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Call to Order by Chairman at 3:00 PM.
First Roll Call
Present: Elizabeth Guerra, Emily Seitz, Kristen Truong, Josh Gluck, Beth Landy, Milton Llinas (late), Taylor Myers, Amuru Serikyaku, Alec Waid, Greg Berkowitz, Judelande Jeune, Maggie Hall, Brandon Hartmann (late), Abdool Aziz (late)
Absent: Chris Johnson, Frank Cirillo (excused)

Taylor Myers: I now call this meeting of Judiciary and ethics to order at 3 pm on October 27th 2014. Umm my name’s Taylor Meyers and I’m chairing the meeting today. First thing on the agenda is roll call umm I’ll go through the list and just say here. Chairwoman uh Kristen Truong

Kristen: present

Taylor: Frank Cirillo

Kristen: he’s excused

Taylor: Josh Gluck

Josh: Here

Taylor: Elizabeth Guerra

Liz: present

Taylor: Beth Landy

Beth: Present

Taylor: Milton Llinas. I Taylor Meyers am here. Umm Emily Seitz

Emily: here
Taylor: Amuru Serikyaku

Amuru: Here

Taylor: Alec Waid

Alex: Here

Taylor: Pro tempore Abdool Aziz is currently excused. Well actually can I have the guests introduce themselves?

Hall: Maggie Hall

Judelande: Judelande Jeune LPT director of university affairs

Greg: And Greg Berkowitz chief of staff

Taylor: next thing on the agenda is additions deletions to the agenda, do I hear a motion to approve the agenda. Senator Seitz

Emily: I motion to approve the agenda

Taylor: All right any objections. Ok moving on approval of the minutes minutes were not signed out so do I hear a motion. Senator Guerra

Liz: Motion to postpone the minutes

Taylor: Any objections. Seeing none, the minutes have been postponed. We move on to open forum, any points for open forum Kristen

Kristen: Ok, so first off thank you guys for being on time I like starting at 3 pm it’s just something it’s just me umm also so next week I think what we’re going to end up doing is having a special session because some of the people who got appointed can’t make it to our 3 pm so I’m thinking of doing Monday at 6 pm. Does anybody have any conflicts with 6 pm on Monday?

X: Is that from now on

Kristen: No just for next week so next week instead of at 3 pm it’ll be at 6 pm

Liz: I won’t be able to make it

Kristen: So Liz won’t be able to make it, anyone else not able to do 6 pm, ok good so just send me an email when I send that out

Liz: carry on without me

Kristen: We will don’t worry, umm also to help the transcriber don’t speak unless the chair calls on you and Taylor’s chairing today and also with excused absences if you’re not able to make it email me at least 24 hours before the meeting so that I can put it on record cause well be going through that in our SOP’s, also how many of you guys read my email that I sent out
X: Which one

Kristen: The JEC one. How many of you read the entire email?

Waid: I read the last part today

Kristen: Because there is a guest...I put a little section that said if you read it send me your favorite type of candy because I was going to buy you guys candy for Halloween but nobody sent anything back to me so nobody gets candy it was supposed to be such a happy thing. Yeah but that's ok. So anyways let's see what else is on here ok so also I like having the committee chair the meeting so all of you guys get experience with that since you're in the senate and like this week Taylor's chairing the meeting, next week Amuru's chairing the meeting

Amuru: Oh really

Kristen: You are, and so if any of you other guys are interested in chairing let me know because we have three more meetings for the semester that we don't have anyone chairing yet, I kind of put your names down already so don't worry, but if you would like to let me know if not then someone else will do it. Umm let's see for now that is all.

Taylor: Any other points for open forum. Seeing none we move into new business. First thing on the agenda is we are going to be doing an icebreaker umm actually Senator Truong is going to be leading it. so

Kristen: So umm I would, I have a motion

Taylor: ok senator Truong.

Kristen: I move to enter an un-moderated caucus for 7 minutes

X: Second

Taylor: ok any objections to moving into an un-moderated caucus. Seeing none...we enter an un-moderated caucus for 7 minutes at 3:05 pm.

