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General Business Agenda
Wednesday, January 08, 2014
6:00 PM

- I. Attendance
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Bryan Buenaventura (BB): I call this general meeting to order. The time is 6 o'clock pm. The day is January 8th, 2014. Present is myself Bryan Buenaventura (BB), Daniel Shapiro (DS), Sammy Hamed (SH), Corey McCance (CM), Fatima Somaribba (FS), Alexis Sacasas (AS), Brandon Telchi (BT), as of right now Michael Kalmowicz (MK) is absent but I believe he's on his way up so I will announce him when he walks in. Are there any additions/deletions to the agenda? Seeing none, is there a motion to approve this agenda?

DS: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, the agenda is now approved. Is there a motion to move into additions/deletions to minutes? There are minutes that were sent out from the declaratory judgment panel that we just had yesterday; that was a fast turnaround. And the minutes from general meeting of December 20th, 2013. Walking in now is Michael Kalmowicz, he is considered present. So is there a motion to approve these minutes? They were sent out by Brandon Telchi.

DS: so moved

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

SH: so moved

BB: are there 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 move into judicial reports?

SH: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, we'll start judicial reports. We'll start with myself: I will be attending the ethics and integrity council meeting next week; I believe it's on Tuesday, I'm not too sure. But it's what we're going to discuss stuff about honor court, so I'm going to report all of my findings that I've done there. Walking in now at 6:02 pm is Gary Manka (GM), thank you for joining us. So I'm going to be attending the ethics and integrity council meeting where I'll bring all of my findings from the honor court to the committee because they're eager to hear what the court has been researching. And I think I might attend next week's ULS. I'll see- Gary had sent out the email for it and now that I don't have an evening class I'll be able to attend so... that's all I have to report for now so Daniel do you have anything to report?

DS: yeah, yesterday I helped with the declaratory judgment, we put that out in a very efficient manner; quick turnaround. Over the break I've been working on some ROP changes and me and Sammy and Bryan have been working on the things for like future plans for the rest of the spring semester and beyond. That's about it.

BB: okay and I believe training also

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DS: yeah, we've got to put training together. We're probably going to do that. We're probably going to have a summit with all of the branches and kind of do a joint training with them to make them really big and also maybe have enough people to do mock trial, or mock hearings, so that will definitely be in the works in February probably.

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

SH: sure, I served on declaratory judgment panel yesterday for the first time and that went well. I've been working with Shapiro on ROP revisions and just working with you guys on future initiatives for the court along with Corey and Kalmowicz. I attended bull market this morning with Shapiro and Sacasas as well and that went well; wasn't there very long, it was very cold so... that's all I have to report.

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

MK: I'd like to wish the court a happy new year, even though it's the week after now; but still, happy new years to everyone. I served on the declaratory judgment panel yesterday for the first time; that was great. Also, I'm working on the golf tournament for the court that we're going to be hosting if it is feasible and practical so we'll see if we can do it. And I'm also working- well I'm going to be sending the email to Ivette soon with regards to my ideas about the new parking permit with the new resident/student permits; and hopefully that can be a new plan they utilize next semester. And that's basically it, so end report.

BB: yeah, maybe you can talk to them later since we're going to see PATS later on tonight, or not. Let's see... Corey, do you have anything to report?

CM: yeah, I would just like to officially welcome everybody back. And I did reach out to Dean Davis from Florida State College and they are very interested in having any advice that we can give to them in setting up a court like ours on their campus; they're very interested to see what we do in our student government and possibly send some of their students here for a weekend and see what we do. So that would go a long way for relationships with other community colleges and state colleges; especially since USF does have some a large transfer-student group. So hopefully we'll be able to reach out to those guys sometime, sometime this semester and help them out in getting it started. And that's about it.

BB: okay, walking in at 6:06 is Abdool Aziz (AA). Thank you for joining us. Let's see... Fatima do you have anything to report?

FS: well Monday I went patrolling, finally, with the PATS enforcer, so I learned a lot about that.

MK: write some tickets?

FS: yes. I'm excited to be able to see them again and finally start the appeals.

BB: okay, thank you. And Alexis do you have anything to report?

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AS: so far I've been in the office in a couple of days and I know I'm going to learn a lot from you guys so I'm very excited. I've scheduled my PATS run with them on the 15th at 3 o'clock so I'll find out a lot of stuff that Fatima has kind of researched with them; and I look forward to hopefully me and Fatima being instated and helping you guys out with whatever we can.

BB: thank you. And with that said, is there a motion to move out of judicial reports and move into SGATO reports.

CM: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in SGATO reports. Gary the floor is yours.

