P. Arrupe College Liaison Villazana stated that we are stuck in the middle by not trying to offend anybody but still reach out to people saying that their voices are being heard. This is a really sensitive topic, so we need to find the right platform to talk about this, like some middle ground. You can possibly have some kind of engagement with the body in a conversation, not specifically about this, but just about do they feel like they are being heard or do they feel safe.
- Q. AG Barbieri stated that this does not have to be the article where we do take a stance on things but for the future, we can do the behind the scenes stuff. So, speaking with Tim Love, talking with the Senators about what they think about the issue, or talking to the office behind this. We have more of a voice in the body and in the behind the scenes stuff. This issue is a triggering topic for many people so this may not be the best article to take a stance.
- R. ACO Nelson stated that we all have different thought processes, so this is good to hear.
- S. Speaker Drescher stated that if a decision is made to say something, we have to be careful about the language. Acknowledging it cannot just be we hear them because it can be perceived as we are just using them for publicity. We are not taking any action, but we just have to be careful about how it is perceived.
- T. AG Barbieri stated that the behind the scenes stuff will be better because it sounds like this is not over because it is an ongoing thing.
- U. VP Guerrero stated that to go off President Meis's point about the more he understands administration the more he can engage with different partners. His role is to ensure trust to some degree and what if we say that we will continue to work with these services to put forth the best practices for our students. Then go forth and have a conversation with Tim Love and follow up in that regard. This could be as good as we can get by making people aware that this is an issue and there are resources.
- V. CoS Carfagno stated that we have a better opportunity to meet with Title IX office than the Phoenix or with Tim Love. So maybe not saying anything, but mainly getting facts. Where can we fit in to support the affected body. We could find concrete things to work towards.
- W. President Meis stated that the Phoenix has met with Tim Love.
- X. CFO Noriega stated that many good things have been said and if we are going to speak out it should be to add value to the conversation. We should not add anything empty, but can we act as a consolatory body like holding conversations. If we can give a form where people can actually talk and getting the proper parties involved in the conversation. The Phoenix are out to get their headline and is meant to be decisive but what if we take both of those sides and put them in a room for a conversation to get to the bottom of the issues.
- Y. Speaker Drescher stated that something else to consider is to there was a situation in a residence hall so talking with reactionary parties involved and looking at the details of the stories explained, showing that we value the stories and hear them. We can help look at preventative measures is a conversation to have. Where along those areas can we find places to improve upon and also facilitating those conversations.
- Z. President Meis stating that something that is important to keep in mind is that this is about Title IX sexual assault so we cannot know everything. When Tim Love is quoted on saying he cannot comment, legally he cannot. We may not have the resources to bring those parties together because there are cases and investigations. When meeting with VP Jane Neufeld last week, she looked at the article and stated that they cannot speak on any of this. From what she is hearing, from her concerns and everyone else's concerns about adding value we want students to feel as comfortable as possible with the Dean of Students and we want them to feel like they can trust that resource. If there are concerns about the concerns about their experiences, to let their student representative know and that SGLC will continue to work on safety in residence halls and all of these different things that play into these issues on campus.
- AA. Arrupe College Liaison Villazana stated that it sounds good and how Speaker Drescher stated about preventative measures is really important to focus on. There is a lot that they cannot say and being stuck is frustrating for everyone. How can we handle this without knowing anything, there could be pieces there that could be crucial to help improving the environment of safety. Focusing on the preventative measures is the best option because saying the wrong thing can get an angry group.
- BB. President Meis stated that we are walking a fine line between a social media post and a public statement. A lot of what she is hearing is sounding more like a public statement and she is not on board with the rules with how to carry out public statements in the Articles because in her mind it can be very restrictive.
- CC. CFO Noriega asked if it would be too informal to put a question box on Instagram to gauge what people think on the article or a questions regarding the topic to hear and understand.
- DD. ACO Nelson stated that it is an option.

- EE. CoS Carfagno asked what everyone's opinions on a listening session not on this is my experience but more about this is how they feel and what they think could be beneficial having them address not only sexual assault but also safety on campus.
- FF. VP Guerrero stated that he gets uncomfortable gaining a perspective on something as complicated as Title IX. There are structures in the University that are taking care of that. How would you facilitate this kind of conversation.
- GG. CoS Carfagno stated it was more about this is how students feel on the issue.
- HH. ACO Nelson stated that this could be something to put on the Fall Survey questions.
- II. Speaker Drescher stated that she is hesitant on the notion of hosting listening sessions because they are not productive unless there is an intentional outreach to it. For example, CEDIO Thomas has focus groups for a targeted issue which is good, but this is a difficult issue to have a focus group on. This listening session is to create a space to voice their grievances that can get out of hand quickly. We have to also see where we stand in the University because there are people with a lot more training and education to handle these issues. She does not have confidence that anyone has the ability to facilitate a conversation properly with all parties involved.
- JJ. President Meis stated people go through years of schooling to talk about things.
- KK. CoS Carfagno stated what if we were to have an educational session. If the fear for a listening session is that it will not be productive and we do not have the training, how about we get the people with the training.
- LL. VP Guerrero stated we should invite Tim Love to the Senate floor, so we are more informed or even someone from the Office of the Dean of Students. There are structures already in place for us to do that. For the listening session, what would that even look like because I do not feel comfortable that we are equipped to carry it out. If we need feedback or say the students need feedback, talk about that to the structures that are already in place.
- MM. CSO DeBold stated that are two ways to take this. One, how do we respond to this that does not put us in a negative light that takes away from our ability do things. Two, this may not be a situation where we can specifically do these things in this case. Anything we do has to add value to the conversation. A forum can be good and potentially constructive, it can get out of hand because we can get the right training, so we have to be careful about our ideas.
