



Reports

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

OW - If you ever feel that the agenda should be changed, that is a motion you can make.

First I will do the land acknowledgement...

2. Associate Justice Confirmation

MH - Hello senate as a brief reminder the associate justice position is approved by you guys, this is Alex. He was on SPEC last year and I believe that he can bring a lot to the table and has passion for student government.

OW - Is there a motion to vote?

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OW - All those in favor please say I.

- NO abstentions, or opposed. The motion passes.

3. [Dorm Storm Sign Ups](#)

OW - Prior to the pandemic, candy and envelopes were given outside of Templeton, and students are asked to donate to Pios for Pios there. This is a student run scholarship fund for students run by students. I recommend that you sign up to knock on doors near where you live, that would be the easiest.

SC - Can more people sign up to do this in Copeland because of its size?

OW - Yes of course! Also you can bring someone with you who is not in ASLC to help you.

Rocky - Has anyone talked to Campus Living about this this year? I would ask them about this because there are solicitation rules. Last year there was commotion about this because of COVID, I would have a conversation with Campus Living before sending people into residence halls to knock on doors.

OW - I will email you all with confirmation or a cancellation if this does not happen.

SAAB Senator Discussion

HM - Hi I am the SAAB chair, as you might have noticed SAAB does not get a senator which makes our lives difficult because when we want to change our bylaws it is hard. Only senators can do that and we have never had a senator. We are changing our bylaws to include a senator, one of you lovely senators has to write a bill (Do not worry I will help you do this and this will be sent to explain the changes we will make to the senate because we do not have our own senator to write the bill for us).

OW - We need somebody to volunteer to write that bill, and then we need to decide who we want to move from your committee to be on saab, currently eoc, spac and finance have the most people. It would make the most sense to move an EOC senator, unless someone would like to change more.

HM - This would be easier for all of us if SAAB had our own senator to help us with everything that we have to do. The bylaw process would be so much easier if we had our own senator.

OW - You can if you would like to sponsor that bill (it is really easy and we have done that before) unless any of you really passionately wants to be the SAAB representative, I will work and see where it makes the most sense to take a senator.

SC - I just wrote the bill

OW - Thanks for taking that initiative. If you want to be the SAAB senator, stay after and I will reach out to the people that can switch. Thank you @SC

4. [SB001](#) (1 hour)

OW - I sent you all a super long email that recommended some potential next steps. I think that the first thing we want to decide is do we want to do a survey? SLM, Robin, Vim and I have met a few times to talk about this. To do a survey about the name of the college, the institution could help us do that because they have people hired for institutional research and we could collaborate with them. If we only want to survey about our name ASLC that pushes our survey's timeline out by about two weeks. We did not create guidelines because we did not have enough information and we did not decide very much. SLM and I have worked with Robin and Vim to put together an event in February that would be a symposium to critically look at the legacy of Lewis and Clark and more history about our name. We would need a planning committee with some trustees, students and then we would make a symposium open to the entire student body. Currently SLM and I are sitting in as the students on the committee.

SLM - The planning committee would be about ten people max that go to weekly meetings, there would be people that need a seat at the table, we will reach out to the grad and law school and we need to just plan the event. There are Alumni trustees and staff members there. The committee is not changing the name, we are changing the way that the community can come together to discuss our values, the possible successes and repercussions of a name change, who would be the most impacted, and how else we can make change. This will become a larger event and include more people as attendees. The committee will look forward to that for the event.

OW - All of us here are academics and scholars who are excited to learn. The historian of the LC expedition is a connection to Vim. someone who wrote the article about the name change in the PioLog will be there...

ET - One thing that we decided that we wanted last week is that we wanted a survey. I motion that we table this until we get the results back from the survey.

OW - A friendly amendment that we could make could be to do an auditory investigation of all of this.

JS - I was just wondering if the board of trustees meeting already happened?

OW - That is on Thursday.

SLM - We had our check in with the chair of trustees. We told her what was happening within the senate with the name change. In fall board meetings, we do not speak. In the spring board meeting, we only get about five minutes to present what we are working on.

OW - before we move to that motion, does anyone have any other comments about doing or not doing a survey. If we do this, we are pushing this project out by about two weeks. We should vote now unless people are not ready. We are voting to table the senate bill, and we do not need a friendly amendment if we table it. I am not saying it will pass after the survey, we are saying that it will be reintroduced after the survey.