Taylor: And we are back on the record at 3:12 pm. Moving along we are going to kind of go over the confirmation process. So today we're going to have one confirmation and before we begin it Kristen senator Truong will be going over a quick PowerPoint of the confirmation process.

Kristen: So also JEC short we do confirmations, constitutions, we look over grievances I think we're talking tomorrow about it so I won't worry about it today. So guide to confirmations. So the executive branch they start new positions every term so they have to get confirmed through JEC and then also the senate for some of them and then for the judicial branch if people graduate then the court they'll have like associate justices who come through. Ok umm so how it works is director positions they don't have to necessarily go through JEC but they do so say one of the directors fails JEC the executive branch can appeal that to the senate but the directors have to go through Senate. Next are like coordinators or assistant directors this year they only have to go through JEC they don't have to go through senate and then associate justices anybody in the court they have to get approved by JEC and senate if a court person fails JEC then they don't even go to senate then they're just done there. Ok so the candidate will present for 5 minutes normally they have a PP presentation then we move into a question and answer period then we have discussion where anybody who is
not in the committee leaves and then we vote and then they either pass or they don’t get confirmed. Oh yeah also during your discussion if we feel the need to bring them in again for separate questioning you’re able to do that so if you didn’t get some questions answered or you want more clarification we also do that questions to ask I have the general questions for confirmation so this is like the entire list. There’s also director questions and then questions not allowed by law so you can’t ask them about like their address or anything really personal any questions you ask should be about related to their position. And then also the questions aren’t meant to be a second job interview it’s just to confirm that this person is qualified for this position. So did everyone get one, other than that, yeah that’s about it?

Taylor: So for the record umm Milton, for the record at 3:14 Milton Llinas walked in. Next on the agenda is our confirmation our one confirmation of the day of Judelande Jeune for director of university affairs appointee first Maggie’s going to give a brief, Greg’s going to give a brief… umm review umm and then Judelande will go into her presentation

Greg: So if you guys don’t know me my name is Greg Berkowitz I’m the chief of staff’s my job is to supervise all the directors and assistant directors and coordinators umm just to tell you a little bit about the hiring process by going into the actual position oh by statutes we are allowed to have three at least three candidates, umm the hiring can consist of three executive branch members along with one SGATO member, the SGATO member is not a voting person on the committee but they’re here to make sure that were not like voting because they have pretty hair or they’re a friend or anything like that umm so just so we all know Judelande here passed unanimously in the hiring committee we had 36 people apply we interviewed 3 umm and director of university affairs (?) university affairs departments are like our liaison umm whether its collaborating on like combined initiatives or combined events or its working university wide committees, umm she’s doing a lot of stuff so I don’t want to take away from her presentation, but Judelande has actually been filling in on an interim basis we had someone else come through for the summer that already went through the confirmation process over summer unfortunately that person had to leave us so we were left with the void, luckily for us Judelande was serving as an AD and she stepped up and became the interim director and then she finally won a job interview. Umm so don’t want to take anything away from her I know she is the best, for those of you who haven’t been here through summer we haven’t had one executive branch member fail JEC yet, so I just want to let you know we’re not going to waste your guys time we really put these people through a rigorous process so but we use it as a check and balance system so I appreciate your guys is time, but with that Judelande you want to take it away

Taylor: So you have five minutes to present, at one minute I’ll give you one gavel thirty seconds I’ll give you two and I’ll call time you have ten seconds to wrap it up you can begin whenever.