- NN. AG Barbieri stated that she agrees with that but maybe we can transition to the survey. We need a better way to grasp on what students feel about the situation, so they feel their voices are being heard. A survey may not be the best way to handle this but agrees that the forum can get out of hand. At the same time, a box where people have to select things, people may feel that they don't have time for it. We should think toward the future and trying to stay in touch with what students say on campus.
- OO. President Meis stated moving to what is coming up with the State of the Student Body. VP Guerrero and herself are trying to bring back tabling with the President and VP to whoever wants to sit down and talk and give complaints. We should find different ways to engage with the students and gaging the temperature on campus when it comes to these topics. How are people feeling about a statement versus funneling this through Senate structurally or Tim who said he would love to come to Senate to speak. She agrees that we should not have an event and does not think it is appropriate.
- PP. Speaker Drescher stated that both are useful. Her suggestion is focus on preventative measures that we can actually do something about, and we will not be taking a stance. We can include other resources, but we do not have to facilitate something like that. They can be viewed as polarizing and draw people away from that office. Some things to consider is that she is on board with speaking about this at Senate and does not how she feel about doing anything in the heat of the article.
- QQ. President Meis stated Tim Love was not referencing the article at all, he just wanted to come speak to us in an official capacity to let students know about his new office. Especially because Tim Love is in a new office that is not part of the Office of the Dean of Students.
- RR. Arrupe College Liaison stated that we should not hold that session because holding that upon yourselves is carrying something that is a little too heavy. But you should funnel the help to the student body stating that these resources are here. It does seem like it is deflecting it off SGLC, but it is not something we can handle. Having Tim Love come have a conversation is crucial right now but also knowing it is very recent but there is time to think and reflect on.
- SS. President Meis stated that the statement does not have to be passed by Senate, it just has to go through Senate which just limits timeline.
- TT. VP Guerrero stated that it was intentional so there is a level of accountability attached to every statement internally.
- UU. President Meis stated that inviting Tim Love is a great idea and the Senate Meetings are open to the public. We can space it out so that it is not directly tied to this incident because there are legal concerns but also have a public statement. The statement has to be signed by somebody, if it is signed by SGLC, it has to be legislation.

- VV. AG Barbieri stated that before we get to the statement, we have to figure out what we have to say. It would be nice to have a statement, but we may not have something concrete to say. You want to say that we are here for you and make people feel comfortable without alienating them from the Dean's office in the future.
- WW. President Meis stated that she has heard they want students to feel comfortable going to the Dean, if students have issues with reporting or the investigation they should reach out to these parties, and preventative measures.
- XX. AG Barbieri stated that she is trying to put herself in the shoes of other people. She does not want people to think that we are saying something just to say something and then move on.
- YY. VP Guerrero stated that it also comes with the intention to do something about it. He would be uncomfortable saying something and then having no plan. But if it is reflective of what we are capable of doing now, even if it is not solving the issue, it is a good effort.
- ZZ. CoS Carfagno stated that even when Tim Love does come, we can post that this week's meeting is featuring Tim Love to put it out there, so people know that he is talking about a wide range of positions. That way people can listen to what he has to say and ask any questions they may have.
- AAA. President Meis stated that we feel comfortable with Tim Love coming to Senate in an open setting, but we are focusing on what to say in the statement.
- BBB. CoS Carfagno stated that we have him come instead of a statement because as of right now we do not know what to say in the statement.
- CCC. President Meis stated that the statement is addressing the incident, we do not have to name it. We cannot tell Tim Love what to talk about and I am not going to speak for Tim. When we spoke to him, he just wanted to let students know about the services in his office.
- DDD. VP Guerrero stated that to go off on that if he decided him come let's not showcase him awkwardly, let's go all the way.
- EEE. CoS Carfagno asked why we are not doing that; it is a separate conversation. Why are we not letting the public know this information.
- FFF. AG Barbieri stated we do not feel like we are going to make an issue by stating he is coming.
- GGG. ACO Nelson stated that it can make us look office sided because Tim Love was the advisor in the past.
- HHH. Speaker Drescher stated that we can talk about that afterwards.
- III. President Meis stated that inviting Tim Love has to be separate to this. We are making a lot of decisions about Tim Love without him being in this room. She asked if people feel comfortable with a statement and that we have enough content that adds to the conversation. If those two agreements are not there, let's table this till next week.
- JJJ. Speaker Drescher stated that her concern is that if preventative measures are included, it would involve Senate and Committees so this can be brought up at the next Cabinet meeting. We should table this for now and talk at the Cabinet meeting.
- KKK. AG Barbieri stated that it would be nice to get more people to get an idea in SGLC, but we could end up waiting too long and the moment could pass.
- LLL. President Meis stated that we should table this for now.
- MMM. AG Barbieri stated this is a lot to think about in a short time.
- NNN. President Meis stated that she appreciated everyone's comments and respect to the issue, and everyone wants to do the right.
- OOO. CoS Carfagno asked if we could do some type of education for SGLC about the resources and how to handle it sooner than later.
- PPP. Speaker Drescher stated that this should not be a topic of discussion when Tim Love comes to this article but will ask to talk about the services of his office.
- QQQ. President Meis asked about talking to Advisor Manzano because he has talked about expanding his role to speak about the resources the Office of the Dean provides.
- RRR. CoS Carfagno stated that he was thinking about general information to be more educated on the topic.
- VI. Anything for the good of cause?
- A. Speaker Drescher stated that we are allowed to submit any questions and participate in the conversation with Provost Callahan. She is here presenting to the organization not just the Senate and we will have a different seating arrangement.
1. CoS Carfagno asked how to contact her about the questions.
 2. Speaker Drescher stated to email her.
- VII. Adjourn
- A. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM