



Tuesday, November 19th, 2019 | 3:30 pm | Kelly Commons 5A

Agenda

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:33pm. Two-thirds of the Senate was in attendance; therefore, a quorum was held.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve was seconded and granted

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve was seconded and granted

4. Reading from the “Green Book”

Speaker Shea read a quote by Jean-Baptiste de La Salle found on page 38 of the “Green Book”

5. Speaker’s Report

Speaker Shea thanked the Senate for a productive semester. She believes we have been successful in further raising awareness of the Senate to the campus. There were no new reports on the Anonymous Concerns Page, however she believes it has been helpful in providing feedback for the Agenda committee. She urged campus members to continue to use that forum, or to reach out directly to the Agenda Committee for concerns.

6. Update on the Provost Search by Senator Ward

2nd Deputy Speaker Ward reports that the search has entered a new phase with the Search Committee now having access to all submitted applications; the deadline is this Friday. The committee will meet on Dec 16th with the consultants to determine a list of finalists to interview via Skype. From there, three or four applicants will be selected and sent to the President for approval to invite for on-campus interviews.

7. Reports from the Standing Committees

a. Educational Affairs Committee (EAC)

Senator Clyde reports via Speaker Shea that all is moving along as scheduled, and that there is nothing new to report currently, but please look at the EAC's submitted minutes for additional details.

b. Campus Life Committee (CLC)

Senator Ago reports that the Committee met last week, and that they are very willing to continue to listen to concerns from campus staff.

They have been hearing concerns about increased parking fees, and questions about safety and accessibility to the parking lot from Broadway.

Moving forward, they want to be more transparent and better address concerns across campus, and those emanating from south campus.

Senator Ago also distributed a prepared document to provide information about cost options for menstrual hygiene supplies and dispensers from approved vendors.

8. Old Business

a. Menstrual Hygiene Product Supply Update - Address by Student Government President Kaylyn Atkins, Lasallian Women and Gender Resource Center, and the Business Office

Student body is strongly on board and considering the Period Project in the Bronx, women on campus also need to be supported.

There is a desire for the initiative to be multifaceted with support from across campus, and that is why it has been brought to the Senate.

Student Government has already funded three stations on campus, and apparently it has gone well. None have been tampered with, and people do not seem to be abusing the privilege.

There is consensus that the cost needs to be built into the institutional budget, with schools in the area already doing this on their campuses.

Many spoke about the importance of providing free access to menstrual hygiene products using anecdotes and explaining the importance considering our Lasallian mission, and to promote opportunities for all.

Apparently, there were some menstrual hygiene products available in campus bathrooms around twelve years ago. The Lasallian Women and Gender Resource Center is mapping current bathrooms to determine best strategies for implementation. Other details need to be worked out including who exactly will maintain the dispensers, which models and supplies to purchase, and whether the products are free or will use coin dispensers.

The Senate is working alongside with the Lasallian Women and Gender Resource Center and Student Government among others, the Health Center, Business Office and Facilities are working to resolve these questions.

A feasibility study is forthcoming, with an action plan to be designed to determine how to implement this across campus, and how to pay for it from the budget by February 2020.

9. New Business

- a. Senate Resolution: Support for Access to Menstrual Products on Campus
2nd Deputy Speaker Ward read the Senate Resolution in support for access to menstrual products on campus. The resolution passed with unanimous support. 2nd Deputy Speaker Ward noted that the School of Engineering would immediately move to purchase and stock menstrual hygiene products to be available in the second-floor women's restroom in Leo Engineering Building.
- b. New Business from Senate Membership
No additional topics were brought up.

10. Adjourn

Speaker Shea again thanked all the Senators and guests for their hard work and commitment, and the meeting was adjourned @ 4:02pm. The next Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 at 3:30 pm in Kelly Commons 5C.