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General Business Agenda
Wednesday, January 29th, 2014
6:00 PM

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Sammy Hamed (SH): I, Sammy Hamed, call this meeting of the Supreme Court to order at 6pm. The date is Wednesday January 29th, 2014. First item on the agenda is attendance. Present from the judicial branch we have Bryan Bueanventura (BB), Daniel Shapiro (DS), Michael Kalmowicz (MK), Corey McCance (CM), from SGATO we have our director Mr. Gary Manka (GM); as guests we have our newly appointed justices Alexis Sacasas (AS) and Lindsay Betros (LB). And additional guests we have Abdool Aziz (AA), and that is all. Is there a motion to move into additions/deletions to the agenda?

DS: so moved

SH: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in additions/deletions to the agenda. Does anyone have anything to add or remove from the agenda? Seeing none, is there a motion to move into additions/deletions to the minutes?

DS: so moved

SH: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in additions/deletions to the minutes. We have three sets of minutes all from general meetings from January 8th, January 15th, and January 22nd, 2014. If everyone has had a good amount of time to review these minutes, I'll entertain a motion to approve these minutes by acclimation.

DS: so moved

SH: are there any objections? Seeing none, these general meeting minutes will be approved. Thank you Telchi. Is there a motion to move into open forum?

BB: so moved

SH: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in open forum. Does anyone have anything to say in open forum?

BB: congrats to Lindsay for being the newly appointed justice.

SH: and congrats to Alexis for passing JEC, the first step. Entering the room at 6:01pm is the attorney general Daniel Christopher (DC) and deputy attorney general Judelan June. Does anyone have anything to say in open forum? Mr. Aziz?

AA: senate applications are due on the 31st, if you have any friends who want to run for senate or student body president, and the day at the capital is coming up; and also, next week in senate we're going to have the green fee referendum up in senate and the (inaudible) referendum so you guys like legal things so it will be interesting.

SH: great, does anyone else have anything to say in open forum? Mr. Manka?

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GM: right now I think from 430 to 530 in the chamber next Tuesday there's the workshop, a networking workshop, and it's- I forget the person's name- but he was here before and was a former alumni director and a former student body (inaudible)

SH: great, Aziz?

AA: is that the SG workshop or another workshop? Because the SG workshop got cancelled in an email.

GM: the workshop that was cancelled was yesterday and this is another one; this is Mike Griffin.

AA: okay

SH: is there anything else in open forum? Is there a motion to move out of open forum and into judicial reports?

DS: so moved

SH: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in judicial reports. I'll just start with myself: last week Shapiro and I attended the memorial service on Friday with some members from the executive branch just to volunteer and support families and things like that, so that was nice. We met with the director of communications Joseph Michalsky about our section of the website; everything is up to date and up to speed. Let the record reflect that Adam Aldrich (AA1) has entered the room at 6:03pm. I'll continue on... yeah so we met with the director of communications about our section of the website and stuff like that, so everything is up to date on that; and all of the information on there is accurately reflected which is good. I don't have an official date for the trial of Sarasota-Manatee yet, maybe somebody else does, but for now I'm not sure of the official date or time for that. Also from communications we have our parking video rotation that's going to go up every other week on Tuesday nights I believe, so that's good. I sat on the title 7 ad-hoc committee with Shapiro just to see what that was all about; and some changes were made to title 5 as well, and I believe both of those bills had their first reading last night. Am I right Mr. Aldrich? So they had their first reading last night and I guess next week those bills will be voted on. I'll also be sending out a report to the memorial ad-hoc committee just on some updates and stuff like that. That's all I have to report. Mr. Buenaventura?

BB: yes, I also attended the rules committee when they were reviewing title 5 and those changes were made and so they will be voted on by senate next week. I contacted Lakeland and spoke to Mike Nacrelli and I was- I threw out a date for probably February 21st, which is the third Friday of the month, to see if we can have an SG summit there. I don't know if we'll get enough people to go by that time; we can discuss that later to see, but I CCed everybody, CCed all the heads of branches to see if all the people from student government and I CCed people from the other campuses to see if they want to attend that day to have the summit at Lakeland campus. And then I'll also be attending USF day at the capital, looking forward to that. That's all I have to report for right now.

SH: Mr. Shapiro?

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DS: yeah, I, along with Justice Hamed, have been helping with the title 5 and title 7 revisions the past few weeks. Along with Justice Hamed, I and Justice Buenaventura, I've been formulating the new policy and what not for our ROPs for implementing the attorney/solicitor general into our appeals process. And then (inaudible) justice Hamed for the ad-hoc memorial things that we could do in addition with that. And that's about it.