Judelande: ….Hello my name is Judelande like Greg stated. Umm so A little bit about me I am currently a sophomore majoring in political science and philosophy and I’m taking 15 credits in the fall, umm my schedule as of right now is only one class on Mondays and Wednesdays and no classes on Fridays even though I am taking 15 credits I have a very not tight schedule so I come in to the office a lot. Ok so some of my previous leadership experience actually worked in SG last year as a deputy Atty. General I was part of the bulls for kids recruitment committee I was a member of mock trial and also USF debate. Umm moving on to some of my current leadership experience, currently I am the assistant director of university student affairs I am a USF ambassador I am the recruitment director of bulls for kids mock trial case analyst and vice president of Phi Alpha Delta although this is very rigorous but I’d like to mention that with Phi Alpha Delta and mock trial they are both based on law and umm all of the people that are in mock trial are in Phi Alpha
Delta so it kind of correlates and makes my duties as vice president and case analyst a lot easier umm so what I can bring to this position. I’m very professional, I have previous experience as assistant director and as interim director for the past couple of months I’m very dedicated to this position this is something that I am passionate about and what I like to do and if I find a job or a position I am very interested in I will dedicate my time to it and leadership experiences from the many previous leadership experiences that I have already mentioned. So the current state of university affairs. I know usually in JEC its goal for the department but since I’ve been working in the department I can give you an overlook on what I’ve actually been doing so creating new initiatives in order to build relationship between SG and the student body. We did pastries with the president which is one of our initiatives to be more transparent with the student body inviting them to actually meet Senators exec members and judicial members so they can know what we do in SG. Umm we staff all the university wide committee we actually have one of the largest pools in years with 64 applicants usually it’s about like 20 or less, we staffed the Marshall Student Center advisory board we strengthened our inter(?) relations with town hall with working with you guys and with Bull blitz with working with other departments and umm the university wide relations we’ve actually sat in other committees like the QEP the quality enhancement plan which is, basically USF is getting re accredited umm if we don’t get reaccredited your degrees they mean nothing and you can’t really get a job with it so with the QEP it’s how to strengthen and better USF in the next ten years coming up. So future plans for university affairs, what I’ve been seeing is that we’ve been doing a lot of little projects but nothing that is sustainable so what we’re trying to focus more on is strengthening the relationship with the other departments on campus like the CLC CSI office of fraternity and sorority life so to strengthen that relationship even though I leave this position I know next year even with the new administration they’ll still have those relationships with the other departments on campus and continue to strengthen the relationship between the SG and the student body. I think a lot of questions that I face is that even if for instance your constituents are from college of art and science but not a lot of people in that college know their senators, so what we’re trying to do is bridge that gap between the student body and SG, so they know that if I have a problem I know which senator represents me in my college. Umm planning the student memorial, the “it’s on us” campaign for sexual assault, Greek week because were trying to again strengthen that relationship with OFSL and bulls pantry which is basically food pantry for USF students. It’s not going to be publicized for every student to know like oh there’s free food there but it’s going to be advertised throughout the departments like umm the center of victim and advocacy if someone comes into their office they know that person is having problems and they can’t buy food they will send them to bulls pantry to get food so it’s not going to be like flyer around like free food but that’s it umm and thank you I actually put a quote, a real leader has no need to lead, he or she is content to point the way because I know as director you’ll be working with an assistant director and coordinator and sometimes it’s not really good to take on everything yourself and do everything yourself so I am very content to point the way to those who might be working under me so that is it and thank you. Any questions.

Taylor: Thank you Judelande before we move into question answer for the record Katherine Burkhard walked in at 3:19 pm, do I hear a motion to enter question and answer period.

Waid: So moved

Taylor: so moved all right. Any objections. Uh Senator Truong.

Kristen: I have a friendly amendment for a five minute question and answer period

Taylor: do you accept the amendment
Waid: Yes

Taylor: Seeing that we’re going to be moving into a question and answer period since you made the motion would you like to start out the questions

Waid: You talked about how your credit hours this semester allow for an easy schedule and a lot of time to be working in SG, have you looked into spring semester and are you sure you’ll be able to have the same commitment working with your credits

Judelande: Yes in spring semester ill still have the same schedule and the way its laid out right now I only have one class on Monday and Wednesdays, I can’t really promise everything for the spring semester but knowing the responsibilities that it takes to be director I would never like schedule my umm classes in a way that wouldn’t work with my current, with how the director position I still know that you have to work 20 hours a week so I will schedule my schedule accordingly