GM: it's good to see the new justices. It's good to see some women in student government. I actually probably have more questions than reports, but I may not bring them up (inaudible). You know the elections are right around the corner, so applications are out now. (inaudible) Please stay away from the elections. (inaudible) you may be hearing a case (inaudible) and then you cannot hear that case. I'm not sure who's going to run; we'll find out soon. The other thing is we have so many things happening this semester, like tomorrow is the welcome back picnic, (inaudible) Mr. and Mrs. USF coming up, we have COSTCO students going to Texas A&M for student government conference, we have day at the capital, (inaudible). A lot of stuff happening this semester. (inaudible) We are all here and doing well. The one thing you should be cognizant of with Katherine (inaudible).

BB: alright thank you for that. Is there a motion to move out of SGATO report and move into new business?

MK: so moved

BB: any objections? Seeing none, we are now in new business and we will now move onto winter ROP revisions. Daniel Shapiro had sent out some revisions for the ROPs to the court members so just look over them and come with any suggestions for next week because we will be voting on them; is that correct?

DS: yes

BB: okay so next week since he sent them out now.

DS: so let's look over them and if you have any problems with them email me and I'll incorporate the changes and read them one last time next week and vote on them.

BB: perfect, sounds good. So look forward to next meeting, which would be not next week but the week after, for ROP revisions to go around. And then the next item would be vote of confidence for senior justice and ranking justice. We'll do this since it's the beginning of the semester and in the ROPs it states that every semester we have to do a vote of confidence first meeting so let's go ahead and start with senior justice. Daniel Shapiro do you want to say anything to your colleagues about why you want to remain senior justice?

DS: well, I feel like the court is at levels which it's never reached before thanks I think to the collective effort of leadership, along with the associate justices, who have been very collegial so far. Outreach efforts are going very well. The ROPs are as clean as they've ever been. We've had a perfect trial that went very well I think, and that gave our branch a lot of respectability and I think the leadership can take a lot of credit for the smooth operations of the court. And thank you guys.

BB: okay, so with that said, we will now move into voting. And it would be yes for Daniel Shapiro to remain senior justice, and no to essentially kick him out. So... we'll start the voting and Brandon if you could call out each person and ask for their vote.

BT: Shapiro?

DS: yes

BT: Hamed?

DS: yes

BT: Kalmowicz?

MK: yes

BT: McCance?

CM: yeah

BT: and Buenaventura?

BB: abstain as chair.

BT: and with a vote of four yeses, one abstain, and zero no, Senior Justice Shapiro remains Senior Justice.

DS: thank you for the trust.

BB: okay, moving on now for ranking justice, Sammy Hamed. Sammy if you want to say anything to your colleagues about why you should remain ranking justice.

SH: sure, well I'd love to remain ranking justice. So far I feel like I've done a pretty good job at it. I'm trying to help the new justices get into the court and get settled in as much as they can, and I feel like that's a big part of leadership as well. Just continuing to spearhead outreach and making sure we're doing bull markets and we're doing parking forums and we're just doing everything efficiently, so I'd love to continue serving as ranking justice to make sure those things keep going smoothly.

BB: okay, sounds good. So Brandon if you can do the same, go roll-call and ask for their votes for whether Sammy Justice will remain as ranking justice or not.

BT: Shapiro?

DS: yes

BT: Hamed?

SH: yes

BT: Kalmowicz?

MK: absolutely

BT: McCance?

CM: four more years... four more years... yes

BT: Buenaventura?

BB: abstaining as chair

BT: with a vote of four yeses, one abstain, and zero no, Sammy Hamed remains ranking justice.

SH: thank you guys.

BB: congratulations. With that said, is- are there any motions to move into announcements?

SH: so moved

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

SH: I actually do have an announcement. I heard from the director of communications that bull markets from now on are going to be every other week; we have one today and there won't be one next week, but the following week there will be. Also, I'll be getting back to him about how many promotional items we think we'll be needing for outreach. As of right now they take care of most of the promotional items for bull markets but we do parking forums once a month so we'll have promotional items for that, so if you guys have any ideas or want anything for that; especially the new justices, or anyone really, just let me know so I can let Joe know what type of promotional items we'll be using. Thanks.

BB: and I have an announcement: tomorrow, I think, timesheets are going out; there's going to be two of them going out for the long, you know, the holidays and all of that stuff, so sign them; and it's your responsibility to get them to Tammy. And also, for those doing taxes, W-2s are out so print them out, file your taxes, and be a good American. And that's about it.

MK: Gary has an announcement

BB: oh Gary, go ahead.

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GM: (inaudible) GEMS service. If you don't do it today they'll be mailed to you.

BB: alright. Do you want to say anything?

AA: my announcement is that during the break I started doing some judicial statutes. I think we pretty much finished re-writing them so I'll send them to you guys before it goes to the rules committee so you can make any additional changes; so that should be up to date with your ROPs (inaudible)

BB: alright cool

SH: thank you

BB: with that, are there any further announcements? Seeing none, is there a motion to move out of announcements and into adjournment?

SH: so moved

BB: are there any objections? Seeing none, this meeting is now adjourned at 6:16pm.