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Agenda

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

6:00 PM

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Bryan Buenaventura (BB): I call this first meeting of the 54th term to order. The time is 6 o'clock pm. The date is Wednesday May 15th, 2013. In attendance is myself Bryan Buenaventura, Daniel Shapiro (DS), Michael Kalmowicz (MK), Sammy Hamed (SH), Corey McCance (CM), from SGATO we have Adam Kowalski (AK) and Katherine Burkhart (KB); guests we have Bryan Davenport, and our clerk Brandon Telchi (BT). Are there any motions to additions/deletions to agenda?

DS: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are in additions/deletions to the agenda. Is there a motion to approve the agenda?

DS: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, the agenda is approved as is. Are there any motions to additions/deletions to the minutes?

SH: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in additions/deletions to the minutes. Our clerk Brandon Telchi has sent out the minutes from April 24th, 2013, I assume everyone has read over them. Is there a motion to approve these minutes or change them?

SH: so moved

BB: is that to approve them or to change them?

MK: motion to approve

DS: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, these minutes from April 24th, 2013 are approved. Thank you Brandon. Now is there a motion to move into open forum?

DS: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are in open forum. Does anybody from the court have anything to say?

SH: I just want to say welcome to our new advisor Katherine Burkhart and farewell to our advisor Adam Kowalski.

KB: thank you

BB: does anybody from the gallery have anything to say? Seeing none, is there a motion to move into judicial reports?

SH: so moved

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BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in judicial reports. I will start with myself and I'm pretty much just gonna talk about that in the old and new business so I have nothing to report at this moment. Mr. Shapiro?

DS: well just an hour ago we had our first outreach committee of this term, I thought that went alright. We've got some good initiatives coming out of there though, and I've also been working to provide some summer initiatives and those seem pretty good. I commend justice Hamed on compiling a great list of initiatives that really looks good and they're ambitious yet attainable so that's all I have to report.

BB: thank you. Mr. Kalmowicz do you have anything to report?

MK: I'll be working on the parking video with the supreme court and for summer; nothing else to report.

BB: thank you. Mr. Hamed do you have anything to report?

SH: yes, the last couple of weeks I've been working on compiling the summer initiatives list and I wanted to thank you all for sending me your ideas and doing so quickly. Also, I just want to remind everyone that the sign-up for orientations, that list is located in the p-drive, and also, we now have administrative access to the website so our clerk Brandon Telchi will be working on that with us; we'll be doing pictures and stuff after our meeting so we can get that updated as soon as possible, and that's all I have to report.

BB: thank you. Now Mr. McCance do you have anything to report?

CM: as we went over in the outreach committee, we're going to be sending information to myself so that I can make purchases for our outreach committee; I'm looking forward to seeing some of your ideas and getting some of those initiatives going. Other than that, that's it.

BB: okay, thank you. Is there a motion to move out of judicial reports and into SGATO reports?

SH: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in SGATO reports and SGATO... Adam, you are now recognized.

AK: alright so like justice Hamed said, welcome to Katherine. She's day three on the job and she hasn't ran away yet so that's good, that means you'll haven't scared her. I will give kind of the SGATO report and then I'll let Katherine tell her a little bit about herself.

BB: sure

AK: SGATO is having an end of the year retreat this Friday so we will be out of the office from noon through the end of the day, just so you know in case you're going to be in the office. If you haven't signed timesheets, make sure you get that taken care of. We need to decide or well you'll need to decide who's going to be your PLUNGE representative; more than likely I would assume it's going to be

