**Student Court of Justice**

Sunday, November 26, 2017

7:30 PM – Heine Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 7:30 PM
   1. Present: Chief Justice Melville, Senior Associate Justice McCormick, Associate Justice Pacella, Associate Justice Garrick
   2. Absent: Senior Associate Justice Stirling, Associate Justice Dunwoody, Associate Justice Beah
2. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
   1. Strike “Student Court List Serv” and add “2018 Rockpile” under *Line Item V Section b.*
   2. Agenda Approved
3. Good News
4. Reports
   1. Tuesday: Xander, Morgan, Jared will be at Parking Appeals Board meeting on Tuesday.
   2. Jared: I have sent out a Qualtrics survey to help us determine a meeting time for next semester. Please respond when you are able.
5. Order of Business:
   1. Standardized General Court Document
   2. 2017 Rockpile Review
      1. ~~Student Court List Serv~~
      2. Student Court Meeting Minute Consolidation
      3. Student Court Visibility & Poster
         1. Poster: Student body audience; purpose is to inform students of options/information; advertising for student body elections; perhaps the Court can work with PR to use this poster idea as some sort of promotion for the Student Body Election. Specifically for new candidates to diversify the candidate pool. Let’s change the timeline of this project to next semester.
         2. Visibility: Cale, Morgan, Quinn – working with PR
      4. Student Court Rockpile
         1. Scrutinize SG Governance: (off-track); push off to next semester; institutional research; ARC; electronic voting; Finance Code/SG Code. The Student Court became preoccupied with literally everything else throughout the semester.
         2. Aside from governance, the Student Court will have completed everything on its Rockpile. Great work!
         3. Rockpiles/Objectives for next semester:
            1. Kacy: Better education for social media use during elections
            2. Xander: clean up Court computer (documents)
            3. Kacy: clean up desk
   3. Rules of the Court
      1. Associate & Assistant Justice Distinction
         1. Assistant Justice never clearly defined in its creation. The only distinction was “minute-taking” and the ability to vote provided an Associate Justice was not present at a meeting.
         2. The Rules of the Court will now clarify in greater detail what the Assistant Justice is capable of doing.
         3. Consensus Attained.
      2. Case Procedure
         1. The Case Procedure in the Rules of the Court is confusing, complex, and not orderly. Rewriting it has been essential.
         2. Jared: Should we allow for an additional period of time for witnesses to be crossexamined? This might be helpful if something comes up during the rebuttal phase.
         3. Kacy: Add in another cross-examination following rebuttal.
         4. Jared: New period only applies to statements made during rebuttal phase. Add in “Plaintiff’s/Defendant’s Final Cross-Examination” following rebuttal. (Optional step) 10 Minute maximum for all items/witnesses.
         5. J/K/X: Should the plaintiff submit recommendation for punishment/remedy?
            1. Quinn: “may”, an optional aspect of case procedure
            2. Xander: is it necessary for them to recommend a punishment?
            3. “Before concluding, the Plaintiff may state what remedy will resolve the case at hand.”
            4. Kacy: Inclusion allows the Court to see how the plaintiff views the situation
            5. Jared: Mock trial, Thursday December 7, after 6pm

Mason and Landon act as Plaintiff and Defendant

* + - * 1. Jared: Is there anything in governance regarding if the entire Court is the Defendant? Perhaps this should be included elsewhere in the Rules of the Court.
      1. Jared: (Comment) There is no court decision unless there is a majority; add how the case goes back into deliberation if no decision is reached.
    1. Complaint & Response Forms
       1. 2 Documents: Instructions for Complaint Form and Instructions for Receival of Complaint Form
       2. Xander developed Complaint Form: Evidence Submission Form and Written Remarks Form consolidated; changed how we will notify Defendant (if Defendant is contacted by email, Court must receive response back before moving forward with case procedure); digitized forms and process; instructions for Courts regarding evidence and forms
       3. Jared: Too many forms; very lengthy and difficult; now it is efficient; now: issuing complaint becomes a more serious process.
       4. Instructions for Receival of Complaint Form:
          1. Proper handling of documents.
          2. How long do we want to keep documents for records?

Documents should be digitized, then the physical copies be disposed of after the case.

* + - * 1. Should the Court give the Defendant 7 or 10 days to respond? General consensus is 10 days, as it may be helpful in a case demanding a lot of evidence or a strong response.
        2. Plaintiffs and Defendants are responsible for ensuring that witnesses are at the hearing at the appropriate time.
      1. Court Instructions for Receival of Defendant’s Response Form
         1. Point 5: ensuring the Defendant has received the notification before moving forward.
    1. Sentencing Guidelines
       1. Xander: Not really sentencing guidelines, didn’t want to constrain the Court; more of a historical summary of Court decisions, may be better at the front of the Book of Court Decisions; value: corrective measures of the Student Court of Justice
          1. Corrective Measures:

The measure and where the power derives

Put into the Rules of the Court

Put dates onto the corrective measures

Xander: do we have the powers, that are expressed in the CSO guidelines, to adjust student organizations…injunctions?

Jared: Final jurisdiction involving student organizations; can inflict whatever punishment the Court deems reasonable.

* + - * 1. Put Historical Summary in the Book of Court Decisions
    1. Standardized Format for Court Decisions
       1. Making sure Court decision outlines what the case was about, for future reference.
    2. Court Values
       1. Jared: formatting of Court documents; keeping it broad; is “Public Safety” necessary? Strike it and replace it with flexibility (move to #6): recognizing that everyone is busy, with other obligations, and strive to be flexible
       2. Kacy: Accessibility: including “harassment”; Transparency: “right to attend open Court meetings”; “~~attain~~” or “obtain”? Combine Accessibility and Receptivity
       3. Xander: unsure about the partnership section; the Court is judge/jury/executioner, our role is to be independent and unbiased; cooperation implies being biased; do we ever collaborate, or do we just farm out those decisions?
       4. Cooperation and Partnership? STRIKE
       5. Xander: Change “Equal Justice” to “Equal Protection”; so as not to protect precedent; is “Accountability” necessary; Strike “Accountability”
       6. Jared: “Importance of the Individual”? STRIKE
       7. Jared: Are the six values reflective of what we want to value as the Court? General consensus is that it works for this moment.
    3. Chief Justice Melville will begin to compile all these items into a single document.

1. Announcements and Comments
   1. Next Week: PR Comm. Monica will attend to talk about Student Body Elections promotion.
   2. After Court meeting, Dec. 3, 9:00 PM, Applebee’s.
   3. Court Orientation Meeting: Tues Nov 28, 6:00 - 6:45 PM – Heine Room
2. Review of Action Items
   1. Melville 🡪 Talk with Commissioner Murray about the next Court meeting
   2. Melville 🡪Move Historical Summary to Book of Court Decisions
   3. Melville 🡪 Move Corrective Measures to Rules of the Court
   4. Melville 🡪 Compile everything into single document for the Rules of the Court
   5. Garrick & Dunwoody 🡪 Give Court Orientation feedback to Jared by Tuesday
   6. Justices 🡪 Send Spring 2018 Rockpile suggestions to Jared
   7. Justices 🡪 Respond to Qualtrics survey regarding Court meeting times
3. Adjourn
   1. Motion: Quinn
   2. Second: Kacy
   3. Adjourned at 9:03 PM.