Taylor: Senator Guerra

Liz: Can you name a time where you went an extra mile, in your department

Judelande: An extra mile, I would say a lot of the things we’re doing go the extra mile because if you look at our job description the only thing that we have to do is stop the UWC’s and plan the memorial a lot of the things are left towards the open like you could do whatever you want with this position so I think a lot of the things like doing pastries with the president and actually contacting these departments are going the extra mile because with my position the only thing that are written down is plan the memorial and staffing the WC’s and the Marshall student advisory board so I could have just did that and still did everything that is applicable for my position but umm were trying to move forward with this department and make it the best department it could possibly be

Taylor: Senator Seitz

Seitz: you mentioned you want to strengthen relations with center for student involvement and office of fraternity and sorority life what are some concrete ideas that you have for that obviously you don’t have everything planned out but umm just cause I’m involved with both of those offices what are some tactics you have for doing that besides just saying that you want to do so

Judelande: Umm a lot of things that we have to do is just sitting down and talking to them and know that the door is actually open if they have any ideas to bring to us but one of the things for office of fraternity and sorority life is having a town hall for Greeks so they can come in and state their opinions on SG because I know a lot of time because they’re not A&S funded we think that we can’t help them with anything but that’s not technically true so giving them that forum to come and speak to us and state their opinions and what is going on in Greek that we can actually help with I think that’s a great idea to do umm with center of student involvement I’ve actually talked to Monica already at the beginning of the semester how we can help and kind of giving an idea for university lecture series of umm people that they can bring in that we’ve seen that would cater to the student body and one of the people was Laverne Cox so hopefully it goes in there but we’ve already taken the initiative to start those plans and we’re contacting the other departments right now

Taylor: Senator Amu
Amu: Yeah I have a two part question. In your job what are you best at doing, if there was one thing you’re best at doing in regards to your job just like short

Judelande: Short, I think planning, I am very good at the little details while people are more need the idea, umm and I think that’s where with my interim assistant director right now he’s more of an overall idea person and I’m more of a let’s get the nitty gritty things the little details figured out before the big idea so I think that’s one of the things I’m good at which is looking at the little details of planning uh pastries with the president or anything like that

Amu: so say if you had a time conflict something happened like you had to plan something by this deadline that’s in two hours but you just give in but you can’t you have to go somewhere else you have to go meet with the president or something so what do you do if that still needs to get done and you’re the best at planning but you have to go meet with the president

Judelande: I think that’s where my quote brings in that a real leader has no need to lead that I can point the way to the people that are working under me because I never do anything that they don’t know what I’m doing so we are all as a team we know we’re on the same page if I am doing something Chris also knows what I am doing so even if there was an emergency I had to leave I am confident that I have taught Chris everything about whatever event that we’re doing that day that he would be able to move forward so I think that’s a great it shows leadership because if you’re just taking everything on yourself and you’re not actually talking and communicating to the people you work with then if an event like that were to happen they wouldn’t know what to do so I keep an open communication line with the people that I work with

Taylor: Senator Truong

Kristen: I move to extend question and answer by three minutes

Taylor: Any objections to extending question and answer by three minutes. Seeing none. Question and answer is extended do I hear any more points for question. Senator Truong

Kristen so what initiatives did you have as assistant director and what would you say the progress of those are right now

Judelande: umm as assistant director I came with two initiatives which was the president’s summit which was to invite all of the student orgs over but what we founded was that if A&S funds you couldn’t close anything off to students so we transformed that to pastries with the president which is the first Wednesday of every month. Another initiative that I came with as assistant director was the UWC expo in order to advertise the UWC’s and I found that it was very successful because we did get 64 applicants for the university wide committees the largest pool that we’ve ever had so those two main initiatives that I came on board with actually happened and were successful as well as tying along with strengthening our relationship with athletics right now with bull blitz and umm I know our old director Cindy I was working with her with getting a new parking space for our football games and Marshall mayhem and what she had already started so just continuing those relationships so those were three initiatives that I was part of in well large initiatives that were successful but then we did do a lot of mini events along the way that were actually successful

Taylor: Senator Amu

Amu: Do we have the time sorry
Kristen: we are at 1 minute 18 seconds

Amu: Can I ask a question

Taylor: yeah

Amu: ummm in regards to UWC so when you were in that position did you see it expanding in the future like there being more committees in the future and how were you in charge of making sure that was happening

