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Mikah: Some papers going around for tabling availability and dorm access for Dorm Storm

1. President Wim Wiewel

- a. Impressed and appreciate the work being done by ASLC and BSU in response to the racist incident. Had a meeting with the BSU that went well. We know that racism exists and implicit bias, so it's good to know we can move forward and address it.
- b. Civic responsibility and voting: LC has been recognized for improving participation in midterm elections (61%, highest liberal arts college)
 - i. Invited to speak at panel about our strategies
 - ii. Going to talk to Mikah who coordinated efforts
 - iii. Talk with our Diplomat, can give advice on career goals
- c. Board of Trustees Updates
 - i. Agreed to increase tuition/room and board. Three together amount to about 4%. Challenges on the budget side, led to increase. Loss large class size last year.
 1. First time we had meetings before the Board of Trustees to hear from ASLC, plan to have two meetings in advance next year. Give us a sense of where the budget comes from.
 - ii. Presentation by Robin and where and what kind of student spaces we need. Study involves expanding resident halls to add or replace buildings. Also looking into transportation options, recognize that we need a greater variety of shuttle stops. How do we do it, where? Possibly smaller vans.
 - iii. Refinancing debt: College has a certain amount of debt. Interest rate

is low, so we can take out a new loan to pay the old loan (higher interest rate)

1. \$35 million
 2. Some of that money will be used to build a new residence hall, and renovate some buildings (Olin, Pamplin, Templeton, Corbett)
 - a. Loan will hopefully incentivise donors (worked at public institution)
 - b. Will hopefully make renovations move along more quickly
 - iv. Fundraising campaign: \$150 million over 7 years. So far \$59 million in 1 year. A lot of donations are guaranteed for when donor dies, so not in hand yet (\$20 million)
 - d. Strategic Plan: Making a score sheet for goals for the Board, can also present to Senate.
 - i. Initiatives to begin next year: Entrepreneurship minor, Pre-Health, 3:3 Law program, scholarships for debate team and music
 - e. Fossil Fuel Divestment: The Source will be publishing our complete divestment and report from companies using fossil fuels. 2017, 2.8%, 1.4% a year later.
 - f. Athletic Director: two candidates
2. President Wiewel Questions/Thoughts
- a. Shannon: At the faculty meeting you mentioned \$35 was for capital maintenance, how much going to that specifically.
 - i. \$250 million is the estimated price by Facilities, they think that if we could fix half of it over time we would be safe. First goal is to fix enough each year that it doesn't get worse over time.
 1. Each building remodel ranges from \$8-10 million, which would cut out of deferred maintenance number
 - b. Caroline: Which buildings are being prioritized?
 - i. Templeton: central, used by everyone, dysfunctional and not efficient or accessible
 - ii. Olin: Labs have been improved, but has some open spaces that can be closed and better utilized
 - iii. Pamplin: locker rooms can be fixed and shower problems can be addressed
 - iv. Corbett: used for furniture storage since it's unusable right now
 - v. BoDine/Evans: could really use work
 - vi. Depends on donors who may have a preference. There's good

arguments for any of them.

- c. Caroline: Do you know buildings students prefer? With remodeling Templeton, what is the plan for the space during remodeling?
 - i. Templeton first, Pamplin second according to the Master Plan
 - ii. Look at which ones are most at risk and important to attracting and keeping students
 - iii. Caroline: At PSU, they put students into portables and they saw a negative effect on incoming students, how are you addressing that?
 - 1. It depends on what the building is but it'll be easier to renovate and rearrange people in the long-run.
- d. Hope: What are the plans for accessibility? Where is accessibility a priority in these projects?
 - i. President Wiewel: There is no specific plan yet but accessibility will be addressed.
 - ii. More efficient to have it as a stand alone project. Plan with Michelle George to have regular meetings with students to pinpoint issues
- e. Hope: If it's not part of a huge renovation project afraid it will get left behind
 - i. Every year we set aside \$5 million for deferred maintenance projects. Also used for requested projects (100,000 range) and using that to address accessibility issues. There is a priority list so I encourage you to talk to Michelle.
- f. Hope: Deans are the ones who request capital projects and they have a list of things that need to be done? Talk to them?
 - i. More efficient to talk to Michelle George, if issues email me
- g. Shannon: Tenure track positions? How are we handling faculty?
 - i. President Wiewel: The Dean of CAS (Bruce Suttmeier) has developed a comprehensive process - departments put in a request for new faculty positions, public discussion, then Dean makes the ultimate decision. Always more requests than openings. Last year there were seven requests, but there are only two searches going
 - ii. Shannon: Is number of lines based on budgets? Plans to increase?
 - 1. Budget is based on next year, likely mostly replacement hires. If someone leaves department that is losing students, then might relocate to another department that is growing. Demand is taking into account.
 - 2. Shannon: Some departments struggle, CS always has long waitlist
 - 3. They'll consider that in their request, Bruce is aware of stresses on CS.