SH: thank you. Kalmowicz?

MK: so I passed out to each of you guys, essentially the student code-the student handbook for NSU, Norfolk state university, and the reason that I wanted to show this to you guys is because for a couple of reasons: we're talking about doing an honor court and also maybe organizational oversight and seeing if we can look into being proactive in that sense. And I looked around the state and there were a lot of state universities within the state of Florida who do similar types of things like this. And FIU, FAU, they have similar things as well. But I saw Norfolk and I thought this was a great way of how we can possibly implement our way of doing business and also getting the honor court and also organizational oversight. The way this works is essentially an appeals process. So start from section 3a, 3.a, which it says upon receipt of a case from the assistant vice-president from student affairs the student court shall have appeals hearings over student code of conduct, well actually it doesn't say that, but if you read the whole thing the summary is going to say that you have to- it's an appeals for student code of conduct and the- and what not. So, I advise you guys to read through this and then next week see what you think and then we can meet privately and reflect here what we think. And I think it's a possible route we could take and talk to other senators about possibly implementing this here so I advise you guys to look at this the next couple of weeks.

SH: alright, thank you sir. Justice McCance?

CM: yeah, I spoke with a couple of people from florida state college from whenever we took our trip to Jacksonville and they were very interested in talking to us and wanted to see if we could set up a skype meeting between us sometime next week to kind of discuss what we do and you know, speak directly to the students. I know last time we were there we spoke to the deans and didn't really have a lot of student interaction. So they're interested in what we do and what our plans are and they're very interested in emulating us and our format here so that's something that I suppose I can do with Bryan and we can set up a time if not for right before our next meeting next week.

BB: sure

CM: that's about it

SH: great, thank you sir. Is there a motion to move out of judicial reports and into SGATO report?

DS: so moved

SH: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in SGATO report. Mr. Manka, the floor is yours.

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GM: I just have one update with- you know we've been getting a student records' request and the court has been part of that request, and someone submitted one the other day; and it is sort of the same series of time and same series of emails. I've involved university council in their response to the group telling them that since it's already been a request that until they pick up the first request and pay the money to do that we will not honor this request. And if they do that and want this request done, then they have to pay for it in advance. And what the request is is to- in other words, you would have to go into your email and save them to a disk and then the disk (inaudible) and we'd charge them for the time it took to do that: 20 minutes to half an hour per person. (inaudible) that's what the law requires so I just want to let you know that I don't know where that's going to go. I haven't sent out the email yet but I will tomorrow. Please know that some of you in this room have been affected by that public records request.

SH: Mr. Aziz?

AA: so just to clarify, they're currently delinquent because the charges from the previous records request? Or not paid.

GM: they asked- a member of the group asked for a public records' request for a period of time for different people. We filled that request and they failed to pick it up even though they were notified numerous occasions. A different member of the group put in a billion request if you remember (inaudible) it would be over 800\$ to get that done. And they have yet to respond. So it's an empty public records' request. A person came in Monday and put a request in to actually have physical inspection, but because your records could contain student private information we have to make sure that they just can't look over our shoulders and see; even by accident they can't get confidential information, so it has to be done in a certain manner and at a certain cost. They won't like to hear that, but that's the reality of the situation so... I'll see tomorrow. I just wanted to keep you posted.

SH: thank you sir.

GM: and other than that, we have the workshop on Tuesday, right before the senate meeting: Mike Griffin. And everybody knows about USF day at the capital that our staff has been working on. And some of you may have attended the Mr. and Mrs. USF event yesterday. Everybody does know that Mrs. America pulled their- cancelled their contract for sponsorship so it was just Mr. and Mrs. USF day yesterday. And we're not sure in the future how we'll work with that, but that's just the reality of the situation; and that's involved in a lot of things right now. (inaudible)

SH: thank you Mr. Manka.

GM: you're welcome

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

BB: so moved

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SH: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in new business. We'll start with the new justice update. Newly appointed justice Alexis Sacasas was confirmed by JEC last week and is transitioning in the judicial branch very efficiently; and will be going before the senate on Tuesday, February 4th at 6 o'clock. Also newly appointed, we have Lindsay Betros who will be going before JEC tomorrow at 2pm, and if all goes well she will be going before senate on February 4th along with Alexis. Did you want to say anything Lindsay?

