



February 8, 2022 | [Zoom Link](#)



(olivia's new cat Magnolia)

1. Welcome

- Poll about in-person

OW - if we have a senate in person you will not be allowed to eat to take your mask off. I wanted to take a poll if you would rather meet online or in person. I linked these slides that are the same as the agenda.

2. Swearing In of New Senators

OW - we have new senators so can you unmute so we can read this.

CONGRATS YOU BOTH.

3. Cabinet Election/Role Presentations

OW - we are starting our cabinet elections, i wanted to give you some context, all of you are qualified for something to apply or run for. We will talk about the ones that are elected vs applied. Last year the VP approached me and i told them i was not qualified, all of you are qualified and i recommend running for cabinet. The applications are open now for two weeks; they are due on friday and the descriptions are on that application. They are due FEB 25th you have three weeks. This week and next week we will have presentations on the cabinet members. I wanted to show you which positions are being elected. The top ones + EIJC are mainly what you will learn about. Every cabinet leads a committee except the auditor, there are two tasks so we will work as a cabinet and it has nothing to do with your role. The Saab chair leads Saab and is also on the cabinet. Director of elections can have an elections committee, they do not have to.

ET - when do the applications for EIJC open?

AG - probably in march, when it does open i will email the application to olivia who will forward that to everyone. EIJC happens a bit later because it is an election. EIJC is decided internally through a panel.

OW - you have three weeks to complete and submit the application, when they are due and when voting starts is one week. On march 7th voting will open and on march 8th we will do a cabinet forum, then we will announce the next cabinet. You do not assume your role until may, and march -may is spent on training. I encourage all of you to start thinking about a cabinet position. Reach out to me or the person who fills the role you want. It varies so much based on position, some are low commitment, some are really committed.

- Cabinet Application. Role Descriptions

AG - i will talk about EIJC and the eligibility to apply for chair. Applications are due late march and will be reviewed by staff in the IME. Our position in ASB is to Support underrepresented groups, to respond to hate and bias related incidents. When things happen on campus, as members we talk about our experiences being marginalized on campus. We work to prevent and protect. Protecting and promoting different ideologies on campus. Whether that is through equity audits or our grant program. Lastly, we advocate for equitable and inclusive practices on campus. The main thing that we do is our grant program. Our description is flexible because equity is constantly changing, as a result we have few things that are required. Our grants run equity and justice related projects. You are responsible to oversee the committee. Examples of past grants were funding students attending conferences, student unions traveling, supplies for equity related workshops. It can be anything that contributes to maintaining equity on campus. The housing process at LC - last semester we did an audit. Last year it was same gendered roommate pairs, we suggested that people select the genders that they are comfortable living with. Trying to rid our school of cis and heteronormativity. We did the audit of holiday policies for marginalized students. We are working on an audit of the health and wellness services to improve the processes for that so marginalized students can access the office. EIJC helped with the winter wishes project to help improve accessibility at school. We collaborate with IME, OEI. As the chair I organize and run our weekly EIJC meetings, review grants, attend cabinet meetings, talk to IME and OEI, advertise and appoint a general council member 5-15hrs per week. If you are thinking about running, try not to overburden yourself with too much stuff. EIJC is super important, there is a newer call to change institutions, especially lewis and clark needs to support students of color and there are always issues to address, if you are good at pointing out accessibility issues that would be a great position for you. 1 semester of senate, cabinet or EIJC makes you eligible. Just depends if you are fit for the role

AM - what did you learn about yourself being the chair?

AG - i learned a lot about myself as a leader, more related to being in a cabinet position, i learned how to delegate and deal with different responsibilities at once. I want to have small goals, you should have big goals and be content with small changes. I have always been an abolitionist person and i do not do well with institutions that i see as white supremacist, i like to take power and make changes when i can. I cannot change that we are a predominantly white institution. We can accept the power we have to change and if I can improve one marginalized student's experience then it is a small step that means a lot.

MS - what are the qualifications to apply?

AG - you have to serve at least one semester on a related body. If you are a senator now you qualify. When applications go live I will send it to olivia. Once the application goes out you can reach out to me.