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you Bryan just because you went to PLUNGE last year and so Jessica Morgan and I are really looking for solid feedback on how we can make PLUNGE a great experience for everyone and not just kind of a getaway weekend. Obviously we're not having the overnight trip that we had last year so we really want you all to get as much out of the two days as possible so if you guys want to decide who that's going to be that would be great and maybe add that to new business; maybe that's an idea. So for those of you who are not aware of PLUNGE and who were not here last year, essentially PLUNGE is the student government retreat to start the beginning of the school year for the new administration to kind of get everybody acclimated to one another so that you don't have a distinct three branches kind of doing their own thing and not interacting with one another. Fortunately we have a lot of great people coming back that are in the other two branches and same with you guys that have already formed those relationships, but for the new people that are going to get hired over the coming weeks; and then the new senators that really didn't get in to too much at the end of the Spring semester. It will be a chance for everybody to kind of get to know each other. You are definitely encouraged to attend that; the dates for it are not yet, oh they are set actually, and that will be pending Will and Scott changing it, it will be the 9th and 10th of August. So it would be like an 8 to 5, 8 to 7 thing, on Friday, depending on if we decided to do dinner and that would be up to the committee, and then it would be like an 8 or 9 am to 1 or 2 pm on Saturday depending on what we come up with for the schedule so. 9th and 10th of August just so that you're aware of that. PLUNGE is also where you guys created those smart goals, and by you guys I mean the court so with that being said start thinking about what big things it is that you want to do over the course of the year, and like I've said before, you guys are the only ones that followed through on all of your smart goals, and I would love to see all of you guys do that again and hopefully set that standard, not only for the court moving forward, but maybe for the other two branches as well. Once you have a completed parking video that you are set on you might want to reach out to Edna Jones Miller, she's director, well not director, but she's kind of in charge of student organizations, and works with a lot of the programming initiatives with CSI and talk to her about maybe and if you want playing it before the movies on the lawn so that way all the students can see it; at least those that go to movies on the lawn can see it. That's one more way for them to get outreach than just for them to find it on the internet. Keep working on those budget transfer ideas, it's the 15th of May, so you're halfway through May, and you're going to lose that, not lose the money, but you're not going to have access to moving that money over once it gets to be mid-later into June. So the sooner you guys can come up with that, the better. And then, if any of you are free on-I just had it-here it is, May 28th is a Tuesday starting at 10am Daria from marketing needs your help for stuffing the green bags that we supply to the office of orientation so if at any point during that day you can come in and help out and get into the assembly line and help stuff bags, you figure we're going to be stuffing at least over 6000 bags for the incoming freshman students plus transfer orientation so...

SH: what was the date and time for that again? Sorry.

AK: it's May 28th, it's a Tuesday, and starting at 10am and they're going to have pizza/drinks in the back there so if you're free and in that day it would be cool to hand out a hand to the new administration. That is all that I have, Katherine, take it away.

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KB: well thank you very much for the warm welcome. I'm greatly looking forward to working with all of you; just from what I've seen already tonight it seems like it's a really solid and great group. Expect to see an email from me in the coming weeks; I'd love to get together with each of you individually just to figure out how I can be an effective resource for you, and so moving forward if there's anything you need help on or aid on, please feel free to reach me.

BB: thank you. Is there a motion to move out of SGATO reports and into old business?

MK: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in old business. We actually have old business, and it involves the USF Sarasota-Manatee court. I mentioned this briefly in the outreach committee, but pretty much what happened was I contacted the former chief justice of the supreme court over there at Sarasota-Manatee and pretty much they had term appointments which affectively made them all lose their jobs pretty much over there so I assume they're going to be getting new people into their court so we should probably still keep in contact with student government in Sarasota-Manatee, but for the time being there is not judicial branch there, but I think we should still try to outreach to University of South Florida St. Pete and see if their court, if they can possibly come to our meetings and see how we run things and vice-versa as well. But I just wanted to inform you guys about that, and that was the only thing that I had in old business; unless you guys want to add anything to that.

SH: I don't have anything to add but just because we can't do additions/deletions to the agenda, I just want to see if everyone would agree to making Bryan our representative for PLUNGE, unless anyone had any other ideas?

BB: we can go ahead and send an email out because I might not want to do that; I might let somebody else try that out.

SH: right

BB: we'll send an email out, I'm sure Adam can give a more descriptive information about that.

SH: sounds good

BB: okay. Other than that, does anyone else have anything else to add to old business? Is there a motion to close old business and move to new business?

