



March 1, 2022 | [Zoom Link](#)

1. Welcome

- You can eat at senate now! :)

2. Apply for EIJC!

AG - you do not have to jump through that hoop anymore, this has been a positive experience for me let me know if you have questions i encourage you to apply if you care about equity or social issues on campus. I am happy to meet one on one and talk about how to make it work with your schedule. I work and take classes here and it can be stressful at times, but it is manageable. You have 18 days to work on the application, just give a paragraph or two for each question. We don't consider your GPA, it is not going to affect your running unless you have like a .5, reach out to me i am happy to answer questions.

OW - if you need changes to your name tags let me know and i will change it

3. Cabinet Election Update

- Voting opens Monday, March 7th
- Candidate forum @ Senate: 3/8/22 at 6:30 pm
- Voting closes Monday, March 14th at 11:59 pm

OW - we have someone running in every position, at the next senate, we will have the candidate forum here, think of questions you want to ask and then voting will close the following monday.

4. Bus Stop Update w/ Rocky

Rocky - after a few meetings about the bus stop, we talked about the safety of it. I got information today after meeting with Lilas student committee. What are the agreements and expectations. We are putting the bus stop back for the sense of belonging and community, we are trying to create spaces like that on campus. That space promotes it, and we are working on how to maintain the space. We are working on getting the bus stop back, I expect that it will get here within the next 10 days.

5. VPSL Event (3/10) - [Volunteers needed!!](#)

6. Student Government Conference 3/12 from 9am-3pm

- o Email aslcvp@lclark.edu if you want to come
- o Register [at this link](#) (if you want to go in-person or online)

OW - and an ASB event, we have multiple food trucks, please sign up if you have time, just in case of really long lines you can stand there and sign up with a friend, you get to get food first! This will be at OIT, we in the cabinet will figure out the carpools. I recommend going to this if running for a cabinet position. A lot of other colleges go. It is cool to know and you have networking opportunities. It is cool to talk to people in similar positions to yourself at other institutions, just register at that link. If you want to come in person, email me and I will add you to our list.

7. Brunch w/ Reed!

- o April 3rd from 11am-1pm

OW - reed couldn't go last, or this conference, they invited us to have a brunch get together on their campus, if you want to come email olivia. We have started getting a head count, email me if you want to come.

8. SB005- Finance Committee Bylaws

AC - finance committee is changing how they apply for budgets, it was too complicated to do on a regular basis, more general budgets of what they expect to spend the next year and what they have spent before.

OW - the finance committee already passed it. We are the last step to pass through.

XX - motion to vote?

MH - why are we changing this

AC - finance committee changed this because we thought when organizations applied for budgets we did not know the expenditure for the whole year, we do not know how it is changed later on. That makes it difficult, it makes more sense to change it.

OW - anyone who is apart of the finance committee,

MM - no one can enforce, why are we doing it? It is tedious on student orgs, with leadership changes, budget changes may not affect next year. I will get more people to complete their budgets correctly.

OW - There was a motion to vote

The motion passes

AC - this takes effect immediately.

9. SB004 - Senate Election Overhaul? *(if time permits)*

OW - this is what we talked about last week,

AC - because last week we were worried about logistics and class representation, we changed it to 9 senators in the spring, 3 in the fall for incoming students. Yesterday's voting restrictions, there should not be as many restrictions, I removed the clause about meeting over the summer.

OW - we talked about this in the cabinet and Rocky brought up that we should talk about what we are trying to solve with this bill, class representation and timing. We realize those are two issues we tried to solve in one. What if we focus on what we are trying to solve, and then the other. In the cabinet we were discussing, are we going to have all sophomores? Just hypothetically, is that fine?

AC - when we drafted the bill the purpose was to change the election timing. The most equitable way for that to happen is to split it 3,3,3 this preserves that main purpose but class rep may not be feasible.

OW - The spring is a really busy time for people, we talked about making sure that is not an unintended issue of doing this.

SC - the fall is a much less busy time for people, this would be more fair for upperclassmen people. In the spring we may lower student engagement

MM - this fall it took us a long time to start functioning, the finance committee needed senators, we took a while to

get senators and it had to go onto other cabinet members this puts more labor on the vp and president. The senate should function in the second week. We should start distributing our money, then appeals can start happening.

AC - even if it does drive down student engagement, there is still the clause to push remaining seats to the fall anyways

IC - we are holding elections for next year's board next week, then you can work over the summer and if asb wants to put something on earlier, they can. Spring elections work really well because people who have been attending have time to ask questions. I think it is smoother than in the fall when classes are in

ET - I appreciate the diligence that went into the adjustments on this bill, we have thought about the possible outcomes and I understand why we should pass this. We should not get tripped up about potential what ifs, because if it affects student engagement then we can always adjust the bill. AC has done a good job preparing for the problems that may arise, and if it is bad then they can always change it in the future

OW - if in the spring, 8 people run, the one seat that rolls over would be open to everyone? Hypothetically that would be uncontested for the seat we didn't fill, the senate doesn't vote on that seat. If that happened we would have a fall election with first years and one seat open for anyone to run.

AC - the whole student body has four votes

IB - you made such a good point about not worrying, in SPAC we said what if potentially there is a leftover seat, could that hurt the first years chances, if they are only running for three seats

OW - they are not running against each other

Rocky - we are saying that a first year couldn't run for the seat, could they?

AC - how does a first year decide which seat to go for, when they submit the application do they apply for open or incoming student seat

MM - this encourages people to join committees because there is less opportunity to do senate, it could bring more people to ASB there are so many positions that are not elected and this pushes people to join committees.

OW - if a first year seat is vacated in the first few weeks, is that only open to first years again? Or everyone?

AC - as the bill stands it is open to everyone

Rocky - i think that is likely to happen, as a first year you get excited. We realize we have more work than we thought we did. The Senate can choose what is important for them. In their minds that is missing from the senate at that time.

OW - this could help solve returning senators, it is hard to explain what a senator is when we only have a few people who have been senators, we were passing out popsicles and i wished i had a senator to explain what they did. Last year i was the only returning senator, it is hard not having people to refer to

MM - normalize being in senate, it is not a big time commitment, you get to talk and have valuable conversations with admin.

Motion to vote

OW -

AC - cabinet needs to vote to amend the bylaws

OW - we will table then vote on this next week.

Rocky - one of the conversations we just had is that there are a lot of conflicts in constitutions and the bylaws. We propose one change or the other and then have conflicting documents, this spurred us to consider other implications.

OW - table this and then vote for the next cabinet. STRAW POLL.

What are we trying to solve? Timing of elections? Class-based representation?

10. Community Updates

OW - I thought that this barely fit on my page. We have so much to do, we have the international affairs week, the is in the committee. I encourage you to attend events. — CLEAR NVM

Rocky - this is a long tradition, we have a lot of international students and we have a lot of TCK diversity, 47 different countries represented, they put on a fair to share their cultures, it is really awesome we are doing it differently this year. The bon has themed meals that are prepared by international students from those countries, they have been done on one day, this year they spread it out. On Saturday there will be performances that the students have worked on.

OW - spring ball is coming up, ticket sales are done, originally they were going to sell longer but they are at capacity, it is exciting

IC - is vaccination status, do we need to bring cards

Rocky - if you are a LC student, i do not think you will have to prove that at the door, if you bring a guest they will need vaccination information. Once you are a part of the community, then any guests will have that information. If you are a LC student you shouldn't have to prove.

ET - save the date march 12 2:30-4:30 grant writing worksheet, we have money and want to give it to people who need it. Reach out!

AC - housing applications are open today!