



February 16, 2023 | [Zoom Link](#)

1. Review last week's [minutes](#): vote to approve
  - **Minutes unanimously approved**
2. Special election forum to fill our empty Senate seat!
  - a. Here is the Candidate information [packet](#)
    - **Julia is a freshman biology major who wants to join Senate to take more of a leadership role on campus and get involved in student government**
    - **M3 asks Julia about her thoughts on HWC and if she has any ideas she wants to bring to it**
    - **Julia responds that Covid policies are vague and need to be more clear, she also wants to listen to what the students feel needs to be done**
    - **SFV asks about Julia's idea for a community outreach project**
    - **Julia responds that people could get together and make hygiene kits for people in the Portland community**
    - **Motion to vote is seconded**
    - **Julia is unanimously voted to be the new Senator! Congratulations Julia!**
3. LC Community Cupboard: a multi-campus effort
  - a. Historically, ASB has helped maintain community supply rooms
  - b. Hilary Martin Himan, Director of Spiritual Life reached out about a community cupboard project around all 3 campuses for food insecure community members
    - i. Working in collaboration with the Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI) and the Welfare Intervention Network (WIN)
    - ii. Without further ado, Jaime Cale and Jessica Carron, from the OEI and WIN, respectively, are here to explain this community project and gauge what students would find most useful in this community cupboard
      - **Jaime could not make it due to illness and Hilary also could not make it**

- Jessica is here to talk more broadly about how students' basic needs are/ are not being met on campus and how we can advocate for basic needs being met
- Basic needs: food, water, safety, housing, financial stability
- Jessica asks about where we feel there are gaps
- SFV responds that a lot of people suffer with food insecurity, there is a lack of options on campus and this has been an ongoing discussion in ASB; clarifies that there are issues with nutritional needs not being met and students with dietary restrictions have to go to grocery stores and these are often very expensive
- Destiny says that another issue are the times when foods are available; this creates more food insecurity
- Finn says that the Bon is not very accessible for students with food allergies
- Kate talks about friends who go to other schools with more food options on campus/ near campus than LC
- Jessica responds that part of the issue is the fact that LC is a bit geographically isolated from Portland
- Carly brings up that materials and cleanliness of community kitchens create issues with people being able to cook for themselves; also there are no options outside of Bon and Troom hours
- Collin asks why we are required to have a meal plan as first years
- M3 responds that they have brought up not requiring the meal plan with the manager of the Bon, he responded that there is a money element and also that not requiring meal plans increases food insecurity of students living on campus
- The Bon does not see it as sustainable for students to live on campus without a meal plan
- Rose talks about how dorm kitchens have been turned into overflow housing and this limits students' cooking and food storage options
- Finn talks about the market: expecting groceries and produce, but it is just snack food and desserts. It would be helpful for the market to have more affordable, nutritious options
- Jessica asks if the 14 flex meal plan is enough to meet our nutritional needs

- Yonas responds that he prefers a 10-11 meal a week option because it is difficult to make it within Bon hours twice a day
- Kate says it was hard to meet nutritional needs as a freshman with 14 flex, but as a sophomore they have gotten the hang of it more. They agree that the market needs better options and say that serving two meals a day on weekends is not enough
- Nico brings up that it is hard for international students to find housing over the winter
- Collin has the 19 meal plan and struggles to get enough food on the weekends with brunch hours (made more difficult with lack of Flex Points on the 19 option)
- Carly says the issue with 14 flex is similar to the brunch issue: it encourages students to choose the cheaper option and forfeit a meal
- Jessica asks if we feel like students have the money and availability to get food at Fred Meyer
- SFV and Kate respond that this varies depends on students' financial situation and schedule availability
- Nico brings up that it is hard for international students to find housing over the winter
- Jessica says she knows rent is going up in Portland, asks how we're doing with that
- M3 says there is a lack of resources for students who are first time renters of apartments/ houses off campus, LC needs to provide a similar guide to Reed for off campus housing
- M3 knows a lot of people end up in tenuous/ dangerous living situations because students are first time renters and not well enough equipped by the school to live off campus
- M3: some people don't have the social network to find subletters or places to live
- M3: the school encourages people to live on campus, but this has to change because there is not capacity
- Carly tells Jessica about the meeting with Ben Meoz, how students are not fans of overflow housing and students' housing stress and overcrowded rooms create psychological stress
- Destiny says she knows lots of people in overcrowded, stressful living situations
- Jessica asks how we can facilitate more student feedback on this topic and hear what they actually want to see