Judelande: well with the UWC the only thing that imp in charge is staffing the UWC’s going through the application process but who actually confirms them and gets them on board is the student body president so I go through the screening process and then I give him a list but at the end of the day SG is not actually in charge of the UWC’s we only staff them and then Coco appoints them and then the directors do whatever that they want within those committees as far as starting new committees in the future if there are like any issues that you see present than we can probably contact you to Dr. Hernandez who is in charge of overseeing all of the university wide committees that’s kind of my role when it comes to university wide committees is just staffing them and telling students that these things are actually in the university and you can actually participate in them

Taylor: Senator Truong

Truong: so as AD well you were AD before and working under your director what are things that you want to change

Judelande: umm well the one thing is just I don’t see that my director wasn’t here for a long time but she wasn’t really here for a long time, so umm I think while she was here she did a really amazing job as directing me and giving me the time to think creatively and start initiatives and that’s what I want to do also and give the people the opportunity that works under me to start new initiatives themselves and not saying what I say goes and you can’t do anything outside of what I’m saying so if you give them that creative liberty to do what they want within this department because like I said again we only have to do like three things so in order to make sure that this department is successful we have to have that creative juice rolling throughout the year in order to move forward so giving them that opportunity

Taylor: Thank you Judelande, do I see any motions now that question and answer time has exhausted. Umm Senator Seitz

Seitz: If there are no further questions I move to enter a discussion period with a 5 minute time limit

Taylor: All right any objections. Seeing none we are going to be entering into a discussion period. Umm if I can may ask for those that are not in JEC to leave the room, per as courtesy to the appointee. Greg

Greg: I request permission to stay

Taylor: All right so we are going to be entering a 5 minute discussion period. Senator Seitz since you made the motion would you like to start

Seitz: something that I’m really really really passionate about is umm I don’t know the correct phrasing for it but exactly what that quote is. Leaders, not necessarily delegation but I guess long term delegation in that when you’re a leader like you are obviously in a very important role and as a director she’s in a very important
role and they look to her for a lot of things but a really important piece of that is not keeping everything to
yourself and like I’m the director I’m the only one that should know so her passion of teaching people to
continue whatever initiative she’s bringing on is something that’s super important and something that stuck
out throughout the whole presentation so I think she’d be a really good candidate for it.

Taylor: Senator Amu

Amu: Can I share an experience that like is relevant to this like between me and her. Ok so basically one time
umm following the UWC senate the senate meeting where they came and talked at UWC she said like contact
me if you know you’re talking about expanding the UWC program and what not so I contacted her so I
contacted her and typed her like probably like a three pretty long email pretty descriptive oh like I’m
interested in doing kind of this kind of thing so I never got a response so you know that’s just one thing on
communication that said, that’s why I asked her those questions because I wasn’t really sure who was umm
you know in charge of that but that said I do think like just judging by that presentation she is probably an
excellent leader and probably you know there was just some kind of conflict or something came up but other
than that I think she is an excellent

Taylor: Umm Senator Wade

Wade: Based on her presentation she was in a unique position where she kind of had to pick up the
department when umm it needed to happen so maybe little things like communication issues, maybe more of
a learning curve as she took on the department but I think where she stands now she knows more than most
people would know about the department so I would say she is a decent candidate

Taylor: Any other further points of discussion? Senator Seitz

Seitz: motion to enter voting procedures

Taylor: Any objections to entering moving into procedures. Seeing none we move on. I’m just going to go
down umm all right starting with senator, or Chairwoman Kristen Truong.