- h. Wim: I have monthly open office hours that I welcome you all to
 - i. Hope: In regards to your comment about Trump withdrawing from the Paris Climate Agreement, could you expand?
 - i. LC for a long time has had Sustainability Council, last year we created an external Sustainability Advisory Board to talk with us about what we're doing and how to do it differently. Jobs, internships, programs for students? 3 schools looking into developing sustainability programs. Going to meeting in Madrid (Maca !) to participate in a conference.
 - j. Isabella: When are your office hours
 - i. We announce them every month in the Bark
 - k. Diana: What type of students are you focusing on in retention
 - i. The ones we aren't retaining. Research shows that students who leave aren't all part of one category. This year retention jumped from 81 to 85%, goal is 90%. Hasn't been easy to figure out where to target effort. Robin's work is an important piece of increasing retention. If we could offer more financial that would help, but that's not the main reason people are leaving.
3. Legislation
- a. SB023
 - i. Roland: Done by Jacob and Allison to update Rules of Order, since they were out of date or inaccessible. Threw out a lot of formalities, and simplified motions we use.
 - ii. *Motion to vote by affirmation*
 - 1. All: aye
 - iii. Jacob: Now can vote by vocal affirmation or roll call, up to you
 - b. SB024
 - i. Roland: Strikes section of Senate bylaws about Liaisons. We've been breaking governing documents by not having, so updating the fact that we don't have them. We have reached out for interest in Lesions but no response
 - ii. Lucia: *Motion to vote by affirmation*
 - 1. All: aye
 - c. SB025
 - i. Roland: Does the same thing as the previous bill but in another section
 - ii. Alex *Motion to vote by affirmation*
 - 1. All: aye
 - d. SB026

- i. Roland: This was brainstormed by the previously Investigating Systematic Barriers, increases communication between Cabinet and Senate through reports at Senate, including their roles outside of ASLC. Must vote to skip Cabinet reports and adds discussion period, makes it easier
 - ii. Mikah: For cabinet members not at a meeting, does it matter how we give the update, constitutionally not required to be here?
 - 1. Allison: Could add members present
 - 2. Shannon: Or submit a written report
 - 3. Allison: give reports or submit written reports
 - a. Katie: by email so there is a record
 - 4. Roland: friendly amendment
 - iii. Cas: Time limit on general discussion? Understand the purpose, but we go over pretty often.
 - 1. Jacob: Someone can always set time of adjournment or time limit
 - iv. Alex *Motion to vote by affirmation*
 - 1. All: aye
- e. SB027
 - i. Alex: Madeline and I have edits
 - ii. Alex *Motion to table to next week*
- f. SB028
 - i. Alex *Motion to table to next week*
- 4. Ad Hoc Committee on Systemic Barriers Report
 - a. Caroline: I'm the chair of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Training. We're looking into three trainings.
 - i. YWCA: local or make your own (more expensive) \$10 for students, could go together, two relevant to our group. Framework for our event, quality information and good price. Could work with them in the future
 - 1. Understanding Oppression - December 2
 - ii. Portland Center for Equity and Inclusion: done over time, \$500 per person, wrote down for you to look into even though it's expensive. Like the idea of it being over time
 - iii. Racial Equity Institute: \$5000, from North Carolina. Recommended by student. Based on ground water metaphor. What does our social institution within the ASLC space
 - iv. Mikah: Elizabeth had an update that she heard from more organizations and can connect with you

