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## SENATE

Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | 3:30 pm | Kelly Commons 5C

### **Agenda**

1. Roll Call
  - a. Present: Speaker Caroline Shea, First Deputy Speaker Gerardo Carfagno, Secretary Parveen Rampersaud, Senator Sonny Ago, Senator William Clyde, Senator Michael McEneney, Senator Fengyun Wu, Senator Ian Levy, Senator William Merriman, Senator Mohab El-Hakim, Senator Mehdi Omidvar, Senator Amy Handfield, Senator Danielle Young, Senator Heidi Furey, Senator Angel Pineda, Senator Syrita Newman, Senator Margaret McKiernan, Senator Xavier Kyle, Senator Isabel Quiñones, Senator Giuliana DeLuca, and Senator Luis Garcia. Presenters Angelica Vazquez and Juanita Pacheco.
  - b. Absent: Second Deputy Speaker Tim Ward (excused), Senator Richard Satterlee, Senator Karen Nicholson (excused), Senator Jimena Gonzalez Ramirez, Senator Sebastian DeGuisto, Senator Sedraya Fletcher, and Senator Jillian Beckerle
2. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Approved by quorum
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
  - a. Approved by quorum

4. Reading from the “Green Book”

- a. Page 36: “I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice” -  
President Abraham Lincoln

5. Speaker’s Report

- a. Thank you to Senators who contributed to the passing of menstrual products on campus. Presently in 15 bathrooms. It was passed last November. No anonymous concerns so far.
- b. We will have our next meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 3:30 pm in Kelly Commons 5A.
- c. At the April 21 meeting, Matthew McManness, Vice President of Finance, and President O’Donnell will be speaking on the 2020-2021 budget and College-wide plans.

6. Reports from the Standing Committees

- a. Educational Affairs Committee (EAC)
  - i. We tried to make final exams only during the week. Saturday class will have a Saturday test.
  - ii. Common exams. The complication is that there is a certain number of slots open. There are 5 exam periods left for common exams. Not supposed to have 2 exams a day. There is no written policy enforcing this. Working on creating a policy to fix the more than 2 exam policy. Currently students choose a professor who will be willing to be flexible.
  - iii. Academic integrity has been in place since the beginning of the year and appears to be working. Grade replacement policy marketing needs to be improved.. If you get a non-passing grade and you retake the course the lower grade is in the transcript. Only the higher grade affects your GPA. Not

everyone knows about it. Working on getting rid of the request and having it automatically changed.

b. Campus Life Committee (CLC)

- i. Menstrual hygiene products dispensers have been installed and are working. Senator Ago echoed similar points to this as Speaker Shea.
- ii. There is a private changing room in the fitness center for the men and women locker room
- iii. The new Dean of Students, Dr. Esmilda Abreu-Hornbostel, is working with the CLC. She's working closely with the Lasallian Women Gender Resource Center and the Orientation Office on making improvements to the student experience. She began her role here on February 3, 2020.

7. New Business

a. Presentation from the Student Employee Committee - Given by Co-Chairs Angelica Vazquez and Juanita Pacheco

- i. The representatives gave insight on their previous employment experience. The emphasis of teamwork was the key of the beginning of the presentation.
- ii. The Student Employee Committee began in March 2019.
- iii. Two-fold mission: supporting financial aid and what are employees receiving. What are the transferable skills they're giving them to achieve success?
- iv. They looked at NY institutions to help them establish the MC's committee.
- v. Objectives:
  1. I wanted a more streamline process. Hoping to bring awareness to what employers want and students.
  2. They do in-depth training with students: periodic training and workshops. Student 101 course on Moodle. Takes 2 hours and gives

modules and resources. Touches on Lasallian values, ethical values, how to submit timesheets.

- vi. Implementation of a shared drive. All resources, training manuals, anyone can take a lot.
- vii. Worked with the Center of Assessment to develop outcomes. They hope to gain membership with the Northeast Membership Administration.

8. Topics from the Senate membership

- i. Horan Hall elevators are still not functioning. An update from Senator Clyde was that the estimated completion is in April 2020.

9. Adjourn

- a. Meeting called to an end at 4:11 pm. The next Senate meeting will be Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 3:30 pm in Kelly Commons 5A.