DS: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in new business. Okay, now I added here judicial budget 2013-2014 because that directly affects each and every one of us here on the court. I just wanted to go over what exactly what exactly we have for the next fiscal year. The fiscal year starts in July 1st, so pretty much until July 1st this pretty much just affects Shapiro with your, because you're the ranking justice now. As of right now, you are allowed 12 hours, but come July 1st it'll go down to 10 hours so just keep that in mind. Same thing goes for me for Senior Justice. Chief Justice, whoever that

will be in the future, remains the same so just keep that in mind until July 1st you are able to clock in 12 hours, but after that 10 hours. Just to give you guys an idea, the budget, the total budget for us is 51,755\$ for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

MK: can you repeat that?

BB: 51,755\$

MK: okay, thank you.

BB: for 2014-2014. That includes payroll and... let me make a correction. What I was looking at was actually the expenses, the actual total amount including overhead is 57,616\$. And of course this is all available to you guys in the p-drive if you ever want to take a look at it. But did anyone else have any questions about the-about our budget, concerning the next fiscal year? If not then we can go ahead and talk about summer initiatives. I put this on the agenda just to see; I know we talked about it briefly in the outreach committee, but I wanted to say if we could possibly post the list of the stuff that we sent to Mr. Hamed and just put it on the office so that we can look at it. Go ahead.

SH: well first I just wanted to thank everyone for sending me those pretty quickly. I tried to assign everyone like one thing to do and assign people to work with each other to bring us together. I printed out the list and I put it in all of our mailboxes and I posted it on the inside of our door, I could probably post it on the outside of our door too if that's what you meant.

BB: yeah, yeah.

SH: and I just wanted to say thanks again for helping me put that together so...

BB: okay, good job on that. Does anybody else have anything to add about summer initiatives? If not, then we can talk about summer senate sign-up. And that's pretty much, I know senate should be having their meetings coming up pretty soon. They're going to do it on Tuesday's I believe still so we should definitely do a sign-up sheet, kind of like we did last semester, and get people signing up when they want to do the report. I'm just going to throw this out there, I think it'd be a good idea, since a lot of the new senators don't know us, that we should all go on the, and do kind of like a judicial report and go all up there so we can pretty much introduce ourselves to the rest of the senators and get a name to a face and stuff. So I wanted to see if you guys were okay with that.

MK: I'll try my best to be there but I am getting my wisdom teeth taken out this weekend so we'll see.

BB: I'm sorry to hear that.

SH: I think that'd be a good idea. And just for the record their first meeting is next Tuesday the 21st at 6, right?

BB: yeah. So if you guys can make it I think that'd be good; maybe we can wear our robes so they can all see us.

SH: I'm down.

BB: other than that, does anybody else have any ideas for senate sign-up or anything like that?

SH: do you want to put together a list and make us all sign up?

BB: yeah, put together a list. I mean, if you have the template from summer sign-up just do a blank one and then we'll all write-

SH: right. I'll do that and I'll get the dates and stuff.

BB: what you probably have to do is just write the dates on there so each of us signs up.

SH: sounds good.

BB: alright. And then so if no one else has anything about that then we can move on to declaratory judgment panel. Now I put this on here pretty much here in ROPs it states that the chief justice and two justices elected by the supreme court shall serve for the remainder of the student government term. Last year it was Patrick McKean, Patrick Giambelluca, and myself that was on this panel. Since both of them are not there, or here anymore, there's two vacant spots, and since I'm the acting chief justice I'll already be on there, so I sent out an email asking who was interested to be on this panel and I got a response from Kalmowicz, Mr. Kalmowicz, Mr. Shapiro, and Mr. Hamed. From the people I just named is everyone okay still?

CM: I actually was interested, I just hadn't had a chance to email you back so...

BB: so you want to be a part of the nominations as well?

CM: yes

BB: is there a second to Mr. McCance being nominated to this?

SH: second

BB: okay.

DS: I would like to rescind my nomination.

BB: so you no longer want to be nominated for this panel?