Kristen: yes

Taylor: Josh Gluck

Josh: yes

Taylor: Uhh Senator Graham

Graham: Yes

Taylor: Senator Landy

Landy: yes

Taylor: Senator Llinas

Llinas: Yes

Taylor: Senator or as chair I abstain umm Senator Seitz
Taylor: Senator Amu
Amu: yes
Taylor: Senator Waid
Waid: yes
Taylor: and mm from 8 to 0 to 1 umm Judelande Jeune will be is approved through JEC and will be moving on to senate tomorrow for confirmation
Claps
Greg: Kristen, she’s not going to be able to do tomorrow night, she’ll be here next Tuesday night
Side chatter
Taylor: All right next thing on the agenda is actually the executive judicial department review starting with the office of communications, and Maggie is going to take it away. Ok do you have.
Maggie: All right guys I am Maggie I’m the director of the department of communications this is my department plus Rhondel, Phoebe and Juan, so if you see them you can say hi Phoebe my assistant director and Juan’s the coordinator so my goals initially this was taken from my original JEC presentation from over summer was umm street team coming up with a new structure and involving all three branches and really enhancing social media and web presence I really wanted to keep our website up to date with all of our documents and we have this social media calendar that kind of helps us keep ourselves accountable for what’s going on in SG as a whole, so we have had a lot of success we have a very very very strong street team umm we have at least 30 consistent street teamers who want to be involved.at our opening street team kick off we had about 60 students there so that was really awesome which was huge from last year we only had about ten students so that’s awesome we also have a mentorship program which we created so basically stream teamers can come in and mentor any SG employee that they want so we’ve had a couple go and mentor the court chief of staff our chief financial officer, government affairs is a big one they very political science people they like the court or government affairs so they’ve had a lot of fun with that we’ve had great collaboration as well with other departments umm I work a lot with our programming department so I’ve been helping her a lot with EVX and planning for Mr. and Miss USF and bulls blitz and I’ve also been working with Jeremy a lot for umm bulls country which is our I’m sure when he does his update he’ll tell you guys all about that but it’s a really big initiative that we have in executive branch umm marketing requests we have done a really great job smoothing out that process so now there’s a much easier marketing request form so that marketing can get it and then it comes to me instead of like a lot of miscommunication I get it right away its definitely helped us because we have been able to promote things like UWC applications USF day with the fox like any different initiatives we have it’s a lot easier for a marketing request, and also the huddle we didn’t have programming department really like for the majority of the summer so I somehow got in charge of the huddle but it was a very big success no less. Umm so the biggest obstacle we have right now is the website. Basically a website was designed by a student last year that made it specifically for, tailored to how he wanted to do it so there’s no tutorials or no really any way of me figuring out how to change things and then on top of that whenever I make a change to the website I have to send it to IT and IT requests can get kind of
confusing so umm I’m working with Catherine our graduate advisor and we are talking with university communications and marketing to see if there is a possibility where we can kind of hub our website not necessarily under SG like well still have access to it but we just we might not have a web designer every year so we need to figure out some consistent way of like planning out how is our website going to stay stable and who can help us hire up to fix that. And then another obstacle we have is bullsync umm I’m not sure if you guys know what that is but we have to like host street team on that so what we’re finding is students don’t necessarily look at bullsync a lot so we were told to host street team and that’s where they would get their updates kind of hard when like no one checks it so we’re trying to come up with a creative way umm to communicate with street team to make that more effective. And these are just some pictures of what has happened that’s street team kick off and then that was at the CSI pool party in [?] manors. So ok that’s it

Taylor: Any questions for Maggie…All right seeing none. All right thank you. All right and for the record at 338 Senator Ryan Miller and Brandon Hartmann walked in as well as pro tempore Abdool Aziz. Next on the agenda were going to actually go into the judicial branch department review umm and Sandy’s going to give a brief overview of the judicial branch update

Sammy: Thank you umm before I get started I just want to introduce myself my names Sammy Hamed I’m the chief justice on the judicial branch and I’ll let the rest of the court introduce themselves as well