MM - The basic gist of what i do as EOC is i chair the committee, manage and curate our social media presence. We are a small committee but we advertise and update the community about what is going on. One of the things I have noticed is that we have a thriving instagram community, if you think of something there is an instagram for it. We have such an online community and we make statements for issues. For the ASB name change I worked with the cabinet to put the initial draft together, make edits and polish that. I think that filling the role is for someone who is physically at events, approachable, and helps other committees. We learn about what ASB is doing and keep track. In the past we worked on winter wishes where we gave gifts to students who wished for their peers, we had a presidential debate video time along with the NYT, we worked with Watzek recesS, NSO ice cream meet and greet,

Press releases, weekly updates, pioexpress sticker contest. This campus loves stickers and it is cool to see people with the designs that we have made. This role is really flexible and depends on the type of person. I recommend that you attend senate, and also update the instagram, you can split that up to 30 minutes a week. It is not healthy to always be on instagram but if that toots your horn, why not. People don't like thinking that they're shouting to avoid, it reassures people that they are being heard, people want to engage and talk about what is going on with being active and making sure that you are engaged and talking in class. Talking too much can be a good thing and being invested is a good quality, your ultimate goal is to get as many people involved as possible. Being invested in the organization itself is so important. You may not be able to make all of the changes that you can envision, but you should ask questions and try to get the answers that people want. I have worked with SLM about how to move forward to make sure that we are on the same page. In the EOC role we want to make sure that people are engaged and listening. Without EOC no one on campus would know who we are. EOC is the fluid that keeps us going, we are the messenger we control the instagram and the website. EOC is really important. If you would like to run you can look at the bylaws you should have at least one semester of EOC contact me for a one on one make your campaign posters and images. A goal of mine as senator was to tackle lewis and clark literacy to make this understandable in a good format. Now I can control the media for how this is presented, it is a valuable skill and I recommend this and run for EOC.

EY - there are a lot of meme pages associated with LC are you responsible for those

MM - I wish I was that funny. our meme page adjacent that is what i am saying our online presence is so popping lc outfits was made i really think at least that lewis and clark is interested in instagram i think we are under 500-600 followers 1k is my one year goal, unfortunately i am not responsible i wish i was.

SLM - you need to find someone who agrees to run with you, the VP role is two semesters on senate. ASB president - meeting with Rocky throughout the summer. 1 on 1 with ASB members as needed, we have to keep tabs on what's happening. Next year it will be robin i just met with her yesterday, i met with bruce and Dr K, i met with Casey, ryan jensen as issues come up. Students often come up to me and ask what is happening, your advisor is rocky, this was really helpful on our side of things. In years past, ASB had more structured office hour times. The new office in the templeton building members would go to the office and work on things or come in with questions. In my emails at the bottom I have my book me tab, sometimes people do and it is good to make yourself available. You will go to the board of trustees meeting in may, lots of them have cool backgrounds and experiences. In the spring you are supposed to give a state of the school address. Things that you manage - all of ASB, Honorarium spreadsheet and budget, meetings, responding to the community and students, events and initiatives, student representatives on LC institutional committees. Cabinet/Operations budget. Over winter break I worked with our graduate assistant, we managed meetings, forums and cabinets and responded. The covid task force is not permanent, you can create new committees to allocate people to work on one issue. For me we have worked with personal committees, these are the committees of the college, the library tech committee and I had to fill those positions at the end of August which was really busy, but you also have the help of the vice president. You need to manage all those people and make sure that they get their honorariums. You manage the cabinet and operations budget, and different events. We just voted to spend 2k on the fun event at the end of Feb. you are responsible to train the current cabinet and set them up for success upholding the bylaws. You get to attend special events - I was the student rep on the presidential search committee, I got to see how finding a new president works. You can speak at nso, network, huge for professional development, you get facetime with trustees. I know so many more people because of this. One of our trustees went to Harvard and it was really interesting to learn about that. Having worked with them and them supporting us is huge. You learn so much everyday. This is a really important role and you may enjoy this if you respond to issues everyday. We talk about how we can help the students and be action oriented, public speaking, managing a large budget, remaining calm under pressure, you need to be able to balance all of that. If you like meeting new people, you need to take responsibility for things that sometimes are not out of your control and you have to respond in the correct way. People will look to you when things are wrong. You should like leadership, and you should be flexible, there are many meetings and events that you will be invited to. It is important to set work life boundaries. I would rather be present to build relationships being impartial as much as you can when the big picture arises.

EY - when did you both become VP and president?

OW - we both just did it this year. It was our first year.

SLM - i was not considering running at all then i thought, wait that could be cool. It is a new position and I felt a call to leadership that gave me a way to give back to my community. You become the point person for anyone who wants to engage with LC in a formal way but doesn't know how.

OW - president and VP become a symbol.

4. FA21 SB004

OW - one of the times we didn't have enough people to vote, I forgot to bring this bill back. That is my fault, thank you Sam for your patience. This is the senate bill to define what a proxy vote is. Sam, would you like to speak on this?

