

8/14/08 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Matt Givens
Omar Bradford
Chris Malek
Adam Goldman
Jana Blount
Kim Salamone
Ian Kirtman
Chris Hahn
Ben Bean
Brian Vidas
Jennifer Pratt
Ashton Freeman
Mike Kuczynski

President—Chris Malek

1. Will approve budget at the first meeting of the year Thursday September 4th.
2. This summer:
 - a. ABA conference
3. Things for this year: finalizing money for tailgates, the first one 2 weeks from today. Beer at the Rat settled for the fall. May be torn down December, possibilities for changing venue to other local bars, let Malek know.
4. Committees put together today and responsibilities
5. Handbook for Senators, finalized by the first meeting
6. Goals this year:
 - a. Involvement with orientation and new incoming class, Exec Board office hrs on the bricks. Senators, spread the word that we're trying to make changes and build a good relationship with constituents. Trying to foster a sense of pride within the school to build long term alum relations; stay positive.

VP—Omar Bradford

1. Oversee committees, drafting schedule to meet with committee chairs on a regular basis to discuss goals and projects. Committees more serious this year.
 - a. Handbook and procedures created for coming up with Ad Hoc committees, more procedurally based
2. Business casual dress on Thursdays for meetings to create recognition, more professionalism. Extensions to Beer at the Rat, keep it professional.

Mike—what if everyone gets drunk and yells at us about what's wrong with the school?

Omar—well that's the job we were elected to do, don't yell back.

Ian—How about we all get polo shirts or something made to wear for meetings, create uniformity?

Omar—bottom line is uniformity and professionalism, how we proceed this year is with an air of professionalism

Chris—attendance policy in place this year as well

Omar—must put in writing if you're missing a meeting this year. You're only allowed to miss two meetings a term and they must be excused (until the next elections), make sba a priority for all of us. If you don't meet the attendance policy then you are subject to removal.

- Excused absences: interview, job fair out of town, foreseeable things like work schedule are not excused

Chris—Senator's handbook must be approved by the senate, so everyone has the final word before it comes to a vote.

Jana—does the handbook have to be approved beforehand?

Chris—If there are a lot of substantive things being challenged we will have to meet informally to discuss the possible changes. If not then approved at the first meeting.

Treasurer—Jennifer Pratt

1. Approval of budget at next meeting, even though I won't be there. Passed out a memo on the state of the budget.
2. Have about \$11,856 in the balance subject to approval by the deans Office
2004 Test Drive User 150 lockers still left, locks for \$5
3. Student activity fee (\$3/student) disbursed in bulk in the beginning of the year, but will be disbursed other times throughout the year. Thanks to Ashton and Brian working in the book exchange.

Historian—Kim

1. Working on taking pictures at orientation, was at HOPE day of service as site leader.
2. Taking more pictures, but trying to re-brand ourselves and create more awareness, working on slideshow and cleaning up the archives with the librarians, getting things more organized.

Ashton—professionalism what image are we portraying, like drinking in pictures?

Kim—Dean Lennon called over the summer and wants less drinking pictures

ABA—Jana

1. ABA conference, pitch membership to schools
2. 3 big things from ABA:
 - a. Work a day program, national so ABA accredited schools will all do it one day this year's issue is war veterans, who need help using their benefits.. like a did you know type of fact sheet to vet hospitals or lodges to help them know what their rights are
 - b. Mental health awareness programs—lots of law students depressed and anxious. Dean Stearns really wants to work on this issue. Get students active in something beyond school and studying and jobs. Vanderbilt got successful attorneys to give practical advice to calm student fears from a real perspective.

Pratt—have you talked to disability services and Iris?

Mike—MIT had high rates of suicide a few years ago, one day a month students get a day off from assignments and work. School wide initiative

Jana—other ABA reps mentioned closing the library for a few hours

- c. Diversity week, beyond pot luck lunches, more involvement
- d. UM law does a lot more than other law schools, let people know and make it public that we do a lot of stuff for our students, much more than people realize

Ashton—Survey template to everyone who wants to be involved with the student survey. If you want a copy and you're not on the committee let Ashton know.

