

Meeting Minutes

STUDENT COURT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY

SC-F-2017-0001

The first general meeting of the fall 2017 term of the Student Court of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay was called to order by Chief Justice Jennifer Mork at 04:01 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017. The meeting was held on campus on the first floor of the University Union in the Student Government Association office and, in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law (Wis. Stats. §§ 19.81-19.98), was open to the public.

Chief Justice Jennifer Mork, Associate Justice Michael Dahlberg, and Associate Justice Lehi Valladares were all present at the meeting.

Two guests were in attendance: Eduardo Navarro, Jr., the president of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Student Government Association, and Dennis Debeck, the administrative assistant of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Student Government Association.

Justice Dahlberg asked if there were any minutes that needed to be approved. After a quick discussion, Justice Dahlberg agreed to see where the minutes from the spring 2017 term were located and present them for approval at the next meeting alongside the minutes of this meeting.

Chief Justice Mork asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda. Justice Dahlberg moved to amend the agenda by striking Action Item B (Student Court email) from the agenda. Justice Valladares seconded the motion. Chief Justice Mork asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Chief Justice Mork called for a vote. The motion was approved 3-0. Justice Dahlberg then moved to insert a discussion on the 2018 SGA/RHAA elections into the agenda. Justice Valladares seconded the motion. Chief Justice Mork asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Chief Justice Mork called for a vote. The motion was approved 3-0. Justice Dahlberg then moved to approve the agenda as amended. Justice Valladares seconded the motion. Chief Justice Mork asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Chief Justice Mork called for a vote. The motion was approved 3-0.

There was no old business that needed to be discussed.

The first item of new business that was discussed were the two Student Court vacancies that were created after Associate Justice Maggie Pietrowski and Chief Justice Dennis Debeck both stepped down in May. President Navarro discussed the vacancies with the Court. Navarro indicated that there were four people—Sami, Jessica, Linnea, and David—that he was considering nominating to the Court. He said he hopes that the seats will be filled at the end of the first Student Senate meeting of the fall 2017 semester. Navarro also said that all four of the candidates that he is mulling around in his head are all well qualified. He then asked the justices for their opinion on who they thought would be the two best candidates. The justices did not respond to his request.

Navarro then asked the justices whether or not they would support increasing the size of the Court from five justices to seven. The justices said that they think it would be a good idea as long as the change was not rushed through.

President Navarro then asked the chief justice and associate justices an informal question about the writ of certiorari process and the Court's jurisdiction.

The next item that was discussed by the justices was the 2018 SGA/RHAA. Justice Dahlberg asked the Chief Justice if he could ask Debeck a question. She said yes. Justice Dahlberg asked Debeck what the Court should talk about regarding the April elections at this point of the year. Debeck said that the Court needed to reflect on what happened last year and think what needs to be changed. He then gave an example: making it so that candidates for certain positions need to get so many votes in order to win. The justices unanimously agreed that they would reflect on what happened last year and discuss election rules changes at future meetings.

The justices then discussed committee training. Justice Dahlberg said that the justices serve on the academic misconduct committee. He also said that Chief Justice Mork and Justice Valladares have to be trained before they can serve on the committee. He then said that he would send an email to Mr. Mark Olkowski in the Dean of Students office asking him when committee training would start.

The justices then discussed a change to the Student Court bylaws. The proposed amendment would require the chief justice to choose one of the associate justices to serve as the minute taker at each meeting instead of having one justice compile the minutes during one meeting and another justice compile the minutes during another meeting, etc. Justice Dahlberg said it would make the Court more efficient and the other justices seemed to agree. It was decided that the amendment would be voted on at the next meeting.

The justices then decided to hold the Student Court's next meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2017 at 05:30 p.m. in the Student Government Association office.

There were no announcements.

Justice Dahlberg moved to adjourn at 5:07 p.m. Justice Valladares seconded the motion. Chief Justice Mork asked there was any discussion. There was none. Chief Justice Mork then called for a vote. The motion was approved 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 05:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Justice Dahlberg