Daniel: I’m Daniel Shapiro I’m the senior justice of the Supreme Court

Lindsey: I’m Lindsey Betros I’m an associate justice on the court

Alexis: I’m Alexis Sacasas I’m the ranking justice on the Supreme Court

Sammy: First of all thank you guys for giving us time to present umm it’s always a pleasure to come in were just here to give you some updates on some of our summer and fall accomplishments and what we’ll be up to the rest of this semester going into the spring. Umm so one of the big accomplishments we have is to host the second annual SG system wide summit for those of you that are new we started that tradition last year pretty much we bring all three branches from all three campuses together to collaborate and umm just trying to share initiatives and updates of what they’ve been doing. Umm it really helps our campus and all the other campuses as well and usually has a great turn out had a fantastic turn out this year. Umm so that’s something well keep doing within the years to come I’m hoping that future courts will do that as well umm we’ll probably have our next judicial branch summit in early January and it’ll be over in St. Pete it’ll be fun. We had our first parking forum with PATS, we started that last spring and this year it went a whole lot better we probably had twice the turnout this year umm and I think that’s just cause it was on bulls market and there was a lot more traffic so it really helped PATS got to interact with at least like 200 kids of more and get some of their concerns. We’ve increased awareness on judicial branch functions so things like the declaratory judgment and judicial review panels they weren’t really used a lot the past two years I was here but this summer and fall I’ve seen them utilize more than ever so I’m glad people know what are functions are and how to get there questions concerns in statutes clarified and things like that. Umm outreach promotional items, this is the first year we have like a promotional item it’s our stress gavels I’m sure you’ve seen them around they’ve been a big hit everyone seems to like them so we’re happy we did that I’ll go ahead and let Daniel talk about ROP revisions and our reforms and stuff like that

Daniel: So we did an overhaul of election trial procedure in light of past problems that we’ve had with this so now due process rights are ensured and there’s an actual process specifically for election trials because the old
original jurisdiction didn’t have all the elements that we needed. Additionally we revised the forms umm so we have specific forms for everything like judicial review panels, declaratory judgment and what not. We also revised ROPS to implement a substantive and robust process for the attorney general and solicitor general and parking appeals so there’s actually set rules for how that works umm so that’s about it for me

Sammy: Cool, yeah with our ROPS we’re just making it a lot more clear for everyone. Umm and were just kind of dual contrasting between appellate and original jurisdiction they’re both kind of merged together which is not how it should be. Umm here you see our review revision committee that was just adjourned they umm we revised our ROPS and now we’re going to send it to our committee on rules and then later on this committee right here for you guys to see them umm so we had a committee had representation from each branch and from the ERC give their input on that I think we did a pretty good job, this semester for the first time the attorney general and solicitor general are arguing parking appeals in front of us Wednesday evenings that’s been going really well so far students seem pretty happy that they have representation here from SG. We’ve been collaborating with mock trial, mune court, Phi Alpha Delta pre law society we kind of help out with their pre law expo we just got SG to go out there and table couple other organizations to go out there and table, went really well, actually Alex filled out his senate application at the pre law expo so we were happy that we got to collaborate with those organizations and spread the word more about the court and SG. Future initiatives, once ROP’s are done we’re going to complete them and practice them and have like a mock trial we’re hoping to get JEC involved with that we’ve done it in the past so I think that’d be really cool. We’ll definitely continue to have our parking forums and collaborate with PATS umm what parking wants to do is I think the third Wednesday of every month or the third whatever day of every month they want to come to the MSC and get a table in the center and kind of table and just reach out to students so it’ll be, we’ll just be doubling our efforts really with them instead of doing it once a month it’ll be twice a month. Like we did last year we want to participate in the veteran’s chili cook off except this year we’re looking to beat SUGIT and MSC that’ll be next Wednesday November 5th, we got to reach a lot of students last year when we did it and hand out a lot of information so I think it’ll be helpful this year as well. And with branch collaboration we kind of slipped on this a little this year we haven’t really been out to too many tent days or bull markets but now that the court is finally full and we’ll be able to get everyone’s course schedules we’ll see like who can go out and help out with those things so we’ll have more presence with those hopefully soon. Umm continuing to educate SG and the student body on the functions of the judicial branch umm what I noticed legal affairs doing what I liked is that they were presenting the senate and committees on like what they do and how they do it, I’d like to do that in the court just in terms of what the declaratory judgment is what judicial review is all that fun stuff not going to be utilized if people don’t know what it is, so it’s important to get that out there. Now that the court is finally full we have our clerk and two new justices one’s pending confirmation here and in the senate well have our judicial training this Friday as it stands umm we are looking forward to that too. so are there any, did you guys have anything to add before we go into questions cool were there any questions on what the courts up to. Ill answer anything I promise all right thank you guys so much for your time I really appreciate it.