Senator - Second to vote

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- 7 VOTE YAY
- Five vote NAY

OW - It is not tabled and it is not passed. I think what we should do now is have people who feel strongly try to convince people to join you.

MR - I said yay because we are elected to represent the student body and we should move with the school to represent them. We want to do this but we think it is important to represent the school.

SC - I voted no because I think we should just pass this. This would not negatively affect students in any way that I can think of and it does not impact students outside of this group.

ET - In EIJC, we voted to listen to the voices of the students. There is concern that this may not be something that indigenous students actually want. The majority of this council is not indigenous and I think we should listen to the voices of the school.

F- The way that we frame the questions on the survey is really important. Asking people if they support a name change is different than asking how effective they think the name change would be. I think that students either don't mind what we are called, or they support a name change. For indigenous student ideas, their ideas would still be drained out because this campus is majority white. We can vote on this today if it passes good for us and if it doesn't oh well.

Senator - There are many things that ASLC could do to make the school better, doing a survey isn't actually doing anything or moving forward.

Isabelle - Giving the survey out and voting on this today shows that we don't care what other students have to say. Passing this motion today lessens the voices of other students. This is a really important change and they will not forget about it.

SC - Why is there no NSU represented?

OW - NSU has a seat and they added it last year through a bill, they have the option to fill the position. Because they are appointed to do the work of their union, I told them that they get an honorarium, but they have not signed anyone to be in senate.

QSU Rep - I have talked to students in QSU about name changes and legacy at LC and what that says about us as a group of young people. At some point this fizzles out and there are discussions about doing more, but that doesn't always do things. Sitting around and talking about it is still just sitting around and talking about it.

MR - This conversation is a waste of time. It was a 5-7 vote, I don't think that the bill would get passed tonight, let's work on making the survey. Can I make a motion to vote on this bill so that we can move on?

MM- I have a comment about doing the survey - it still doesn't guarantee that all the students will respond, the Wellness Center constantly tries to get people to respond to surveys. I do think that ASLC has the agency to make the change and that more students would recognize who we are on campus because it is familiar.

Senator - Do you know how many people voted in senate elections?

Senator - Yes I do not know the exact number but it was about - half of students-

FG - The motion that we did earlier was not about the name change it was about doing a survey about the name change. The motion that we did was not representative of that.

? If we change it without the student body, the worst opinion that we would get is “what did they change their name to?” “Oh.” It is a representation of the student body, but the student body does not have very strong feelings about the acronym that you have to use.

MV - What you are saying is problematic because if we are trying to engage with the student body we should ask them what they want. What you are saying that you want, is that we are going to motion to vote and then we will pass it on. We want the student body to be a part of ASLC and get to know us. We need to engage with them, it is us that needs to reach out

FG - 500 students is a fantastic amount of students to participate. Even if we get twenty students, then we can say that yeah no one is really interested. We can make this a larger deal on campus with the symposium. Maybe this is straightforward, maybe not. This is the first survey about a name change and could be a super big deal.

MR - ASLC has been a name for so long, and Lewis and Clark has been our name for so long. We do not need to hurry, this should be very thoughtful and we should consider all points before we make a big move. If we want students to work with us we need to show students that we listen to them by doing the poll.

Senator - Going off of that motion, we could talk with the Student Govt. at the grad and law school to gauge response, if we are not willing to vote right now, we could ask those students for help.

MR - Motion to table this bill until the survey is ready.

- Second -

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The bill is tabled and majority votes to table.

- Vote for Survey

OW - What should the survey say?

MR - This is important for the school as well and I assume that the school will put time into this with us.

OW - In the survey, do we want to ask how students feel about our name, or the college's name?

ET - How about both?

OW - The administration worries about our ability to survey the entire student body and get an accurate representation of the entire college.

SLM - With that, for an institutional survey, they have professionals and we can tell them what questions we want in it. I think it would be good to have separate surveys in our own organization. Having two issues combined could connect us to the school's name change. We do not control Lewis and Clark's name and we want students to know that.

SC - During the dorm storm couldn't we mention the name change to students?

OW - I think that if we ask students if we should change the name of the college, it is misleading. I need to make it clear that we should only talk about changing the name of ASLC for now. If we did two surveys, how do you feel about ASLC and Lewis and Clark being the name of the college? I assume that people would have similar issues with both. A survey about the name ASLC should represent that.

