**Student Court of Justice**

Sunday, January 28, 2018

7:30 PM – Heine Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order @ 7:29 PM
	1. Present: McCormick, Motschenbacher, Garrick, Pacella, Parsons
	2. Absent: Stirling, Dunwoody, Melville
2. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
	1. Approved
3. Good News
4. Reports
	1. Jim Ross from IT will be at meeting on February 18th.
	2. Higher Education day this Friday. Contact Chase Grindberg for more information.
	3. McCormick almost done organizing computer
5. Order of Business:
	1. Review Student Senate Meeting Assignment Schedule
		1. Make sure you look it over and can attend all meetings. Contact Parsons or Melville if changes need to be made.
	2. Review Alternative Meeting Determination
		1. Look through, make sure to note the days you cannot attend and contact Melville.
	3. Review Student Court Applicant
	4. Student Body Elections
		1. Review Recommendations Form
			1. Comments on grammar and sentence flow were given.
			2. Consensus: Looks good, no issues.
		2. Establish Stance on Social Media
			1. *McCormick:* Need to establish this to create do’s and don’ts document.
			2. *Pacella:* Need to look at election code, since that is the binding document. What is prohibited, not prohibited, vaguely prohibited, etc.
			3. Election code is brought up, 300 section J, K, and L were read. These are the sections regarding campaign materials, expenditures, etc.
			4. *Pacella:* I don’t think we have many areas of ambiguity, big thing on social media is trying to express what any areas of ambiguity might mean, identify those areas.
			5. *McCormick:* So, would a FAQ document be more appropriate?
			6. *Garrick:* As long as its not given out, just put up on our page. I just don’t believe it is our job to inform the candidates.
			7. *McCormick:* Do we consider Social Media Pages as campaign activities or campaign materials?
				1. *Garrick:* I would say both.
				2. *Pacella:* They can fall into both categories.
			8. *Garrick:* I think subsection 15 is redundant, 14 explains the situation already.
			9. *Pacella:* Didn’t we have a rule saying you can’t post on social media 24 hours before voting?
				1. *McCormick:* Not sure, perhaps that was another section we removed.
				2. Pacella references a past case regarding a social media post after campaign hours.
				3. *Pacella:* Do we want to give a template for what a neutral post would be? To avoid Election Code issues.
				4. *McCormick:* Should just be a simple rule of thumb - If it is related to the election at all, then they shouldn’t be posting it (after campaign hours).
				5. *Parsons/Motschenbacher:* (In reference to the language found in election code) I always read it as “as long as posts aren’t favoring a candidate, they are fine”.
			10. *Garrick:* Say page shares a post (which was created before deadline) after deadline, will the original post then be in trouble?
				1. *McCormick:* Not the original post, but the sharer, if they are a part of the team.
			11. *Pacella:* Is there a spot where the code explains what ceasing campaign activities means?
				1. *McCormick:* Not that I can find.
				2. **Need to clarify what it means for campaigning to close or open.**
			12. *McCormick:* If someone posts at 8:05 AM saying “Get out and vote!” Is that favoring a ballot change or candidate?
				1. *Pacella:* Would that saying influence the election of a candidate, or any candidate in general? Just the saying itself could compel people to vote that wouldn’t have before.
			13. *Garrick:* The main issue is – social media is a difficult medium to define things in, I think it needs to just be taken on a case-by-case basis. Any issues that come up should be taken care of in court decisions.
			14. *Pacella:* I agree, but there are some sections that should have clarification in order to avoid friction and issues.
			15. Discussion ceased.
		3. Create Dos and Don’ts of Social Media During the Elections Document
			1. *Garrick:* I think this is an overreach on our part. It is not our job to completely inform them, it is candidates’ jobs to be informed. We should not have to clarify the rules. I’d be interested in what Melville thinks.
			2. *McCormick:* I believe that it would be including examples just to clear up language.
			3. *Garrick:* Dos and Don’ts could oversimplify things. Should be simple – If you’re a candidate or on a candidate team, just don’t post outside of campaigning times.
			4. *Consensus:* Wait for Melville’s opinion on what he wants to specifically do with the document.
			5. Discussion tabled.
		4. Initiate Student Organization Presentation Preparation
			1. *Pacella:* I did get a spreadsheet of the organizations and their numbers, I did not check through it though.
			2. *McCormick:* We nSeed a 5 minute presentation on what/where/when/why to run in an election.
			3. *McCormick:* What should we include?
				1. *McCormick:* What SG is, what positions are available, when typical meeting times are, typical weekly commitment, good reasons they should run. Good resume booster, builds skills. Networking. Getting involved on campus, take up some free time.
				2. *Pacella:* Always need to stress that SG matters, there is real power here to make change and control finance (5 million dollars). Voters should want to vote, because there are actual issues to be identified.
				3. *McCormick:* How to apply, what they have to do. Where to turn information into.
			4. *McCormick:* What interested everyone in running/applying?
				1. *Garrick:* I’m a fan of transparency, playing devil’s advocate, both personally and professionally it seemed interesting.
				2. *Pacella:* We’re all people interested in law, so it was a natural fit.
				3. *Parsons:* I didn’t have a specific goal, just wanted to be involved and this seemed like a great place to start.
			5. *McCormick:* What would you say to someone to get them interested in applying?
				1. *Pacella:* That Senate has real power on campus, control millions of dollars, oversee 300 organizations, approve budgets, Bikeshare is our project, lobby administrators, aquatic center was part of our effort. Hammer in that Senate makes a real difference.
				2. *Motschenbacher:* Networking.
				3. *Garrick:* Same as Pacella, also that it is not as big of a time commitment as people think it is.
				4. *McCormick:* Leaving a legacy, creating growth, an impact.
				5. *Parsons:* We’re not playing, we **do actual, real work** that matters and makes a difference on campus.
6. Announcements, Comments, and Open Discussion
	1. No announcements, comments.
	2. Open discussion
		1. *Garrick:* Afterthought:After presentations, we could send it out to presidents of every organization to distribute to their members if they wish to.
7. Review of Action Items
	1. All: Email Melville if you cannot attend a Student Senate meeting you were assigned. Respond to requests on Alternative Meeting Determination document.
	2. Melville: Email students to interview. Prepare to discuss intentions with Dos and Don'ts document. Start working on presentation.
	3. Pacella: Find top fifteen organizations who have the most members, excluding Greek Life. Learn the meeting times for those organizations (including Greek Life) and send results to Melville.
	4. To those it applies: Send thoughts regarding the student organization presentation to Melville.
8. Adjourn
	1. Moved by Pacella, Seconded by Garrick. Adjourned at 8:50 PM.