Claps

Taylor: All right moving right along on the agenda, umm our review for JEC. SOP’s so senator Truong is going to go into this and review umm

Kristen: Yes we get a good roll of recipes YAY. So these are standard operating procedures. This is just saying how we don’t conflict with anything we meet Mondays at 3 pm here as all of you know unless we call
for a special session of which I’ll let you know at least 24 hours in advance. We have Roberts’s rules of order. If you have a class conflict let me or Abdool know so you have 15 minutes after that class to get here or if you have to leave to class you have 15 minutes before that class starts. Also you have to email me within 24 hours if you’re not able to make it to regular session if we have a special session you have 12 hours to email me or else you’re unexcused umm the agenda will also be sent out these are just my responsibilities minutes which hopefully we’ll be getting soon finally we have a transcriber in here. Next are investigations so next week what we’re going to be doing is going through more of the investigations of what JEC does so when we get there I would do that but the most important thing I wanted to say this week was if you can’t make it let me know at least 24 hours in advance and it has to be through email. I don’t mind you guys texting me those things but it has to be documented on an email too so next week we’ll do the investigation part. And then confirmations we did that all this week already so you guys are good on that. Umm are there any questions about our SOP’s? Do you guys want me to send it out?

Amu: please

Kristen: Ok…so I will send out the SOP’s so you guys can read over it umm ok I’m done

Taylor: Ok any other questions overall about anything. We are going be moving along on the agenda, actually that finished new business do I hear a motion. We’re just going to move into announcements since there is no unfinished business. Any points for announcements senator Truong

Truong: Ok senate social, Thursday, 6 pm, be here because if anything you get free food and it’s always good food. Umm also Taylor you did a really good job chairing today. That was a lot. Also Senator, how do you say your name…Senator Milton walked in late so he missed our icebreaker so our icebreaker was your name college and your favorite type of candy

Llinas: My name I’m Milton Llinas if you don’t like to say my last name its ok if you just say Llinas, I’m used to it by now. I’m in the college of arts and sciences what were the other ones

Kristen: You’re favorite type of candy

Llinas: Anything with chocolate

Kristen: Do you have like a specific kind of like chocolate

Llinas: Godiva…hate all you want I love Godiva chocolate, I don’t care how expensive it is I buy it

Kristen: Any other kind of chocolate you like

Llinas: Dark chocolate

Kristen: You want to know why I asked everyone what their favorite candy was...no because it was in my email to see if people read my email and no one responded to my email with their favorite candy so nobody got candy cause it was supposed to be like a Happy Halloween yay JEC gets candy but no one responded yes so you guys should read my emails cause who knows…maybe you guys might get something one day if you respond. Ok so next week id say like 90% we’re going to have a special session at 6 pm so this we won’t have JEC at 3 pm if you’re not able to make it just let me know Liz already said that she won’t be able to make it umm everyone else said they should be able to I don’t know about Milton if you’ll be able to instead of ok so both you guys when I send out the agenda just email me back saying that you won’t be able to make it and ill
excuse you from that. Umm we'll be having 3 confirmations possibly department reviews and then going over investigation that JEC did this year so you guys can kind of see if we have another grievance submitted… what the investigation process is and Senator Amuru will be chairing

Amu: At 6 pm next Tuesday

Taylor: Any other points for announcements…Senator Hartmann

Hartmann: Make sure to wear a costume for the Halloween social.

Kristen: You don’t have to

Brandon: yes you do I checked, it’s in the by-laws. But umm thanks for all the senators especially the new ones for coming through if you are available Wednesday at 10 am umm shameless plug, come to UCGA it’s a fun committee we make lots of fun

Kristen: Also on tent days all you guys should go to their tent days, yeah you're welcome

Taylor: Any other points. All right seeing none, do I hear any motions? Senator Seitz

Seitz: motion to adjourn today’s meeting.

Taylor: All right any objections? Seeing none. This meeting will be adjourned at 3:54 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 PM.

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