FG - Let's work on that with Robin and work on tabling outside of the academic buildings. I think that we have plenty of volunteers who would like to get engaged in a physical way as well.

SC - If we are worried about students getting the wrong idea of what we are trying to do, couldn't we say that in the survey?

OW - We could see that ASLC only has power in changing our own name, but changing ASLC to not include LC could be an endorsement of greater change.

ET - I think that the structure of the survey could be prefaced saying that we can only change our name, and then how do you feel about the school name change, and how do you feel about our name change?

MR - I also think honestly we should lean away from two separate surveys. I think that is unreasonably confusing and if we put thought into how we word the questions, we can avoid the trouble of navigating two surveys.

SLM - This needs to be worded really clearly. If we do a survey about the institutional name change, the office would want institutional resources inserted.

OW - If we survey about the institution, then they will want to get involved.

FG - Yes, all of the brands that we have created over the past 70 years and while we could be excited about the name change we should see what the students think and if it is overwhelmingly similar responses we can present to the board of trustees. I think if there is the opportunity to work with them to do something I think it will be worth it.

OW - How do we want these ranked? Is it yes or no, moderately disagree, strongly oppose, neutral, moderately agree, strongly agree. Should we do an open comment section?

MR - I think I would prefer yes or no. but I would like to hear everyone's thoughts on that.

OW - We can do yes or no, and a space if you would like to elaborate on either response.

FG - I would like to have more points that could give us more nuanced information.

ET - We need to see who is answering what. Who are the indigenous people and who are the white people and what are they saying? We should isolate indigenous voices and see their thoughts.

OW - That would mean that this either cannot be an anonymous form, or do we want to collect demographic information. If you self identify, we need to specify those options.

ET - We could still keep it anonymous and fill it out similarly to the census with how you identify.

FG - Doing it anonymously reduces the chance of getting an honest answer. Having this framed in a racial way is not the best, and maybe we should ignore color and look at what the student body thinks. We are not experts and this creates an ethical dilemma.

MR - I agree that you should not ask for demographics, but if you would like to self identify, then their opinion should hold more weight on the issue.

Senator - Anonymous, but giving an option to identify native voices.

OW - We could add a part to self identify your racial identity. I also do not want indigenous students to feel that we are asking them to make this decision for us. We are not asking them to do that and we are asking all students their opinions.

Senator - In regards to answering the metric for rating how much people want the name of ASLC to change. I do not know how helpful this would be because in terms of bill passing we can only interpret yes and no's. To get action done as a student government, I think we are making it more complicated for ourselves.

FG - We are the ones voting on this. If we do a multilevel survey and analysis, we will just have more information to create our own vote.

OW - I think that there could be valuable data in those who voted neutrally.

SC - I think we need a place to explain why they voted how they did. If someone votes because they are skeptical of it actually making a change, that changes how we interpret their response.

OW - We can have gift cards available to incentivize people to participate. I think we should do a few informal votes on this to make sure that we are all on the same page. That is the first thing. Second, we should vote on demographic information and how we feel about that. All those who want the survey to be internal and only focus on ASLC, raise your hand. -

Or do we want to ask students how they feel about the institution -

MR - Can we do both?

OW - If we ask the student body how they feel about the name of the college, the college would want to be involved.

SC - Does the college actually have any say if we send out a survey about how students feel about the name?

OW - They do not think that we are capable of surveying the student body. They said go ahead, survey the students about changing the name of ASLC. they said that a survey of the entire college name they would want to coordinate.

FG - We cannot reach all graduate and law students. This would incentivize them to do their survey after.

MM - I think that if we want to talk about the name change of the institution that the college should do it. Us talking about changing our name pressured the symposium. I don't want to pressure Lila to make the survey, but I think it is easier for us to focus on our name change.

MR - We should think about how we think about Admin because we will eventually want to work with them. We should communicate with them and ask how to use our resources together.

SLM - Vim has supported us to help make a larger institutional poll. The grad and law school are also a part of LC, that email list would have to come from institutional research. ASLC does not represent those other schools, and we can vote for ASLCs name internally. Especially when we talk about symposium events, we have already started.

