**Student Court of Justice**

Sunday, January 14, 2018

7:30 PM – Heine Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 7:30 pm
   1. Present: Melville, Pacella, Dunwoody, Stirling, Parsons McCormick
   2. Absent: Garrick, Motschenbacher
2. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
   1. Strike V-f “Rights and Powers of Student Senator Document” and V-g “Student Senate Legislation Curriculum”
3. Good News
4. Reports
   1. Melville
      1. Updated Book of Court Decisions – online soon.
      2. Court application is out. Facebook post soon, listserv out already. Share Facebook post so we have more traffic. Applications close 27th.
      3. Encourage all Justices to wear court nametag, get our name out there and increase publicity.
5. Order of Business:
   1. Spring 2018 Schedule
      1. February 18th – Senate is meeting on 19th, should we move our meeting to match theirs? Several opposed, date kept at February 18th.
      2. *Melville to Parsons* – Create Doodle poll on student senate attendance: 3 Justices at every Court meeting, specify which meetings you could come. Also create emergency availability schedule – for election season, in case of emergency case so we can coordinate to have the maximum people there at a time.
   2. Election Code: Apportionment of Student Senate Seats
      1. *Melville*: Figure out how many different open senate seats there are. Mastel recorded that there are 3 open seats in senate for Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies – discrepancy b/c election code states they only have one seat. What happened – Student Gov. inflated number of student senate seats available for students to take. According to constitution, senate seats are available based on fall enrollment numbers. Election Code is incorrect, could create miscommunication. Q: Can we modify student body election code, can we modify it to correct mistakes?
      2. *McCormick*: Yes, we would be going against constitution if we did not.
      3. *Xander* – Yes
      4. *Melville* – There is no precedent for a change to the Election Code being made in this manner.
      5. *McCormick* – If we find election code unconstitutional, can we re-approve new election code?
      6. *Melville* – That is the question.
      7. *Melville* – I will correct mistake since we all agree that we can change this portion of the code. To prevent this issue, we need to incorporate procedures into my transition document and into the Election Code in the future.
      8. *Xander and McCormick* – Should also go in election code.
   3. Student Body Elections
      1. Next meeting – Monica Murray will be joining us again to work on election publicity.
      2. Murray has worked on a few PR posters, handouts were available at meeting. Final versions will be 11’’ x 17’’
      3. *McCormick* – Likes the one without background
      4. *Pacella* – add what SG does, give more information?
      5. *McCormick* – Add QR code, brings to website detailing what SG does?
      6. *Parsons* – looks a little generic – just like a lot of what SG puts out.
      7. *Melville* – Two campaigns, one for putting name to run and one for the actual election. When we get around to people putting their applications in, I’m going to encourage them to put them in our mailbox, so that other Student Government members do not see the applicants.
      8. Ideas about promoting election…
         1. Idea: Going to large student organizations, have presentation to advertise election.
            1. Stirling, McCormick, Dunwoody, and Melville feel comfortable going to these.
         2. Now, scheduling for election PR stuff…
            1. Contact tables - Two weeks before.
            2. Organization visits – sooner rather than later, last three weeks of February, right before applications are due.
         3. Figure out official stance on social media for after election closes.
   4. Student Court Rockpile
      1. Most of what we will be doing this semester involves the elections.
      2. Publicize the Student Body Election – consider nomination process. Faculty could suggest/nominate students to run for office. Get the opportunity out to people.
         1. *Stirling* – informal, informational meeting, possibly people attending meetings?
         2. *Melville* – Submit name to me and I would forward information to that person.
         3. *Pacella* – could be difficult to get faculty on board with this.
      3. *Melville* – at next meeting, I would like to test online voting.
      4. Rights and Powers of Student Senator Document
         1. New to Senate might not understand exactly what they could do. Work on document that would outline what new senators can do? Referring to the constitution for information.
         2. McCormick – All encompassing list?
         3. Melville – More of a bullet point list of things they can possibly do.
      5. Student Senate Legislative Curriculum
         1. Senators learning about being a student senator. They are looking for ideas about things to do for meetings, possibly court involvement? One time presentation?
         2. What would we talk about?
            1. Complaint forms.
            2. Talk about election code, senate doesn’t understand their power in that.
   5. Rules of the Court
      1. *Melville* – Finished compiling all parts of the Rules of the Court.
      2. Section 3 – working document, can fill it out more in depth later.
      3. Section 5 – Skipped jurisdiction because it is covered in constitution. Is it necessary for counsel to be identified in complaint document? This section is stricken, most deemed it unnecessary.
      4. Section 6 – Has the option for motion for dismissal, is that reflected in any of the documents?
         1. Pacella, Dunwoody, Melville – Give court power to dismiss.
         2. McCormick – If someone pleads guilty, do we still do trial?
            1. Melville – yes.
         3. Added part at bottom stating court has ability to dismiss a case if it is deemed frivolous.
      5. Section 7
         1. Following mock trial, made changes. Previously, there was opportunity for rebuttal speeches. Based on the experience, Melville cut rebuttal and final cross examination.
         2. Should we mandate copy of this section be provided to plaintiff and defendant once hearing is scheduled?
            1. If so, where should this go? Section 7.
      6. Any further questions on rules of court before going into appendix?
         1. None.
      7. Appendix
         1. Included is all forms regarding complaints and instructions on those complaints.
         2. Pacella – Add mailbox portion.
         3. Section was added about putting complaint forms in Student Court mailbox, as well as where it is.
         4. Added another item in Instructions for Receival of Defendant’s Response form, section 6. Says we will provide plaintiff and defendant with copies of Section 7: Case Hearings.
      8. Melville – Seeks a motion to amend rules of court.
      9. McCormick – Moves to amend rules of court.
         1. Seconded by Dunwoody.
      10. Requires 2/3.
          1. Affirm: McCormick, Pacella, Dunwoody, Parsons, Melville, Stirling
          2. Passes 6-0.
6. Announcements and Comments
   1. This weekend, Melville will be chairing a committee at a meeting of the North Dakota Student Association.
   2. Melville – What kind of candy should I buy?
      1. Chocolate, starburst.
   3. April 17th, 6:00 pm Student Government Banquet, at Alumni Center. Will last about two hours.
   4. Next week, our advisor Emily Frazier will be present.
   5. Involvement expo, this coming Wednesday – 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
7. Review of Action Items
   1. Pacella – List of organizations with most members, find time, contact president, and meeting location, so we can go to meetings and advertise to the largest mass. Also, get ready for electronic voting test next week.
   2. Parsons – Create Doodle poll on student senate attendance: 3 justices at every court meeting, specify which meetings you could come. Also create emergency availability schedule – for election season, in case of emergency case so we can coordinate to have the maximum people there at a time.
   3. Melville – Update election code, schedule one-on-ones.
   4. Justices – Develop more ideas for the Student Court Rockpile.
8. Adjourn
   1. Moved by McCormick, seconded by Dunwoody.
   2. Adjourned at 8:39 PM.