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General business - Agenda
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
6:00 pm

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Bryan Buenaventura (BB): I call this general meeting to order. The time is 6 o'clock PM. The day is Wednesday February 19th, 2014. Present is myself Bryan Buenaventura, Daniel Shapiro (DS), Sammy Hamed (SH), Corey McCance (CM), Alexis Sacasas (AS), Lindsay Betros (LB), Brandon Telchi (BT), excused is Michael Kalmowicz (MK). Are there any additions/deletions to the agenda? Seeing none, is there a motion to approve this agenda?

SH: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, the agenda is now approved. Are there any additions/deletions to the minutes that were sent out by Brandon? If not, is there a motion to approve the minutes that were sent out?

SH: motion to approve the minutes by acclimation from February 4th and January 29th.

DS: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, the minutes are now approved. Is there a motion to move into open forum?

DS: so moved

BB: any objections? Seeing none, we are now in open forum; does anyone have anything to say? Seeing none, is there a motion to move out of open forum and into judicial reports?

DS: so moved

BB: any objections? Seeing none, we're now in judicial reports. I'll start with myself: last week, along with other court members, I attended USF day at the capital and enjoyed it; it was very entertaining and I got to learn a lot, and got to meet a couple of representatives and senators; and I got to meet the governor, which was pretty cool. Also, I think I have some other things but I'll return back, but I'll go next to Daniel Shapiro.

DS: I went to USF day at the capital as well and one of the highlights of that was getting to meet our past chief justice Robert Then and we told him about what we've been doing and he seemed very pleased with it. And also whenever we're in Tallahassee he'll be glad to show us around the capital and FSU law and things like that.

BB: yeah, going off of that, I actually emailed him, and this is the email that he replied back to me and he says he's willing to do anything he can to assist the judicial branch in any way so I'll pass along his contact information to the court; people that are going to be on here next semester. And he's a good contact to have in Tallahassee. He goes to FSU school of law so go on with your report if you had anything else...

DS: yeah, just planning judicial training. That will be this Friday from 12:30 to 4:30; we're going to have a part where we learn about the administrative aspects of the court, the legal aspects of the court, a guest

speaker, and then the- we're going to do a mock trial under original jurisdiction because that's probably the most confusing one. Also, we did a judicial review last Tuesday and I've been going to the ad-hoc memorial committee updates and we're actually getting a decent amount done on that; that's actually moving along quite well. But that's about it.

BB: okay, Sammy do you have anything to report?

SH: well most of what I have is probably going to be touched on in new business, but I'm attending the title 9 committee meeting tomorrow morning. Just been working with the new justices just to get through that parking forum list; and we'll talk about that more in new business. And I got food ordered for the judicial training this Friday, thanks to our CFO. And we'll talk about that more in new business as well, so that's all I have to report.

BB: okay, thank you for that. Kalmowicz is not here so Corey do you have anything to report?

CM: not this time

BB: okay, next is Lindsay, do you have anything to report?

LB: not much again, Sammy said we'll probably touch more on it in new business, but we got the marketing picture for the parking forum and it looks good, from the marketing department. And just that I have my ride-along with PATS next Monday. And that's all I have for a report.

BB: sounds good, make sure you take good notes because it's a very educational experience. Alexis do you have anything to report?

AS: we just went to the USF day at the capital as well, it was real interesting and I thought it was cool to meet representatives who are actually- really wanted to help us make a difference at USF. Also been helping Sammy with parking forum which we'll talk about in new business. And I finished my Washington Center application today so hopefully I'll be going there this summer.

BB: congrats. Okay, is there a motion to move out of judicial reports and into SGATO report?

CM: so moved

BB: any objections? Seeing none, we're in SGATO report. There is no SGATO representative here so is there a motion to move out of SGATO report and into new business?

DS: so moved

BB: any objections? Seeing none, we are now in new business. First item is Lakeland summit, I wanted to finalize the date. Today I did speak to Michael Nacrelli when I went to USF day at the capital and they're pretty much ready to go whenever we are. I know we talked about either a Thursday or Friday, I think a Friday is going to be better; we'll get a better turnout for the other campuses. We'll just have this as an open invitation, so focus on judicial branch initiatives and have it as an open invitation to anyone else

from student government from any other campus that wants to go. So I just wanted to see if we could take a general consensus of which day would be better. On my calendar, I see either-

AS: just so you know, spring break starts that- the 8th is the Saturday through the 16th.

BB: so probably March.

AS: yeah March that 8th the Saturday through the 16th is Spring Break.

BB: okay so either Thursday or Friday here, but it can't be here because that- this is the, next Friday is the parking forum. We can try for these two or if not at the latest the 21st Friday.

LB: would we want to do it a day before spring though?

BB: then we'll probably have to do it here. It's a decision where-

AS: I won't be there the 20th and 21st.

BB: 20th or 21st? okay.

CM: what about the 28th?

SH: March 28th? It's a little late.

BB: if we have to, we have to so I'm going to- how does everyone feel about having it sooner, right before spring break?

SH: I'm fine either way.

LB: I have a (inaudible) service trip, I don't know exactly when I'm leaving for that though but...

BB: okay, how about the spring break- after spring break.

