

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Rebecca Weis

Will Corrigan

Leah Campbell

Michael Swansburg

Adam Broadus

Adam Jarboe

Colleen Goodman

Jerred Kelly

Jacob Taulman

Rachel Carmona

Lucas Vance

Lauren Bean

Johnna Spicer

Lily Chan

Sara Mikowski

Jenna Johnston

Meeting Opened: 9:00 PM

REPORTS

President's Report

RW: Updates. 1) The attendance policy was rejected at the May faculty meeting. RW made alterations to the proposal based upon some of the concerns that the faculty raised. Some professors suggested make-ups under the discretion of the professors. The seminar folks also expressed concerns about missing classes, due to the shortened schedules for them. We're going to resubmit next Tuesday.

AB: What about the student representation?

RW: No go.

RW: 2) The Daily Docket was altered over the summer by Dean Becker. What about students having the ability to pay for printing above their limit? Dean Becker is working on it, but it's on the backburner.

Met with Dean Hall about adding classes to the schedule based on student inquiries. Some will be added, but others are up in the air. If you want some, create a sign-up sheet and take it to Dean Hall.

AB: Do you know about Crim Pro?

RW: Should be in a big room (275) to allow bump-up.

3) Orientation Thank Yous to Will, Mike, Colleen, and everyone who helped. Next year we should be able to work more effectively.

4) Locker keys are going alright. RW has set hours next week. If anyone else can, let her know.

5) Food Services. RW emailed with Becky Wimberg and the response is "working on it."

6) Research and Tutoring Funding: There's money for tutoring according to the Dean. Research assistants are up in the air. We'll have to check.

7) Meet every other Wednesday this semester. If there's something going on, we can re-schedule.

8) Jobs? The economy is bad and some firms are reducing offers. What can we do to help? Robyn Lurding held a small firm job fair last year and we should do the same this year. Over 75 percent did not have jobs at graduation last year. We need to do something.

WC: I spoke with Christy Floyd who said she'd keep her ears open. She suggested doing something with government agencies, including Commonwealth's Attorney, and non-profit organizations.

RW: Two voting matters: Vacancies and a Budget. Next meeting we'll discuss 1L elections.

Vice President (Day)'s Report

WC: Thanks to everyone who helped with orientation. The mentoring program is going alright, but if you have questions, ask. We still might do something through academic support. Gave Christy Floyd a list of mentors. Idea for a project. Every spring at UVA they host a softball weekend where all sorts of schools to Charlottesville to play and meet. Do we have any interest here? I have ideas for funding, etc., but let's discuss.

LB: To hold one here?

WC: No, to go there.

Dean Chen is a huge fan of softball. If we can get enough interest, maybe we can get them on-board. A law firm may want to sponsor us.

RW: Transportation?

WC: It's long, but you can find a number of different ways.

LB: Registration dates?

WC: We'll find out.

Vice President (Evening)'s Report

LC: Nothing, though still interested on part-time program switching or changing.

RW: Nothing yet, the committee is still meeting and they're still discussing the issue.

Secretary's Report

MS: Nothing.

Treasurer's Report

AB: Raffles are illegal in KY, so if you're looking to do a raffle for anything, you have to have a charitable gaming license to do so. The University must also do it. If there are suggestions around it, let me know.

JJ: Kosair asked us to do something like that.

AB: Kosair is a charitable organization. We need to contact someone through school. The University said that they are not interested in obtaining a charitable gaming license. Anything over \$300 is a D Felony. Door prizes are considered raffles as well.

LB: What about bids?

WC: Have you called the department?

AB: The University has and they keep saying that it's illegal.

LB: Why doesn't the school have one?

AB: It's a non-profit. You have to be a registered charity. You can hold casino nights, etc., if you do. Christy Floyd wants us to run her supply of secondary sources (Carol's old stuff).

LW: That's not an SBA function.

WC: She wants to raise funding.

LW: We won't use our budget.

JJ: Most of the books are gone anyway.

CG: Can we send out an email to the alumni?

AB: It wasn't a drive so much, but she doesn't want the sign-out anymore.

LW: Tell her to email me and I'll talk with her.

Social Chair's Report

CG: No announcements, but thank you for helping out with the events.

LW: They were under budget as well, which is good.

CG: Suggestions for Decedent's Ball (still looking).

Fundraising Chair's Report

LC: I have t-shirts (16) if people want them. If you want to buy them, let me know. We sold 44 at orientation. We're going to try to order more and sell them.

Public Relations Chair's Report

RC: My job, constitutionally, entails SBA Student of the Month. I want to get that started on that again. It's kind of a neat idea. I don't know if anyone's interested, but the first meeting

could be ideas of folks, etc., of classes. We can then vote on someone and put it on the website. I don't know if we have an August meeting.

RW: If you have friends who can offer suggestions, let me know. Does that sound like a good process?

RC: We can have professors, etc., help out.

LB: We can suggestion a "Student of the Month" box as well.

Public Service Chair's Report

JJ: The Young Lawyer section of LBA is trying to sell raffle tickets and wanted to put our name beside it. I don't know with the new info about raffles, though.

AB: I would call.

JJ: They're trying to get the upcoming lawyers mingled in with students.

AB: Theoretically you might be able to sell, but not on the University.

RW: Email Jenna if you want to volunteer. Do you want us to post something?

JJ: Do you want to do it?

RW: We can still say that the Young Lawyers asked us to pass the information along.

Career Services Chair's Report

JS: We're doing on-campus interviewing now, but I still have not yet met with the Dean.

SBA Reps Reports

LV and JT: Nothing to report.

3L Reps Reports

AJ and SM: Nothing

2L Reps Reports

JK and LB: At the end of orientation, the first years didn't know a lot about SBA positions, but we told them that we'd talk with them about SBA positions. We'll write down a job descriptions and discuss:

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

RW: 1) Appointment of Melissa Stilger and Calvin Duncan to Bookstore Manager and 2L Evening Representative.

All those in favor of appointment? Opposed? (Unanimous vote in favor of both at 9:30 PM).

RW: 2) The SBA Budget. Students complained a lot last year about social events and there was some low turn-out. We're going to try to ramp it up this year.

CG: Do we have DJs?

RW: Yes, we have DJs at the events.

We're going to try to invest in both a new refrigerator and I will bring in a microwave for the office.

Office supplies will also be used for things like resume paper and pens, etc., which will be made available to all students.

RW: We have a lot of old textbooks. I don't know what to do with them?

SM: Can we sell them online?

RW: Let's investigate.

I don't know about alumni magazine and whether it's still going on, etc. We have budget cushion in case we need it later.

All those in favor of appointment? Opposed? (Unanimous voice vote at 9:36 PM).

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

RW: Anything else?

LV: I feel like things have changed with economy and we're so focused on on-campus interviews. We need to talk with the 1Ls and tell them that they should start focusing on jobs.

SM: The new dean is good. She's great at helping with stuff. If you have ideas, she'll make it happen. We do need to specifically tell her what we want.

LV: Should we talk with her?

SM: I think we should, but we should incorporate her into the process.

JK: Should we bring her to a meeting?

RW: Do we want her to come talk at the next meeting? Johnna should ask her if she can make that happen.

JS: If she cannot, I can take ideas to her and get them shared with her.

RW: Thanks everyone! Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:40 PM