- Kate responds that social media surveys and office hours could provide these opportunities for students
  - Finn says tabling in Templeton is a good option, it is easier for students to engage in this
  - Rose says we should keep in mind that tabling outside the Bon might skew the data because not everyone has a meal plan, Jessica suggests tabling in JR Howard
  - Helena brings up that the Health Center is closed on the weekend, it is very difficult for students to get emergency medical care, especially on-campus students without cars
  - Carly brings up the fact that there are not enough places for students to be alone on campus
  - (After Jessica left): M3 brings up that the Bon says students don't come to them with food problems. M3 says it is shameful and difficult for people to bring up food issues. Ryan (Bon manager) says that students should feel comfortable coming to the Bon and asking what they can eat
4. Another small message from Hilary Martin Himan
- a. Spiritual Life is planning on launching **LC Rest is Resistance: Group Nap** on Thursday afternoons starting in March in the Chapel, eventually branching out to whenever the chapel is not in use
  - b. Here's an [article](#) from Inside Higher Ed that sparked the idea to possibly creating a map of Campus Nap Spaces across all three campuses
5. Feb. BOT update
- **M3 attended**
  - **Most notable update was that the Academic Affairs Committee passed a resolution to relax guidelines for CAS Commencement ceremonies**
  - **It will now be up to deans to decide who walks at Commencement**
  - **Admissions does not really know what is happening with next year's class, but there was a 22% increase in applications and an increase in ED and EA**
  - **The Finance Committee passed a budget to continue deferred maintenance, IT management, Pamplin training and locker room renovation, Griswold reinforcement, South Chapel renovation, renovation of an Olin lab, Hartzeld roof replacement, and the lower estate gardens**
  - **The Investment Committee talked about the college's investment portfolio: in a nutshell we are okay and there are no large financial red flags**
  - **Most money gifted to the school has been given up front and in cash, Global Change for Good will meet their \$10 million goal by May**
  - **Robin is still working with previous donors**

- Academic Affairs Committee talked about how our school has slipped rankings, but is ranked high in things like innovation, beauty, and sense of fit
  - M3's personal opinion is that rankings don't matter
6. Aggressive legislative [agenda](#)
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- a. ASB honoraria [increase](#) what
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  - Carly brings up the fact that there are honorarium disparities among Cabinet positions, SFV asks what we think of this
  - Context from M3: most appointed positions don't have a committee, they are more "on and off" roles. Other Cabinet positions usually have standing weekly meetings for their committees and their ASB time commitment ebbs and flows less than appointed positions
  - Collin asks M3 if they feel \$4,500 is fair for what the President does
  - M3 responds that they tried calculating numbers based on minimum wage, did a bunch of calculations and got \$9,000 as a big figure for a living wage
  - This is not possible given the student fee
  - M3 says that given the limitations, they tried to get to a number that resembles how much work the President does
  - Alex clarifies that if this bill passes, it will not go into effect until next year (no one is getting a raise right now)
  - Rocky says these numbers are within the realm of what other comparable schools pay their ASB members
  - Our increased honoraria are still lower than a lot of ASB honoraria at comparable institutions
  - Finn says that in context of other schools, this is not a huge increase and we should not be afraid to gift ourselves the money we deserve
  - Destiny brings up the goal of having more contested elections and ASB being advertised more
  - Carly is thinking about applying for HWC chair, it is a deterrent that HWC chair has a committee but is paid less than other Cabinet members with committees
  - Collin asks if you can only run for one position at a time, the answer is yes
  - Yonas says ideally honoraria will be somewhat proportional to time commitment, is there a way for Representatives who commit to being in committees to get more pay?

- Isa responds that this seems fair because Reps have to do less work
  - M3 responds that Reps who do committees can also get honoraria from these committees, but adding Yonas's idea to the bylaws would be too narrow
  - M3 also brings up that there is a certain amount of choice in how involved an ASB member is in ASB
  - Yonas asks why only some committees have honoraria
  - Alex responds that it is up to each committee's bylaws to decide whether there is an honorarium
  - Yonas asks if all committees are similar amounts of work, M3 says it varies a lot between committees
  - Finn says that FIN is a weird case because they allocate money, so this might be part of the reason why FIN don't get paid for their time
  - Carly says that FIN is working on guidelines for clubs to provide honoraria
  - b. Monthly [Senate](#) meetings, now reopen for discussion
    - There was previous concern that this would not be enough time, people tended to think we should have 2 meetings per month
    - We left off on the idea of having a 2 week block with 90 minute meetings and 2 weeks off in between
    - Finn likes this idea because it gives Senators time to go to committees, figure out what they want to do, and be more effective in meetings
    - Month cap plan (with approx 4 weeks per month): meeting on weeks 1 and 4, weeks 2 and 3 off
    - Front back end plan (with approx 4 weeks per month): meeting on weeks 1 and 2, weeks 3 and 4 off
    - Yonas asks if we can change committee meetings accordingly, M3 and SFV say that we cannot and this is up to the committees
7. Anything else to add? I yield the floor now...
8. Upcoming dates
- a. Cabinet apps open Feb 27 to March 6 (**11 DAYS**)
  - b. Spring Ball March 4
  - c. Senate apps open March 1 to March 8
    - Kate asks why this is open in March when new students don't come until August
    - SFV responds that last year's Senate did this so more upperclassmen will be in Senate
    - 9 Senate seats will be filled in the spring, the rest will be open to applicants in the fall
    - Maya asks why we don't have class senators, SFV responds that we don't want to put more pressure on students

- **M3 adds that a lot of people don't identify with a class due to gap semesters and such, there is not a strong enough "class culture" to warrant this**

- d. Candidate Forum March 16
  - i. **DOUBLE BALLOT!!**
- e. Allocations Weekend March ?? (COMING SOON)
- f. Voting March 20 to March 25
- g. Honorarium Deadline March 23**