



**72nd Student Senate
Judiciary Committee
Date: September 14th, 2020**

Call to Order: p.m.

Members Present: Chair Leckie, President Daraldik (*Added as voting, Ex-Officio member according to rule 5.1B*), Senators Little, Ross, Wang

Members Tardy: Senator(s)

Members Excused Absent: Senator(s) Chabot, Murcia

Members Absent: Senator(s) Ascanio, Kill, Recht

Guests: Nathaniel Hearn

Announcements:

- Chair - None
- Vice Chair - None
- Members - None
- Guests - None

Committee Business:

- **Supreme Court Confirmation Hearing**
 - Nathaniel Hearn
- **Bill 58** - Sponsored by Senator Sojos - To Clarify Funding Guidelines

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Supreme Court Confirmation Hearing** - Nathaniel Hearn
 - Opening Statement
 - X: Similar to what I said during my summer hearing, I am from Kentucky and went to Western Kentucky, moved here for purpose of school, want to be a justice to give back to our university. The least I can do is give back in any way I can. Open to all questions, no bad questions.
 - Technical, Non-Debatable
 - X: Wang: what exact academic/practical experience do you have?
 - Hearn: two full years at FSU college of law, in top 16%, worked for 5/4 different legal organizations, general council at wealth management office, all firms, high end real estate firm, tax firm, insurance firm, lots of undergrad experience, I am well rounded.
 - Daraldik: are you financially certified
 - Hearn: yes

- Senator X moves to enter Round Table Discussion
 - Senator X seconds
 - Round Table
 - X: Darladik: Talk about your experiences, give us more substance and why are you the person to help the student body
 - Hearn: I have come across a lot of different legal matters, the plethora of cases they make you read in school, have a lot of experience, I understand all ends, each party deserves fair shake, it doesn't always seem this way in practice, I can implement those qualities in this legal system
 - Daraldik: we like to understand background of candidates, want to know more about specifics of experiences you've had, last responses haven't given much understanding of background
 - Hearn: the first position, worked for a company bought out by Bayerd, worked in the corporate department for general council, intercompany issues, securities disputes, legal disputes between clients, real-estate issues. After this, worked on high end real-estate issues, closings, zoning, regulation, presented with wide variety of cases, separately address each case, with imperial mindset, after this, concluded summer by accepted position with Williams and Coleman, tax law and business law, mergers and acquisitions, got substantive work, was treated like an attorney, had autonomy over real legal matters, drafted legal documents for court, very few edits, everything drafted submitted to court. Been working for the past year and three months, worked for workers comp, heavy workload, sifting through insurance claims, business that does not stop, new for me. Also very involved on campus, executive editor for business review among other activities.
 - Wang: do you have any specific plans to give back?
 - Hearn: I don't have specifics, by give back I mean giving back by applying education to situations, give back my time and impartiality.
 - Wang: would you have any conflicts of interest?
 - Hearn: none
 - Little: will you still be able to dedicate time to being a justice with all other time commitments?
 - Hearn: yes, was a justice in the summer and has shaped schedule around serving as a justice
- Senator Little moves to enter deliberations
- Senator Wang seconds
- Deliberations:
 - Daraldik: Personally, I am hesitant, will abstain, he started every answer with "um" and seemed like tone was constant "this is an easy job". Other candidates were at different level of professionalism. Didn't understand where he went with responses, interesting interview
 - Wang: Hesitant, when reading application his responses were sentence at most, seems very enthusiastic, verbally and on paper
 - Ross: Wasn't very sure, stuttered a lot, not prepared to give speech, I don't know much about him after his discussions, not sure about choosing him

- Little: Responses showed lack of knowledge on position, asked about how experiences would relate to position, did not relate it back to how he would apply it to this.
 - Ross: doesn't really know what he is getting into, taking a job. Nothing wrong with this, not firmly ready to commit to doing this yet
 - Daraldik: served as associate justice this summer, did not fully get chance to serve, him out of all candidates should set bar high, only one who has been a justice, conflicting and don't like to judge, but we have an expectation.
 - Wang: What did the supreme court even do this summer
 - Daraldik: nothing, did not get to much,
 - Little: maybe fact that he was a justice made him unprepared, thinks maybe he did not have to prepare for this because he was confirmed before
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 - Senator Little moves to call the question
 - Senator Wang seconds
 - Closing statement:
 - Thank you for your time, thank you for diligent questions, if confirmed i plan to approach this position with clear mind and impartiality, using experience and education for student government and whole university, planning on learning from other justices to better myself.
 - Vote
 - Daraldik: Abs
 - Little: No
 - Ross: No
 - Wang: No
 - Nomination **RESULT**
 - **Fails 0-3-1**
- **Bill 58** - Sponsored by Senator Sojos - To Clarify Funding Guidelines
 - Opening Statement
 - Makes it harder for funding boards to give out money, will reduce issues of spending too much money, makes it harder
 - Technical, Non-Debatable
 - None
 - Senator Little moves to enter Round Table Discussion
 - Senator Wang seconds
 - Round Table
 - Ross: some people have issues with funding, any examples?
 - Sojos: some groups could not get money at the end of the year because the committee was really low on funding, this will help the committee a lot in terms of spending too much, this would be helpful.
 - Wang: remembers this bill coming through finance, added two thirds vote, worried about cap on RTAC and PAC, should fund orgs they see fit, will be situations that arise where rates change, i think i am okay with this two thirds addition
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 - President Daraldik moves to call the question
 - Senator Wang seconds
 - Closing:

- Thank you for having me, not practical to fund this much.
- Vote
 - Daraldik: Abs
 - Little: Yes
 - Ross: Yes
 - Wang: Yes
 - Bill RESULT
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- Passes 3-0-1

Unfinished Business: None

Committee Legislative Round Table: None

Final Announcements: None

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 7:37

Adjourned: p.m.

Griffin Leckie

Signature of Chair