LB: just that I'm very excited to be working with everyone.

SH: great, thanks. Does anyone else have anything to add to new justice update? Alright, we'll go on to discussion of parking appeals and procedures; and that's why I invited the office of legal affairs here. We have our attorney general and deputy attorney general, so thank you guys for coming. We just wanted to pull this up for you, and talk about a few changes that's happening in Appendix A, our parking appeal procedure. One of the biggest things we've actually been changing, but took the least amount of work to get done in our ROPs so that's nice. Here we state that the attorney general shall only take case in the trial if the student utilizes the solicitor general or any other forms of representation. And here at the end of Appendix A we added a clause 1.7 for when the solicitor general is utilized, so the parking procedures for that will be as follows: both parties will get 5 minutes of speaking time, then we'll go into question and answer for 10 minutes, unless we need more time for that; and then after that all non-judicial members will leave for deliberations and we'll run through our vote, and then we'll move onto the next appeal on the docket if it requires the solicitor general. So do you guys have any other questions or recommendations for that?

DC: seems pretty straight forward.

SH: great, does anyone have any questions or anything they'd like to add or propose recommendations? Mr. Aziz?

AA: since the solicitor general is not here did he provide any feedback, like if he likes the system or not?

SH: yes sir, Mr. Nouri informed me prior to today's meeting that he would not be able to make it but we ran these by him and he approved it as well so he's seeing exactly what we're seeing right now. Does anyone else have anything to add or mention to discussion of parking appeal procedure?

BB: I guess the next thing now in the coming weeks is to try and promote this so that it can be utilized.

SH: yeah, definitely. One of the biggest things we'll have to do is get this new system out there because no one knows besides us that we're allowed to do this; so a way to do that is through bull markets and stuff like that, just general outreach. And also I know PATS is working on revamping their appeals procedure website, so that will include a link that will take them to the solicitor general form that is on the student government website. Mr. McCance?

CM: just 1.7.1: just a clarification, do you guys think that it would be wise to add something about it being, you know, at the court's leisure to add time because otherwise that gives the impression that if somebody gets more time and less time.

SH: well they each get up to 5 minutes and that's what the students have been getting the past years too; just the maximum of 5 minutes to state the grounds of their appeal, and they've never even gotten close to that 5 minutes.

CM: on paper yes, but we have been in the past we've allowed more time when necessary, so I was just saying do you guys think that it would be wise to put that in there? That we have the ability to allow them more time, so if we do we're not violating our own ROPs. Cause if we allowed them to speak for 8 minutes we're violating our ROPs.

SH: okay, so you want to add something like "unless granted an extension by the chief justice" in there.

CM: yeah, that would be good.

SH: is everybody good with that proposal?

DS: yup.

SH: I'll type it in there later; we're on the minutes. Does anyone else have anything to add or recommend for parking appeals procedure? Let the record reflect that Michael Kalmowicz has left the room at 6:16pm; enjoy your class. I guess we'll move into parking forum and general outreach. The reason that I put this on the agenda is because now that we're close to having a full court, I want to revitalize our use of outreach so just things generally to do would be bull market, and those happen every other week with our communications department, and pretty soon we'll have a sign-up sheet for that; we'll get the new justices out there for a couple of hours every other week. I'll be out there early in the mornings just to help set up but I do have class so outreach I will leave to you guys for bull markets like that and just general stuff with that: we need to make sure we have all of our parking 101 brochures folded and ready to go. All those bull markets, I think we're good right now but we'll have to refill pretty soon. Another thing that I want to bring back up in outreach is meetings with student orgs. Last semester that's something that we wanted to pursue but with all of the trials it was pretty difficult to squeeze that in. But hopefully now in the spring since we'll have a full court pretty soon I think that's an initiative that we can go after so I do have that master list of all the student orgs; so I'll get with you two and everyone else on the court later and we can work out a process of how we can reach out to those orgs and maybe go meet with them and tell them about the solicitor general process and all of the things we've been doing and the services that we offer. Also, lastly, parking forum: we are supposed to be doing them every month. For this month, February, I want to do it on the 28th, the last Friday, usually it's from 12-2 downstairs in the Marshall center atrium. Some ideas for that are some things that we haven't done before: I want to get a graphic for our parking forums, put on the SG website, so I'll work with Lindsay and Alexis on how we can do a request with marketing so they need a 2 weeks advance.

