

SBA Minutes, January 20th, 2008, Room 216B

Attendees

Matt

Fernanda

Adam Goldman

Ian

Jana

Omar

Rebecca*

Kim

Jenifer Pratt

Tommy *

Josh

Mike

Allison Avent*

Chris Malek

Chris Meyer

Preston Clark*

Serena Josephs*

*Exec

SBA President-Preston

Please see SBA Executive Update but summed up below

- 1) Dean Search Update
- 2) SBA Elections
- 3) Pictures
- 4) Res Ipsa
- 5) Business Cards

- 6) Dean's Cup
- 7) Graduation Speech
- 8) Diversity on the Bricks
- 9) SBA Sign
- 10) Lockers and Book Exchange
- 11) Student Center- It is going to be where the Rat is. We will have a corner office. SBA will not have a private office.

Mike-They are tearing the rat down in November and Sbarro will serve as a temporary Rat.

SBA Vice President-Tommy Wang

Went to a conference in Vegas with Jana Blount

SBA Secretary-Serena

Next Inter-Club Council meeting is February 4th, 12:30, F309

SBA Treasurer- Andy Loewenstein (Absent)

Update on Book Exchange-

Tommy-Is it for everyone?

Ian- I think that it's worth first getting the amenities and then figuring out if it's for everyone.

Chris- E-mail me or Andy Loewenstein. Also, Andy is putting together a committee.

SBA Historian- Rebecca Lada

SBA ABA Rep-Allison Avent

- 1) Updated the ABA website with scholarship information
- 2) Day of Service sponsored by ABA, HOPE, and BLSA- Painted 2 houses in Little Haiti
- 3) February 14th Event for Diversity Week

Approving Minutes

Ian-Motioned to approve minutes

Jana- 2nded it

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Dean's Cup Update- Brett

April 11th-April 19th

1Ls if you want to ask people in your section if they want to help out

Chris, Brett, 1 1L, 1 2L, and if anyone else wants to participate, contact Brett

Chris Malek- Is there still space to fit

Brett- We are having tug of war and hot dog eating contest. If there are any other ideas, let us know. There is also a beer pong tournament. We are renting out Hooligans for darts, pool, and beer pong

Rebecca- Talk to Dean Lennon about the Community Service Event

Brett- Lit Skills is April 12th and Barristers is April 5th. It ends on a Saturday, so we can have a party. Josh, do you want to be captain of tennis.

Josh- Yes.

Omar-1L Senator

Omar- I want to discuss our ranking. Is there something we can do to talk to the administration to improve our ranking?

Chris- Faculty committee meetings are very academic. We had a Supreme Court Clerk interviewing last year, and he was too conservative. We offered 4 people positions; 1 accepted, and now that we have more 1Ls and less 3Ls graduated last year, we are suffering.

Preston- There is going to be a new dean. For example, Dean Goldsmith in the Med School brought in a lot of people. Once the new dean is in the position, he can call people he knows.

Chris- You 1Ls and 2Ls have a lot of leverage; student faculty ratio; you have a lot of power. Sometimes ranking is based on other things, but you are right that we can change student; faculty ratios.

Preston- You can still be pro-active.

Omar- Would it be too aggressive...

Preston- No

Omar-Can we write a petition?

Chris Meyer- We can pass a resolution, so that's that kind of thing that can jumpstart the process.

Mike- The one part of the US News makes the ranking is through 1L class acceptance ratio. Also, we are tuition funded school as opposed to Stanford, Harvard, and Yale, which is endowment driven.

In the short term, there is very little that we can do. If you bring it up like I brought it up to Zanita Fenton, people normally say don't take those rankings seriously.

Brett- I think that it's a good idea of Omar's to write a resolution so that there is something formal on the table.

Omar- Is being tuition based going to continually hurt us, rather than be endowment based?

Preston- We are tuition driven, too much. There was a dean here who tried to reduce students; then faculty get let go. A lot of politics are involved. Our 50% acceptance ratio is absurd. We need to be too selective.

Mike- Omar, if you want to move forward with this, expect some sort of resistance with the faculty.

Chris- Look at the rankings, and look at things that we can change.

Adam- A lot of faculty downplay rankings. Really, for me a 1L and my classmates, the curve is important is something on which we focus.

Ian- Is the ranking the problem?

Chris- Put the issues on paper, and let's see what we can do.

Omar- If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Mike- Dave McGilligan worked on the curve. He found that the C+ curve resulted in people who received As really stand out. That meant that people in the lower 80% subsidize the lower 20%.

Rebecca- If you're an employer, he's not going to care.

Josh Rubens- Just put your class rank.

Chris Malek- Sometimes you don't have a choice.

Chris Meyer- Let's move on, but Omar get it together.

Recycling- Omar

Omar- Recycling. Preston, can you give me the name for someone regarding recycling?

Preston- As much as being green U, the university is not doing a good enough job.

Preston- Contact Dean Matas and student body president of undergrad.

Firm Night-Omar

Omar- Contact law firms and have a firm night, and if we invited 20-30 firms. Maybe we would need 5 events of 5 firms for building a repertoire.

Chris Meyer- This is going to clash with Career Services; you need to work with them. ESLS and other groups take over Student Lounge, and you should talk to Melissa in social committee.

Preston-Organize it through the Alumni Association and specifically Dean Angones. Lewis Levi would most likely be willing to help out.

Tommy- I've met with Career Center, and 65% of students aren't through Florida. So I've started a website for those from CA and NY. If you would like to help out, please contact me.

Adam-Standardizing LRW

Mike- Talk to Michelle Cohen who is a 2L senator

Chris Meyer- I think the difficulty in standardizing LRW is why 60% law schools have LRW class/fail.

Preston-I think it has a lot to do with not having in house faculty teaching LRW.

Painting Parking Lot- Jenifer

Jenifer-People are really excited.

Add/Drop Issue- Rebecca

Rebecca-We have a program at Emory that allows you to not add/drop unless the class you want to switch into is open, preventing you from losing potentially 2 classes.

More communication b/w student events-Omar

Chris Malek- Come to ICC Meeting.

Serena-E-mail me Omar.

We were charged 3 Kegs for 1 hour and 45 minutes-Chris

Chris Meyer-Was anyone there to see how many keys we went through. I am going to stay there next time

End of Meeting

Jana- Motion

Chris Malek-2nd

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