DS: yeah

BB: okay, so the current nominations are Mr. Kalmowicz, Mr. Hamed, and Mr. McCance. Alright so this is how we're gonna do this. We're gonna open up for elections, if you guys want to do a quick little speech you can, it's not necessary and whoever, since there's two open positions, the person who gets the most votes first will get it and then we'll go off to second election for the second part. Is everyone okay with that? Okay, so we can go ahead and start that. Do you have everyone's name down? Okay good. So does

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anyone wish to do a speech at all for this? You don't have to. If not, is there a motion to vote for the first position on this declaratory judgment panel?

MK: motion to vote for the first position of declaratory judgment panel.

BB: okay, is there a second for that?

SH: second

BB: we are now in voting so Brandon if you could please read the nominees.

BT: okay, the nominees are Corey McCance, Sammy Hamed, Michael Kalmowicz.

BB: okay

BT: and then the voting will proceed.

BB: okay, is everyone okay with doing just a simple roll-call?

MK: are we able to vote?

BB: yes, you can vote for yourselves obviously. I just want to know if you guys are okay doing a roll-call or if you feel it would be better with a ballot.

DS: let's do roll-call.

CM: yeah, that's fine.

SH: is it specified in our ROPs how we should vote or could we do it-

BB: no, this is all it says. It just says "shall be elected by the supreme court... should the justice no longer be able to serve on the aforementioned panel the court shall elect another justice for that position" (inaudible). So this is essentially the next scheduled meeting where two spots are vacant and since this is an important panel where anyone from student government can come to the panel and ask for an opinion we gotta make sure there's always positions filled in that so... according to this we just simply choose whoever we want; since there's more than two people that are interested we'll do voting. Is there a motion for a roll-call vote?

MK: motion for a roll-call vote.

BB: is there a second to that?

SH: second

BB: okay we are now in voting so I will go; you can actually go down the list.

BT: yeah, and then you're going to abstain first or- okay, this is round 1, this is for the first panel member; we'll start with Shapiro.

DS: I vote for justice Kalmowicz.

BT: Kalmowicz?

DS: justice Kalmowicz.

BT: Corey McCance?

CM: why not? McCance.

BT: and then Hamed.

SH: Hamed.

BT: okay, first position goes to Kalmowicz.

BB: could you read the results back?

BT: two for Kalmowicz, one for Hamed, one for McCance.

BB: okay, so Kalmowicz is now the first member of the-

BT: correct. And now it's between McCance and Hamed, and we're voting again. Shapiro?

DS: Hamed.

BT: Kalmowicz?

MK: Hamed.

BT: McCance?

CM: Hamed.

BT: Hamed?

SH: Hamed.

BB: and I abstain.

BT: okay, and with a vote of four for Hamed and zero for McCance, Hamed is the second panel member.

BB: okay, congratulations to those on the declaratory judgment panel. Just to give you guys an idea, I was part of it last year, it wasn't really utilized but you never know; at any moment we could be asked for our services so you just gotta make sure we're there to fulfill it. And with that said, we are done with new business. Are there-is there anything else that anyone wanted to add to new business? Or speak about the declaratory judgment panel? Seeing none, is there a motion to close new business and move into announcements?

MK: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are in announcements. I have a couple of announcements: I just want to restate, you know, if you're interested in being on the PLUNGE you can either email me or email Adam if that's okay, about being on the PLUNGE committee; if you need any information I was on it last year and can give you guys details on that if you're curious. Another thing is I am the acting chief justice as of right now, whatever happens in the future, if another chief justice comes in, you know, we'll deal with that then, but until then I want to make sure, make it clear that if you go over your hours make sure you do a justification so we can turn it in to HR so there is no issues with that. And if you guys have any questions or anything, you know, personal or professional, you can consult me and of course the SGATO members as well but it is a small court right now; we just want to make sure it goes-we have a smooth summer. And with that said, that's all I had to announce, unless someone else had something to announce. Is there a motion to close announcements and move into adjournment?

SH: so moved

BB: this meeting is now adjourned at 6:22pm.