SC - OW mentioned this a few times, there is no way to do a proxy vote which is a problem during covid because we are not following procedure. I decided to make a bill deciding on what the proxy vote is that is done through the student email account. The only time that the VP may issue a proxy vote is if we are a forum. Passing a bill with urgency, this will be sent to the senate and the email will only be sent to senators with an excused absence. They will have 72 hours after the meeting ends to vote on the bill. The bills typically involve urgency so you will not be allowed to abstain.

OW - are there any questions or would anyone like to make an argument for or against this? This is something that we have been doing since covid but has not been formally established.

EY - i think this bill is a great idea, there are a lot of definitions that are available to me. It falls under, sometimes I do not look it up. If I look up what quorum, many things are offered in that google search. It is nice to establish a definition on what a proxy vote is. Are there other terms in this document?

MH - they need a majority of the numbers of ASB more things defined in the governing document.

Rocky - if there is a term that is easily defined somewhere (constitution, bylaws, elsewhere) you may be able to link it?

SC - this was required because we had a meeting where we didn't meet quorum and we needed to pass some important bills but we couldn't. . . . By doing this we won't have to keep putting off bills because people are not showing up.

AC - proxy votes are required because of urgency, senators should be allowed to abstain. I believe abstaining counts as not voting but it isn't counted as voting for the bill.

OW - i think part of it is that there would be no purpose in doing a proxy vote for abstention. Part of the reason we didn't include abstaining from it has the same effect as you voting against it anyways.

SC - senators have the same way of abstaining and the chair may disagree about abstention, i wasn't allowed to at the beginning of this year. The VP believes that it has great urgency, they want to get it through as fast as possible. If there were issues with the wording I would change it. This is a pretty non consequential bill.

OW - last week when we elected the replacement DOA, I was worried that if we didn't have a quorum we couldn't function without them. There were two people running because you two came, but this is a situation like that may be urgent.

Rocky - how would you vote on a member?, In senate you usually have them answer questions? How would you change that in a proxy vote situation. r

SC - before they come onto the meetings it would be similar to that. They would have to go off of what they read in the document that they fill out in the position they apply for and if they are qualified. That is not better than being in person but we have done it in the past. It would function like that.

OW - It is important to consider that doing a proxy vote is different than voting for what the group wants that is

Rocky - i want to make sure that you all know what a proxy vote on a new member might be missing. I'm not

advising either way, just want to make us all aware about the implications. Just because we allow for it, also doesn't mean that we would have to enact a proxy vote if a quorum didn't occur. It could just be a tool that is used judiciously and not automatically.

SC - for clarification, that would only come into effect if we didn't meet quorum,

OW - motion to vote or table?

SC - motion to vote

Second

All those in favor type yes

Majority voted yes.

5. SB001

AC- this is correcting a minor constitutional error, it's not a big thing but the bylaws say you only need one semester of experience, the constitution says you need two semesters.

MOTION TO VOTE

MH - this is a super bill - recently EIJC changed this it just got overlooked.

Majority voted yes TO change the constitution to only need one semester of experience.

6. SB002 (Can be pushed to next week)

7. Community Updates

- Gagged LC Fundraiser
- Collab w/ VPSL?

OW - Leigh is using their outreach fund to put on an event to weed the rose garden. Money will pay for snacks, hot coco, and supplies to preserve the roses.

MH - I mentioned this to the cabinet, at some point they said to use your outreach fund you need to run it by me and that's not true.

OW - I think that was me, glad we can do that. I recommend that you all come to that and I challenge you all to use your outreach money. In the cabinet, we are giving the VPSL operations budget to put on an event on a Friday to celebrate our low transmission rate. If senators wanted to have a booth there or bring some form of game, I am not good at outreach but that is a great opportunity. That will probably be the last Friday of Feb or the first of March.

SC - one of my goals was to give back to the Portland community because we are really privileged to go here. I wanted to collaborate with other orgs on campus to work with a soup kitchen in Portland. LC gagged said that they will work with us so I am looking for a soup kitchen and we will hold a fundraiser drag show to donate money to that. If you want to work on that with me let me know.

OW - the college is a non profit so we need to talk about this and how we can figure it out.

MM - this is a question for senator sam, do you plan on participating in the drag show

SC - i am not going to disclose that now that could be a possibility in the future

MM - i think it would set a good precedent for the senatorial body

IB - what about the rose garden?

OW - I can loop you in on the emails because you are so involved.

IB - have they talked to the garden club? Laura has a great plan for that area and I wanted to invite her to a senate forum. Yes I'll loop you in. We have communicated with the garden club and will need to loop them in. you will be talked to before anything is purchased or done.

8. Land Acknowledgement Document (probably next week)