OW - I could see the admin putting out a survey after the symposium because a lot of students haven't started to engage with us yet.

SC - Where are the board of trustees meetings on Thursday?

OW - The questions that I wrote as potential draft questions do not ask how you feel about the name of the college because that is something that the college has to ask.

MR - Why don't we go to the college and tell them the questions that we want to be asked, and create a committee and make it through them?

Rocky - The straw poll is to show what that decision is going to be.

OW - We can go to the administration and say that we want to expand it with everyone. What SLM said, if there is all one survey, a lot more people will have more to say about the name of the college. That would involve a lot of people above undergrad.

SLM - The institution of LC would poll the undergrad, law, and grad students. I don't think grad students want a survey about ASLC but it seems weird to have a question about ASLC if we do not represent them.

MR - Is there a software to separate the students by school?

OW - No other organization on campus has changed their name. What if Wim says no one knows the true story of LC? Wim says that changing the name takes money away from scholarships and we should show how much money we would lose to change the name that is important. I do not think the school would survey us without having all of the financial information. If we survey with the institution, that would push this survey at least one month away.

Rocky - The idea of having two surveys, they will not be close together. I cannot tell you the exact time but it would be after the presentation presumably in February or March. An internal survey would be right now.

OW - I am sorry for not making that clear.

I am proposing an entirely optional fill in box to self identify if students want to.

Isabelle - I think we should disregard race at all because that is saying that certain voices are more important than others. It is not indigenous students' responsibility to make this decision for us. I think that we should make the question in a yes or no format with an optional box of how strongly they feel about the choice.

OW - how about yes, neutral, no,

Senator - Motion to table this right now. I want to talk about adding the new bill for NDSU. We should get this done now as a show of respect.

Rocky - Can I make a recommendation that someone come up with a working draft of what we think the consensus discussion has been to bring back instead of repeating question by question and the changes we want to make. That could solve the issues that we want.

OW - We do not have to vote but we will pause this conversation. With Lila I will make a draft with what I know from this conversation, and we can vote to approve or to make amendments before the next senate meeting. I will send out a draft of this with the agenda.

5. [SB002](#)

S - NDSU asked me to propose a bill as a new representative. They are a new student union and their leadership team reached out to me. I came up with a senate bill. I would like to make a motion right now to add a new member to the senate to represent the Neurodivergent Student Union.

- The bill passes with a majority vote in favor of adding a new senator to represent this union.

6. Pio Follow-up

- [All Things Pio](#)

OW - This weekend, the Pio launches, on *All Things Pio* express, is the schedule now. Tabling sign ups - I need more people to table tomorrow between 10:20-11:20. No one is there during the passing periods. I just need someone to sit there with the stickers.

i. Schedule posted!

- **Tabling Sign Ups**
- Trimet Literacy: need more resources on the document

OW - I think Fran did some of these like how to get to the PSU market. If you would like to reformat this that would be great.

MH - It is not towards Portland city center on that one stop on the document.

OW - In terms of the video and the scavenger hunt, can we see where we are at?

MR - I am working on the video. I am almost halfway done and I will try to get a draft done by tonight.

ET - The scavenger hunt - i need one more location and i am missing a few ideas for what to find at certain places. I plan to have it done at tabling tomorrow. I think we can pass them out during tabling.

OW - If you share them with me, I can print them for tomorrow.

MR - I finally got one discount. You are going to be so disappointed. It is 1.50 off of every \$10 you spend on bagels at Spielmans.

- Video Check-in
- Scavenger Hunt Check-in
- Businesses Check-in

7. Community Updates

OW - The FSU is showing Jennifer's Body for Halloween.

PC - Come see Passion Play it takes place in three different eras of history. Buy tickets on the LC website or the box office

FG - Something that you can do for free this week is on Thursday it is a Halloween event run by international students. There is pumpkin carving and \$150 worth of prizes. The best three pumpkins and the three best costumes get prizes. Let friends and family know.

MV - A quiet place pt 2 is playing in the council chambers on Thursday.

OW - I will work with Lila to come up with a draft for that. I can talk with the EOC about where to take a senator from. Meetings are 5-6 on Wednesday if that is more convenient for you than your current group.

8. Reminder: SUBMIT GOALS TO ASLCVP@LCLARK.EDU

- [fill out google form](#) for Instagram
- submit tax documents.