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General Business Agenda
Wednesday, January 22nd, 2014
6:00 PM

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Daniel Shapiro (DS): I call this Supreme Court general meeting to order at 6:01pm on Wednesday 22 January 2014. In attendance is myself Daniel Shapiro, Chief Justice Bryan Buenaventura (BB), Ranking Justice Sammy Hamed (SH), associate justice Michael Kalmowicz (MK), our clerk Brandon Telchi (BT), and as guests are appointed justices Alexis Sacasas and Fatima Somaribba. Absent and not excused is justice Corey McCance (CM), and he will be assigned 1 point. Is there a motion to move out of attendance and into additions/deletions to the agenda?

BB: so moved

DS: any objections? Seeing none, we are now in additions/deletions to agenda. Does anyone have any additions/deletions to agenda?

BB: can we strike SGATO report? Motion to strike SGATO report?

DS: actually Katherine had something that she wanted me to say

BB: okay then I'll rescind my motion

SH: I believe Jessica Morgan (JM) will be here as well, momentarily.

DS: okay. Alright, is there a motion to move out of additions/deletions to agenda and into additions/deletions to the minutes?

SH: so moved

DS: any objections? Seeing none, we are now in additions/deletions to minutes. There have been no minutes sent out...

BB: no, there was, I believe the last minutes were sent out, I think. Can we hold on a second?

DS: yeah

SH: yeah, they were- motion to add the minutes from January 15th, 2014 to the agenda

MK: so moved

DS: any objections? Seeing none the minutes are added. Is there a motion to approve- is there a motion- alright, is there a motion to table the minutes and vote on them next meeting.

SH: so moved

DS: any objections? Seeing none, we are moving- is there a motion to move out of additions/deletions to minutes and into open forum?

SH: so moved

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DS: any objections? Seeing none, we are now in open forum; does anyone have anything for open forum?

SH: just don't forget to wish Katherine a happy birthday; if you didn't see her today, give her a belated one tomorrow.

BB: she was very happy with what we gave her. Thank you to Sammy for getting all of that stuff together and let us know if we need to repay you back. But she was very happy.

DS: alright, anything else? Is there a motion to move out of open forum and into judicial reports?

BB: so moved

DS: any objections? Seeing none, we are now in judicial reports. Chief Justice?

BB: yeah, I have a short little report: yesterday I went to senate and I told everyone what we're trying to do with the Lakeland summit so it's out there; all the senators know, and I'm trying to see if we can probably do it maybe the last Friday of February, which is February 28th. Friday's usually work for these kinds of things so... hopefully that will give us a good amount of time; we'll see if we can talk to other members in other branches to see if they're interested in coming and let Michael (inaudible) from Lakeland know of how many people want to come. We'll also talk with our sister campuses to see how many people they bring. And I think it would be a good idea to properly sendoff Lakeland in the last semester of existence.

DS: alright, very good.

BB: wait one more thing: I'm also looking to see possibly next week to call to order the ERC/ROP revision. That is something that is in statutes that the chief justice should do, so I'm going to be calling that to order and be on the lookout for that as I'll be assigning people on the committee.

DS: alright, sounds great. Justice Hamed?

SH: I attended senate last night with our chief justice and senior justice as well for the judicial report. Yesterday justice Shapiro and I also went to a meeting for the student memorial committee; we met with some people from physical plant and an architect designer that was assigned to the committee. And we'll talk about that more in new business since I know that's in there. Other than that I've been moving forward with some initiatives and work.

DS: alright, great. Justice Kalmowicz?

MK: no report

DS: alright, I'll just talk about when I was in Pensacola this weekend for mock trial. I actually talked to one of the deans from Stetson; talked about maybe doing some joint stuff with them. So she's going to put me in contact with their point person on that program so we can get moving with some more

programs with them as they start their 3+3 program with USF. Yeah, that's about it for me. Is there a motion to move out of judicial reports and into SGATO report?

SH: so moved

DS: any objections? Seeing none, we are now in SGATO report. Katherine wanted me to tell you guys that SGATO has the second workshop of their series this year and they're partnering with Target and the title of the workshop is "Create Your Own Personal Brand and Resume." It is Wednesday January 29th, at 11:30AM in MSC 2708, and they want you guys to RSVP by Monday the 27th of January to Adam Kowalski. And lunch will be provided.

BB: thanks

DS: is there a motion to move out of SGATO report and into new business?

SH: so moved

DS: any objections? Seeing none, we are now in new business. So we have to work on the Lakeland summit dates; I was thinking February, I think the 7th would be too early.

BB: yes, so the 28th, the last Friday probably.

SH: I agree with the 28th.

BB: shoot for that

DS: so let's proceed on the assumption that we'll be doing it on the 28th of February because that will work for everyone

BB: is everyone's Friday cleared that last Friday of February?

MK: until what time?