AS: sorry I interrupted you but last meeting I think you guys wanted to do Lakeland summit on the 28th?

SH: the Lakeland summit I'm pretty sure the date has changed to the 21st, am I right Mr. Buenaventura?

BB: yeah, the 28th is too late in the month.

SH: right, so as of right now the best date for that parking forum is the 28th, so the steps of that would just be to request that space downstairs in the Marshall center on that date. You have to do that pretty well in advance to get a table out there. We'll do the marketing request for the graphic a couple of weeks in advance; we'll request promotional items from communications as well; we've already had cups and other items put aside for this specific purpose, and I was thinking we could bring down that big map and sticky notes if the students have any concerns about parking we can relay them to PATS whenever we have our next meeting with them. So that's all I have for- see if you guys have any questions about outreach or any suggestions or what do you guys want to do with outreach?

BB: one-

SH: Mr. Buenaventura?

BB: I still- this is good that we can do a parking forum, you know, the small scale one, but I do want to see if we can do the one that we talked about when PATS visited us; and have an event where students can come and talk about their parking issues, and have people from PATS there.

SH: so should we plan that on the 28th instead of just an ordinary parking forum?

BB: if it's possible

SH: we have a month I think, we need a couple of weeks for the graphic-

BB: Mr. McCance?

CM: I know in the past we've talked about us going and meeting with all of the different organizations and stuff like that and it's been kind of difficult to organize. What I was wondering was would it be more viable and easier for everybody here if we had an additional meeting on Wednesdays, maybe an earlier meeting where we invited them to come meet with us? Instead of us trying to track all of them down- just say you know, every meeting we have an additional one hour meeting and invite ten different groups or so, maybe five of them will show up and outreach that way.

SH: I think that's an avenue we should explore. I agree. Because not all of the orgs are going to want to come here but for those that do, that'll be great. And we should still reach out to the ones that don't want to come here; if we have to go there we can get members from the other branches.

CM: we can send out the email in invitation format to meet us and then those that say they're unavailable say well we're willing to come to you, when's a valid time for you guys?

SH: great, Lindsay?

LB: what kind of organizations are we looking at?

SH: any student organization on campus. I guess we're focused on A&S funded ones, but really any, because all students have the same rights.

(inaudible)

SH: do you guys have any other? Alexis?

AS: I think my biggest thing is that I just want the student body to know who we are and what we're here for because I think sometimes they know we're around but they don't really know who to go to or on what grounds, so I think it would be a great thing to meet with these organizations, whether they come here or we go there; kind of like a chapter kind of thing, where you go into chapter and introduce yourself and tell them what you're all about and then have a question/answer period. So I think that would be a great thing to set that up and maybe do it that's our goal for like the month of March or whatever; all of March is meeting with organizations for like a set goal for one month to make sure we do it.

SH: and just to piggyback off of that, I think actually visiting chapters would be great because most Greek students are the most involved students on campus and I think that if they're aware of their rights I think those are going to be the ones utilizing those rights the most.

AS: and they've got a lot of opinions so I'm sure they'd love to meet you guys.

SH: absolutely. Do you guys have any questions about how- we could plan this big parking forum, I think we could do that by the end of February to tell you the truth; we have about a month, a little more than that to get that planned. And we'll all work together to get that done.

AS: Ms. Bowen said that she has an open availability so whatever you guys need just let her know.

SH: so we should shoot for Friday the 28th, rent a room instead of downstairs in the atrium or what do you think we should do?

BB: we should probably rent a room, a nice room like the ASARC room or something, and promote it and have graphics still so that people can know about it; maybe get some minor things for the students like food and stuff; nothing too elaborate. And you know, I think it will attract a lot of people if we do it right?

SH: Mr. Aziz?

AA: the ASARC room is from 9-5 so...

BB: a room similar to that, we don't want to intrude on ASARC.

SH: alright, great. So it feels like the vibe of outreach is going to be picking back up. Mr. Manka?

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GM: when you do that, the event, you might want to have a sign-in list for the students that attend and put down their student organization representative that way when you go around you can see the organizations that have already been hit and you can concentrate on the ones that didn't show.

SH: absolutely, that's a great idea. Does anyone else have anything to add? Well, I think that's the end of new business. Is there a motion to move into announcements?

BB: so moved

SH: are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in announcements? Does anyone have any announcements? Seeing none, I'll take a motion to move out of announcements and into adjournment...

DS: so moved

AS: so moved

SH: this meeting is adjourned at 6:23pm.