

Supreme Court Meeting Minutes 11.13.2019

Meeting commences at 3:30pm

- ✓ In attendance:
 - Chief Justice: Katherine Berner
 - Advisor: Dr. Austin Aaron
 - Faculty Member: Dr. Jim Granada
 - Associate Justices:
 - Ben Spainhour
 - David Ozinga
 - Odalis Vicenio
 - Wambura Moenga
- ✓ 3:30pm Welcomes and introductions
 - Discussed how we found out about the court and good advertising techniques for future members
- ✓ 3:45pm Reviewed purpose, goal(s), and vision for the court
 - Discussed the possibility of working as an appeal court for student conduct. We are all very interested in pursuing this possibility.
- ✓ 4:00pm Action Items:
 - Kitrina has submitted a request for an opinion of the court including the following questions.
 - Does each committee have to be represented on the [Senate Review] Board for the [Senate Review] Board to function?
 - The journal states very specifically that each committee should be present for the senate review board to function. Moving forward the court believes a quorum should be set, so problems don't occur.
 - We also have concern regarding the other Chairs who might have prior knowledge of the issue/cases. Can I (as Chair of the Board, and Student Body President) force the other members of the [Senate Review] Board to recuse themselves to prevent any questions of biases?
 - We don't feel it would be fair for the president to have the ability to "force" a student to recuse themselves from the board. With the way the journal states it now, a member should recuse themselves if they are the member at question or if they are the complainant. We would like to get further information on the situation at hand to make a final decision, but the way it is read now the member can't be forced to be recused.
 - Do alternates have to be members of the Committee in order to represent the Committee?
 - After discussion the court believes that the member should be part of that committee in order to fairly represent that committee.

- Do the Alternates have to be nominated by the Standing Committee or can the [Senate Review] Board pick them?
 - The alternates should be chosen by the committee so that the senate review board isn't able to stack the board with similar opinions.
- ✓ 4:45pm Closing remarks
 - Chief justice will write the official opinion and file it with the office
 - We will create a group me for easier communication
 - We would like to invite President Miller to our next meeting to discuss the opinion further.
 - Plan for future meeting on Monday 11.18.2019 from 3:30pm-5pm
- ✓ 5:00pm Meeting Adjourned