BB: it will probably be an all-day type of thing

MK: as long as it's done before 5 it should be fine

BB: we'll see. The thing is the drive there.

MK: Lakeland is like an hour drive, yeah.

BB: okay

DS: so 28th. So we'll proceed with 28th of February; we'll get in touch with (inaudible) and we'll get the logistics worked out for that and contact the other campuses. Definitely look forward to networking with them again. January has been hectic for all of the branches, and I feel like we're ready to get this started again. Sarasota-Manatee... their acting chief justice has gotten in touch with me about what's

going on over there. They're having a trial which is tentatively set for the first week of February, probably the 5th or the 7th, so if we can- I know some of us are going to go down there to watch that. I'm not exactly sure about the facts and circumstances of the trial, but it's probably going to be pretty big for their campus, and seeing as we've worked so much with their judicial branch, I think it would be good if we went down and watched that trial, and see what goes on down there. But yeah, just be on the lookout for that, and be on the lookout for a more concrete date on that (inaudible) as many of us as possible to go down if we can. Okay, so the memorial committee: we had a meeting yesterday, we talked to physical plant about the placement of the memorial; we're talking about the gazebo and crescent hill. It seems like student government is liking the crescent hill location but there are some impediments to overcome with that which we'll be discussing more in the weeks ahead. Do you have anything more about that Sammy?

SH: I think you pretty much covered everything.

DS: but hopefully we can get that done by (inaudible) but we'll see. There's a lot of work to be put in; there's a lot of impediments to overcome. Entering the room at 6:09 is Jessica Morgan from SGATO. I guess right now do you have anything for your report? On SGATO's side?

JM: I do. The 29th- you guys got the email today from Tammy about the workshop? So be sure to sign up for that if you're interested. And then on February 4th we're going to have another session on networking and relationship building before senate at 4:30, with Mike Griffin and Carly Stevenson, former SG people so you'll get more info about that soon.

DS: alright, cool. Alright, so last thing is justice training. There's been discussion on whether to do it with just our campus or the whole system. I think since we're already doing a summit with all of the campuses and we don't often do summits with them, it would be tough because it would in effect be another summit that we'd be doing, and I don't think the logistics of that are quite possible. So I think we should just keep it restricted to our campus and incorporate the other branches if they want to participate. We'll be focusing on things like, we're going to basically do a dual-purpose training: one half being functions of the branch, and the other side being like constitutional law stuff about jurisprudence, appellate jurisdiction, and all of that kind of stuff; so we kind of get both sides of our branch: the theoretical and the practical side. So I've been compiling materials on the more theoretical side and we'll put together a really good presentation for that; maybe if the other branches want to get involved we can do a bigger thing. So that's all I have for that. Does anyone else have anything they would like to talk about in new business?

BB: I think Katherine told me that it got a Robert's Rules kind of program that we can use.

DS: good, yeah. Definitely want to talk about Robert's Rules in that. Alright, is there a motion to-

JM: sorry I forgot one thing, I apologize. I know Dustin Sachs had talked to Bryan about potentially coming in and doing a training so we just need to come in and touch base with him since it's spring semester. But I wanted to get you'lls input since that's what we'll be considering most for this training

with him. Maybe what topics you'd be interested in him talking to you guys about? He's a former justice and would love to come back and do some type of session with you guys. The 4:30 time seems to work for a lot of people before senate; we get a lot of attendance then. Is that a good time for a lot of you?

DS: yeah, that time works.

JM: okay, and what topics might you want to consider with him for us to talk about?

BB: with Dustin Sachs? I think with Dustin Sachs he definitely knows a lot about the court aspect of it, so I think we can actually incorporate him into our training session that we're trying to do; maybe just have him come to that. As far as SGATO workshop: I think it would be cool to have him and the other leaders of the time from student government all there together and how they viewed their stuff from student government.

JM: okay, I don't think he's local, I think he's down in Ft. Lauderdale- so we probably want to pick like one or the other, but I think if you guys want him to come up for your training and be a part of that, I think that's totally fantastic; if you want him to be a part of the SGATO workshop I'm happy to coordinate that, so if you guys want to talk about that a little bit whenever you get into the planning of your training and let us know.

DS: yeah, we'll see what he wants to do. Yeah, either way I want to focus on the transmissibility of the skills he learned in the court, and law school, and private practice. So we can learn the skills that will help us in the future; learn them now. Is there a motion to move out of new business and into announcements?

BB: so moved

DS: any objections? Seeing none, we are now in announcements. Does anyone have any announcements? Congrats to mock trial we went up to Pensacola this weekend and we did very well; we won the most individual awards of anyone at the competition. A big thank you to our mock trial president Sammy Hamed for making it all possible. Any other announcements? Seeing none, is there a motion to move out of announcements and into adjournment?

SH: so moved

DS: any objections? Seeing none this meeting is now adjourned at 6:14pm.