- v. Erin: I know we have a \$10,000 grant somewhere
 - 1. Harold: I think you're talking about Projects for Peace, applications are due November 18. Comes from Davis Scholarship, can turn into Brian White
- b. Quentin: Outreach Committee chair now. Meeting every other Thursday at 9, but we can move the time. Meeting minutes in Slack. Wanted to focus on getting out into the community and making it systematic over time (certain requirements for senators? IME events? ASLC have a certain number of events). Wanted to ask everyone how they feel about more potential requirements about being engaged with the community?
 - i. Caroline: Interested, but what does engagement look like, needs to be defined?
 - 1. Alex: Considering 2 events a semester from certain groups on campus. Will make a list if interest
 - ii. Diana: Any type of event?
 - 1. Quentin: Club events, union meeting if open to the public, IME events
 - 2. Alex: Ideally something going on for an hour or so, so it's not like a show and go type of thing
 - iii. Roland: Also talked about, is requiring certain events going to create a barrier down the line for people wanting to participate in ASLC?
 - 1. MC: From elections standpoint, talked to people who were discouraged by time commitment
 - iv. Caroline: Long term goal could be of instead of thinking of it as requirement, how do we make ASLC a space to make community relationships
 - 1. Lucia: Joint office hours, themed, create an incentive like better pay if its a greater time commitment
 - 2. Alex: Since we're likely getting rid of Chief of Staff, frees up that money
 - a. Allison: Any changes to stipends don't go into effect until next year
 - b. Nick: That money won't be applied for either
 - c. Alex: If we don't have to apply for Chief of Staff, could apply for senators, makes it the same amount of money
 - v. Madeline: Really nervous for PioLog meeting, but I knew one person and I felt more secure about going. If we make senators more present, and a friendly face, ASLC space becomes more welcoming
 - vi. Quentin: Next meeting next Thursday at 9 in Watzek

- c. Frances: Inquiring into and address systematic barriers subcommittee
 - i. Tip boxes are still a work in progress and making official meeting time. More discussion points later
- 5. Senate Reports
 - a. Hope: Just emailed Michelle. Putting proposal into Gender Studies Symposium to talk about student services
 - b. Maca: ISLC is working on the Open Spaces and we're still working what it'll be about.
 - c. Michelle: STaT changing objective as a policy resource. If people have questions about how our policies fit into wider LC policy
 - d. Diana: GLU is talking about protest in Chile next Tuesday and how students can use their voices on campus. Having off campus dinner
 - i. Roland: Is the meeting open to the public
 - ii. Diana: Not sure, but will get back to you
 - iii. Quentin: There will be a panel by professors on Monday
 - e. Nicole: Well Notes sent out this morning, can join the campus Well App and read new articles. First Student Health Advisory Board meeting is next week
 - f. Caroline: Working on training options document. Continuing sanitation work in bathrooms, apparently an issue in every dorm so emailing head of Facilities about data or survey.
 - i. Cas: Have you submitted a work order
 - ii. Caroline: Yes, but it's everywhere
 - iii. Cas: I can help facilitate a meeting if you would like, I work there
 - g. Isabella: Caroline and I hosted a Tea Time about Diva Cups, handed out our entire supply (for free!) and going to order 30 more.
 - h. Frances: in SOC funded Cheer and Step team, will be performing at a halftime show soon
 - i. Erin: SAAC is planning activities for student body, informed Robin, she wants to use as case study for Finals Policy.
 - i. December 13: dodgeball 12-2 Pamplin, Dutch Bros gift card
 - ii. December 15: Karaoke 7-9 stamm
 - j. Roland: Systemic Barriers meetings, worked on that
 - k. Bella: Went to Systemic Barriers outreach meeting
 - l. Madeleine: I went to the Systemic Barriers committee meeting too. If Senators are interested, we're looking at coordinating events. I've also been thinking about how fun it would be if there were more group fitness classes. Restarting Fit Club or maybe starting a new club to see if there can be something bigger and more permanent for the future.