AS: I won't be here.

BB: okay, so we'll talk with the other campuses about having it later.

SH: yeah, we'll solidify a day later on.

BB: alright, moving on. Parking forum?

SH: sure, well I've been working with the new justices on that. The graphic is done, it's just in the approval process right now so we'll hear about that soon. Marie Bowen and Robert Jordan are fine with the date, but Raymond Mensa will be out of town so he won't be attending. The venue is reserved, it was already reserved for student government we're just going to be taking a time-slot on it, and I think we're just working on the equipment and things like that now. Do you guys have anything to add?

AS: we're also just waiting to hear from bulls radio.

SH: right.

AS: that's pretty much it.

SH: I'm going to put in the purchase order for that food with Haussman tomorrow so we can talk about what we want to get later on, after this.

BB: okay, moving on to ad-hoc committee update, does anyone have an update for the ad-hoc committee student memorial?

DS: yeah, as I said, it's going well. Right now we went back to physical plant with three designs and told them the best parts of each one so they should be coming back with us with a finalized proposal that we can bring to senate so it can get appropriated and we can start working on it; actually breaking ground pretty soon, so things are going well with it.

BB: okay, moving on now to judicial training. I think we spoke a little bit about that. We are going to have the members of the office of legal aid going to be there?

SH: oh legal affairs yeah.

BB: legal affairs I'm sorry.

SH: I believe so. And Shapiro and I are finalizing that agenda soon. I know, yeah it's going to be great.

BB: okay so please try to attend on Friday, especially for the new members- it's actually mandatory for the new members since we're having it for you guys, and it's a good refresher for other people so...

SH: absolutely.

BB: okay moving onto (inaudible) expectations. As you all know, Alexis will be representing USF judicial branch in Texas A&M university so I wanted to talk briefly of what to expect in going out there, I'm pretty sure it's going to be all student government focus. What I would like you to do is try to, you know, network with other universities and try to focus on what their judicial branches do. Take some pamphlets of ours, our parking 101s, to show what it is that we do. Take business cards if you have with you and hopefully come back with a report with- and let us know what other judicial branches do; hopefully we can get some good contacts.

AS: I don't have those cards in yet so do you mind if I take a couple of each one of yours so I can just hand those out?

BB: sure, that would be great. And maybe ask about honor courts as well, and see what they do, if any of their judicial branches do honor courts. And most of all, you know, just be aware that you will be representing us, and I'm sure you will act in a professional manner; I have no doubts about that. And overall, have fun.

AS: thank you.

BB: okay. Now moving onto social planning for judicial branch. I threw this on here because I want to see if we can plan something for the end of the semester. And does anyone want to head this? Should be fun.

AS: I'd be fine heading it.

BB: I had a feeling you'd say that. Okay so...

AS: nevermind I take it back.

BB: no no no that's fine.

LB: we can do it

AS: we can do it together

BB: so you know just start planning stuff, it's still early enough to see what we can do; do something fun, it doesn't have to be extravagant.

AS: well what are you thinking? Are you thinking like... that sounds fun.

CM: paintball

AS: can you submit maybe a list of ideas that you guys want to us and then we can- we need our budget, so maybe a list of ideas and a budget and we'll go from there.

BB: okay, perfect. Alright, good luck with that. Moving onto general election preparedness. Guys, as you all know, campaigning is going on now and the elections begin on Monday. We have to make sure that we're prepared for any sort of services that might be needed from us. We have to maintain the professional image that we've all been doing so well. Make sure you keep that going on. It's going to be walking in the room at 6:12pm is Adam Aldrich (AA) he just joined us as we're talking about general election preparedness; I'm telling the court members to make sure that they are prepared for- at any moment that our services may be needed and to maintain the professionalism and just be, you know, cautious and remember your Facebook or social media presence can be seen by other students and stuff like that, so make sure you're cautious about that. Other than that, does anybody have any questions about the general election process or anything?

SH: I'll just add along to what you said: just try not to like any things on Facebook and just to be more specific, and I'm sure that there'll be rumors about grievances going around so just try to stay out of conversations about that kind of stuff because it's possible that it can come to us and we need to be ready to accept that.

AS: I have a quick question: when is it officially over?

SH: elections start Monday the 24th and end Thursday the 27th. And then on Friday the 28th they'll be announced if there's going to be a run-off or not.

BB: if there is a run-off it'll be Monday or Tuesday.

SH: Adam?

AA: Tuesday/Wednesday.

BB: Tuesday/Wednesday, okay, but that is if there is a run-off so... but like Sammy said, make sure any- although you might/may or may not hear rumors, nothing is official until it is submitted to me or the clerk so just be prepared if anything occurs when that happens, okay? Other than that, are there any other questions or comments to be made? Then is there a motion to close new business and move into announcements?

DS: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in announcements. Does anyone have anything to announce?

SH: timesheets will probably be going out tomorrow or Friday so just remember that it's your responsibility to sign those and give them to Tammy; Bryan just signs them and puts them in you'lls mailboxes so just make sure you get that done.

BB: okay if there is no further announcements is there a motion to close announcements and move into adjournment?

SH: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, this meeting is now adjourned at 6:14pm.