Adam—LRW reform, met w/Professor Gudridge, and suggested a survey maybe attach an LRW survey with the main student survey to get feedback right away.

Ben—Maybe add in some mental health level questions about exercise, stress levels, anxiety, etc.

Adam—LRW reforms, had one meeting and will meet with Professor Gudridge and if you want to join, let Adam know

Jana—send the survey to everyone

Mike—we met with Dian Quick from the CDO, expanding to undergrad alumni to create a bigger database. Possibly inviting local law school alumnus to the tailgates to network in a more casual setting. Downside is beer and football so may not be the most professional environment.

Chris—Dean V is always there, as well as profs. alums wont change the dynamic very much, already on notice to behave yourselves

Givens—when do we have the lounge reserved for meetings?

Chris—12:30-2 dates reserved for the entire year and locked in

Matt—meetings will be 12:30-2 every other Thursday, dress codes, and subway lunches. Will send minutes from previous meetings beforehand so we can just approve them quickly during the new public meetings. Business cards have been provided by the CDO, \$30 for 250. Whats going on w/the parking lot?

Kim—still trying to get ahold of Richard Sobaram

Adam—is repainting an option?

Matt—Prob over breaks

Jana—how are meetings run now?

Matt—committee meetings are separate, Malek sent out e-mail with all the dates and these are our set meetings.

Ashton—head of budget, so how will we know when meetings are for committees?

Jana—Sara and I are the only ones on this committee?

Adam—are we going to discuss the new committees?

Omar—make a schedule and first meeting more like what the agenda is and what members want to get accomplished and meet weekly or bi-weekly.

Approval of Old Minutes

Jana—Motion to approve

Ian—Second

New business

- Budget approved at the next meeting

- Committees—also Ad Hoc committees, suggestions from today, like Adam’s LRW reform, come up with an official committee. Mike CDO committee, and Ashton’s survey committee or student climate or something

Ian—pushing for polo shirts instead of b-cas dress for meetings

Jennifer—make professional name tags instead of polos along with b-cas dress

Ashton—have polos for tailgates and other events to be identifiable

Ian—can wear them to other events

Malek—polos every other Thursdays when we’re not meeting?

Matt—wont have to buy new ones every year

Mike—Ralph Lauren makes custom embroidered ones

Ian—can get a nice polo that wont fall apart for cheaper

- Tailgates: try to invite alumni. No kegs allowed at Dolphins stadium!

Ian—how do you get a parking pass?

Chris—Hect or online

- Buses to tailgates for the undergrads. One month ago said ok to get own law school buses, re-checking if this is still the case. Mike and Malek driving there to do set ups. Stay to the side of the undergrad student section. As far as beer, working with Dean V for alumni or firms to sponsor tailgates, \$300 for a tailgate, so ask the firms you were working for. Cant spend SBA funds providing alcohol to students. Checks made out to Malek or Mike who are in charge of buying food, so alcohol will look like it magically appeared.

Ben—anything to sell to entice firms to sponsor the tailgate?

Malek—pens, banners, cards, name everywhere its up to them

Mike—will provide receipts to firms who sponsor. How do the alumni invites work if we’re having certain firms sponsor?

Malek—alumni population will come out regardless for hurricane football, and will also encourage more ppl from the sponsor firm to attend.

Jana—good press for firms

Ian—Going up to UF, school spirit impt so if we go to Gainesville for the game, then maybe set up a tailgate up there.

Chris Hahn—Know someone on SBA at UF, maybe we can work together... Also, is sponsorship the only way to get alcohol at tailgates?

Malek—yes

Mike—alumni associations usually do the tailgates at a bar as a pep rally type thing

Matt—Any final announcements?

Malek—Budget will meet after the meeting. New dean introducing himself to the 1L’s next week and having an introduction to 2L and 3L’s on Wed the 20th, strong SBA presence there encouraged to show the new dean our support. Make sure you introduce yourself and put up a united front.

Jana—Motion to adjourn

Ian—Second.