- m. Cas: Putting together meeting with Affordability Committee
 - n. Lucia: Went to the CSRC Committee Meeting and the committee meeting. Considering changing language from Senate to Congress since we have Senators and Representatives
 - i. Alex: We talked about this briefly at the end of the Outreach Meeting but the term "Congress" has a negative connotation. We talked about maybe calling the Representatives a Senator instead to make the terms equal since the roles are the same.
 - ii. Quentin: Good topic for the discussion period!
 - o. Quentin: Investigations Committee passed bill about discussion period, easier to have conversations. Recommend going to Road to Clean Energy Future event.
 - p. Alex: I went to the Outreach Committee meeting. Madeline and I worked on getting rid of the CoS.
 - q. Immanuel: No updates
6. Cabinet Reports
- a. Shannon:
 - i. Talked to a faculty member about the incident in the office and lack of understanding. Working with the Dean of CAS on ways to update the faculty on this issue since the Faculty Meeting is not a successful space to conduct this conversation.
 - 1. Also working on an infographic for how faculty and staff can interact with ASLC and the Student Unions.
 - 2. How are students supposed to bring up issues with faculty as a whole?
 - 3. How can students advocate for their majors? We have anonymous feedback, but maybe something more academic related
 - ii. I was at the Faculty Meeting. See me for more info.
 - b. Katie:
 - i. I met with the Health Center for STI Testing updates. Helen looked into a center off campus to come on campus but they were unable to do so. We're looking for an alternative center to connect with. Considering the new system in place to anonymously make an appointment, we're hoping it'll improve use of STI Testing. If you're covered by the school's insurance, it's free!
 - ii. With EIJC, we're working with the CO Inquiry. The Auditory is conducting research on the issue.
 - iii. Shannon has conducted a survey to see how they're informed by

students.

iv. Roland: what is the CO Inquiry?

1. Katie: Caroline can provide more but it's been informed by the EIJC in regards to academic credit and how the funding works.

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c. Mikah:

- i. Planning Watzek Recess, they used to have a committee with their own funding, but not anymore
- ii. Fall Ball! Buy and ticket or volunteer
- iii. Cutting NYT starting Monday, let people know about online access
- iv. Trying to make Textbook Subsidy more accessible by giving money ahead of time, and what that process looks like
- v. Textbook Drive and Clothing Drive in December
- vi. If you're doing an interview, make sure to represent what you believe not ASLC as a whole. Senate can write a resolution or email from Helen
 1. Diana: where is the money going
 2. Mikah: outreach or textbook subsidy

d. Elizabeth (via Mikah:)

- i. Debriefing PioLog article, figuring out follow up
- ii. Working with Auditory about CO inquiry
- iii. Caroline can provide information of Night People's Market
- iv. Meeting with Mark Figeroua next week, send any questions
 1. SSS, ADA requirements, reports from students at the federal level
- v. Bring grant ideas, advertise grants
- vi. Considering best practices for how to address transparency since she is working on regarding issues both with ASLC and other organizations
- vii.

e. Helen:

- i. Going to send out anonymous form to everyone for feedback on how we've been doing
- ii. Putting out a DOE application soon since Mary-Claire is vacating the position. If any of you have any thoughts about what you want to see in the DOE, please let me know so it can be added to my process. Please reach out to your friends and encourage them to apply. It's a position open to a lot of people.
- iii. I'm hoping to plan a retreat in January with Senate/Cabinet. If you

- have any ideas for what you'd like included, please let me know.
- iv. Meeting with Robin tomorrow, talk to me if you have anything you want me to bring
 - v. Take the Student Experience Survey! Closes next Wednesday. 5 flex points!
 - 1. Madeline: How many responses so far?
 - 2. Helen: Going to check and can put it in the Slack
 - f. Mary-Claire:
 - i. I sent out the application information to any eligible candidates for VP but as of yet, there is no formal application but I've heard about interested candidates.
 - ii. Planning spring elections, make transition easier!
 - iii. Talk to me!
 - g. Allison:
 - i. CAC will continue to introduce bills
 - ii. Met with Robin about how our bills need to match LC policy, summarizing what those policies are
 - h. Nick:
 - i. Working with Elizabeth and William about a student org hub on the website. Quick guide about the budget process. Working with DSU about recommendations to all student orgs about being more accessible. Meeting with Robin and Jason about ensuring permanence of student orgs.
 - 1. Caroline: People in DSU have talked about how cross contamination is really prevalent, bring that up?
 - 2. Nick: They have a new staff manager in the front to better organize that
 - 3. Hope: Nut free facility?
 - 4. Cas: I work there and yes!
 - 5. Hope: What's the process of introducing new policy?
 - 6. Nick: Not sure within Bon Appetit, but I will communicate with them for you
 - 7. Maca: Can we make the Bon a more social space. Some can't go in since they don't have a swipe, can swipe stand be moved further in?
 - 8. Nick: Have thought about this. They are ending their current system so considering new system.
 - i. Jacob: Submit monthly reports! If you know people who want my job or you want it, do it. We have 3 senate meetings left:

- i. Nov 14 - is at 5
 - ii. Nov 21 - VP Special Election
 - iii. Thanksgiving
 - iv. Dec 5 - one hour then Dorm Storm
 - j. William: Working on getting access of student accounts to club leaders
7. Advisor Reports
- a. Excited about Ray Warren, student run and funded by ASLC, key note is youth who ran Climate Strike
 - b. Returning ASLC leaders are here to support you :)
 - c. Race Talks, you got a Google invite
 - d. LC Portland Connections is a campus wide council focused on how LC partners with off campus organizations, can invite more students if you know anyone
 - i. Transportation issues
 - ii. Communication issues on campus
 - iii. Physical space in downtown
 - iv. Equity
 - v. Fundraising
 - e. Night People's Market is a market featuring local businesses owned by people of color - November 9, 12-7
 - f. Take care of yourselves, drink tea, take a nap :))
8. Discussions
- a. Quentin: *Motion to set time of adjournment to 9:15*
 - i. Nicole: is this enough time
 - ii. Alex: we could push it back
 - b. Brainstorming Rules of Conduct for ASLC Members and Spaces
 - i. Nicole: Talked about this in the Inquiring Subcommittee, going to make formal poster for ASLC office and draft a bill about certain rules we want to be permanent
 - 1. Roland: I think the office space is used as a social space to a certain extent, so making sure we're aware and being professional in this space
 - 2. Nicole: Cabinet had an agreement for consensual conversation that we can add
 - 3. Caroline: Are these rules for Senate meetings and the ASLC space?
 - a. Nicole: For members and the space. General state of mind and in office
 - b. Jacob: and senate space?

4. Nicole: Build off of each other's ideas and credit each other
 5. Hope: In SLS we had a running Google doc that we could collaborate on and see all the changes. Help since people have different concerns
 - a. Caroline: Will start document
 6. Maca: Be respectful of everything and everyone
 7. Caroline: Could adapt Cabinet's agreements as a starting point then edit from there
 - a. Hope: I'm not versed in those, so we could review that, then bring attention to things that aren't specifically outlined either online or in person.
- c. ASLC Newsletter
- i. Quentin: Displaying rough draft, accessible in Slack. Emails are the best way to put out information, despite the complaints :/ and this could be a way to update students on what ASLC is specifically doing
 - ii. Quentin: Considering legislation that says we have to put out a newsletter
 - iii. *Motion to straw poll* Who's in favor of newsletter
 1. Everyone
 - iv. Cas: Who's writing it
 1. Quentin: Work with Mikah, senator could take it on as responsibilities
 - v. Maca: I like this but I don't think email is effective. What about including in PioLog as a page
 - vi. Alex: Were thinking of making it something you subscribe for
 1. Maca: But the intention is to get everyone involved. Need to be reaching the people who don't care as much and make them feel connected
 2. Alex: Do both
 3. Bella: Could post to instagram, ASLC and LC
 4. Caroline: PioLog already reports on us though
 5. Alex: LC Missed Connections?? ;)
 - vii. Quentin: Multiple initiatives to reach everyone.
 - viii. Shannon: Beautiful flyer, trifold in the bon :)
 - ix. Maca: all the sources talk about different things, this is just another flyer then, oversaturated with info
 - x. Caroline: I think that's part of the app? Referring to a centralized forum for events
 1. Mikah: Yeah that's what the app does, but depends on student

orgs using the format/system

xi. Hope: For app implementation, are there processes in place to teach people how to add events

1. Mikah: They're doing that now and starting slowly with departments/clubs

2. Hope: how do we promote?

3. Mikah: We're working on that now

xii. Harold: Historical context - in 2015 they did minute long videos once a week

d. Stipend Payment Schedule

e. Roland: Is everyone good with CAC making general changes to legislation that streamlines language that we don't use anymore. And thoughts on pooling outreach fund for bringing a food truck or something?

i. All: We like it

9. Final Remarks