

SBA Meeting Minutes: 8/26/07 called to Order: 11:13am

Senators Present:

Chris Meyer
Lindsey Savestano
Rachel Papeika
Melissa Kiedrowitz
Josh Reubens
Brett Trembly

Exec Present:

Preston Clark
Tommy Wang
Andy Lowenstein

Preston: shorter meetings, want senators to come, not avoid us. Chris will cut us off if we drone on

Tailgates are BACK:

Only food provided, BYOB (Unofficially)

If you want to bring a keg and sell cups that's fine it just can't be official

Downtown: haven't decided about the move of the law school

Dean Search: Preston only student on committee

O-Bowl: last season there, Preston with board on decision to make the move

Large 1L class? Why? Did the best we could, admitted less people, more decided to come than in years past. We will raise the standards next year

Conference: san fran w/ Allison for ABA

Web-design: Danny is getting involved with changing the web site but can't til next year, if you're interested talk to Preston

LRAP: loan repayment, up and running only 2 scholarships

Business cards: working with Dean Stearns & Dean Coker in the works

Tommy:

Will speak for new business

Andy: lockers sold out, good advertising, taken in \$5000 in lockers/book sales

Want to get new lockers, Dean Stearns may help out, will hear more in 2 weeks,

We take all the locker sales \$\$ for SBA, but Dean's office pays for lockers,
Maybe give some % of \$\$ to orientation
Book exchange is computerized working on online list
Andy new # 305-240-4779
LAFAC 9/4 is first meeting, get your apps in ahead.
SBA doesn't fund non-SBA events

Serena: ICC Sept 10th about room allotment (offices)

Rebecca Lada: links for pics on the website, separated by event help with publicity
Need to submit a budget for awards in Spring
Ran out of certificates last year, need more \$\$ for metals, etc

Allison: ABA conference series of panels for law students and separate section for attorneys, rep training, diversity awards reception, employment & int law section, passed resolutions,

Hurricane Network: ABA sponsors scholarships and grants for people who want to spend spring break in gulf coast rebuilding
Want members to join before sept 10th

Rachel: SBA's in other schools give budgets to student orgs, look into this for here distribute through ICC, talk to deans

Meeting minutes approval from last meeting:
Motion: Melissa, unanimous approval

NEW BUSINESS

Chris: Chris Malek still not sworn in Senator absences are unacceptable, need to address this.

2L senate vacancy: we can vote to hold an election or to forgo it and have a presidential appointment
LeVale Simpson very interested in joining

Need a full senate for the budget meeting

Brett: motion to forgo special election and approve presidential appointment
Yes: 5, no: 0, abstain: 1

Tommy: Malek hasn't shown up since he was elected, what are we going to do about it?
Chris: if people don't want to show up, we can kick them out
We don't want to kick them out, but we need to do something
Need to email if you're not going to be there

Chris: do we want to vote on him now?

Rachel: Can we bring him in and decide if we like him or not?

We'll meet him next meeting and approve if we like him

Parliamentation:

No one interested in doing it

Rachel has done a good job, always shows up, but there's a conflict in the by laws, not supposed to be a senator, no one else wants to take it

Do we want a vote to suspend the by laws so Rachel can continue as Parliamentarian for the year

Motion: Melissa, 2nd Brett:

Yes: 5, no: 0, abs: 1

Chief justice matter suspended til next meeting

Tommy: committee appointments

2 students per committee, at least one senator, let Tommy know which committee you want to be on, applications go online this week, fill out application

Dean Search committee is Preston, but others are open

Serena: do students stay on same committees? Need to still re apply: talk to Tommy; still need to fill out the application, don't want to show favoritism

Chris: committees vary per year

Good experience last year on faculty appointments committee

Interviewed faculty, student input is valued

Some are very time intensive, some aren't, try to find out what day they meet

TAILGATES:

Kick off noon 9/1 set up at like 9:30am, need SBA people to make sure it doesn't get out of control

Looking to get prepared platters rather than a grill

Think we'll be in same spot but we have to double check

We want a big turnout but there aren't obligations attached

If we stick to B@R schedule, then TX A&M will be on B@R day, we may grill that day but the other days prepared food,

Only one spot so talk to Chris

Brett: 3L senators should come up with a solution to the beer: Lindsay should contribute beer, we need to bring kegs

It's just no official sponsoring beer

Preston: we can't have people collecting money at that spot, can't have senators taking money.

Andy: sell wrist bands before hand

Needs to be discrete

Senate committees:

** people are the chairs, tried to give top choices

Preston: want this to be a good productive year

we have a good group of people this year, be candid with Preston, wants to hear your opinions & input don't hesitate to contact

Next meeting: Budget meeting, it's the worst meeting, please be here on time, we want to get in and out as quickly as possible

Last year was 2 hours which was a record

Rachel: move to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:56