



14TH STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW
AUGUST 27, 2009 GENERAL MEETING
12:45 P.M., Faculty Lounge

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order- Erik called meeting to order at 12:48 pm
- II. Executive & Judicial Officer Reports
 - a. President – 5 minutes
 - i. Thanks the students for coming to the meeting
 - ii. Dean White’s lunches; information given including information given at the ICC Meeting, student lounge will be re-modeled over the winter break
 - b. Vice-President – 5 minutes
 - i. Thanks everyone for being here
 - ii. Thank you card for Micahel and Carmen at Monty’s. They helped to organize the 1L orientation event. There had been problems with the budget so they were not paid immediately.
 - iii. Orientation: we sponsored the 1L gift of the beach towel, so the senators get a beach towel.
 - iv. Meeting with Dean Cox regarding a student internship drive. Kim had written a proposal, she plans to re-discuss the proposal tomorrow
 - c. Speaker of the Senate – 5 minutes
 - i. Please make food requests two weeks in advance
 - d. Secretary – 5 minutes
 - i. Coem to Beer at the Rat and meet 1Ls
 - e. Treasurer – 5 minutes
 - i. Summer Budget, go over later
 - ii. Book exchange- lot’s of locker sales, we are getting new lockers outside 209
 - iii. Please come to Beer at the Rat
 - f. Historian – 2.5 minutes
 - i. Moving forward with the proposed website content changes, more interactive and innovative
 - ii. Help students know what we are doing they can access the website
 - g. ABA Representative – 2.5 minutes

- i. Thank you and welcome for coming
 - ii. Theo has two major projects; president of ABA (UM Alum), Caroline Lam, to come speak about job opportunities and the second project is to push the initiative of the Environmental Law Project.
 - 1. Want to turn the project into a clinic, have the backing of Alfieri, 801, 802, 803 course, independent study. May become a clinic as soon as the end of the semester
 - h. Senator Questions – 10 minutes
 - i. No Questions
- III. Old Business
- a. Approval of Old Minutes – 4/09/09 Meeting
 - i. Minutes do not need to be approved because this is a new session
- IV. New Business
- a. Executive Cabinet Appointments (Givens)
 - i. This will be the first time in a while that there will be cabinet positions
 - 1. Matt would like Daniela Gordon to be Chief of Staff. Serve as right hand woman for Matt and Kim. She is president of Bar & Gavel.
 - 2. Matt would like to nominate Mike Flannagan as Attorney General. He would be a member of the cabinet. Mike showed interest in this position and would like to look through and update the bylaws and the Constitution. Mike would also would with the committees to get things done.
 - 3. Matt would like to nominate Adam Bair as the Social Events Coordinator. He would organize Beer at the Rat, picnics, tailgates, etc. Adam would help put together new events and has already done tailgates with his class members.
 - a. Adam will be ending a survey out to find out more about what the students want to do and what type of events they want to see
 - 4. Matt nominates Hagen Brody for Director of Student Affairs and Career Planning. He will have a Career Development Committee. Hagen has already put together an event for appreciation for employees who have hired UM students. Hagen says he appreciates the opportunity to stay involved and his goal is to take the different projects everyone is working on to grow the UM family and to strengthen the name of the school. Wants to get alums involved in events and tailgates, wants alums to hire UM grads.
 - ii. Ian makes a motion to accept Matt's nominations
 - iii. NO discussion
 - iv. Erik moves to vote on appointments. No second is needed

- v. Appointees are approved by a show of hands
- b. Approval of Fall Budget (Kelley & Senate Budget & Finance Comm.)
 - i. Brian explains that these are not concrete, set in stone numbers, there will be additional expenses.
 - ii. Beer at the Rat: additional keg makes it \$725, after today we will see if that is something to continue, we should revisit this at the September 10 meeting
 - iii. OneL snacks are done every year. This may increase due to their additional size
 - iv. Phone lines: will now have one instead of two, this has cut the phone costs in half. That saves \$600
 - v. Food at the SBA meetings will probably increase, will probably be about \$1400
 - vi. Tailgates are due to improve. Rather than have 7 tailgates, there is a goal to have 4 better and more exciting tailgates. Duke is going to be a game right before finals so Adam has picked four games that are going to be the most popular. Georgia Tech is \$500 so that there will be more students and the involvement will be more fun.
 - vii. ICC lunches; two fall meetings. \$800
 - viii. Discretionary funds, \$200 for speaker, \$1000 for e-board
 - ix. Book exchange will become SBA office and so there needs to be expenditures for locks, lamps, cleaning supplies, etc. This may be the most fluid number of all. Right now it stands at \$500
 - 1. Erik opens the floor to discussion by senators
 - a. Matt Comiter says the Oklahoma game is more important and \$500 should be spent there. David Moreno and Ian Kirtman agree. Kirtman says we should set the budget more loosely. Ian moves to amend the budget so that a flat \$1400 is allocated to the season of tailgates.
 - b. Want to get flags for the tailgates, want people to know where to go. Students are in one lot, and alums are in another lot.
 - c. Hagen has tried to get the same spot but has not been successful in the past. Hagen thinks having the same spot is one of the most important aspects to having a successful tailgate. Hagen will continue working on that. Has found flags on the internet for under \$200.
 - d. Kirtman makes a motion to amend the budget to make a flat \$1400 tailgate fund and let Adam, at his discretion spend the funds. Push seconds the motion.
 - e. Keon helps with the Robert's Rules. Motion was properly moved and seconded that we amend the

budget to make the blanket \$1400 cover the season rather than the game. Open for discussion

- i. Pushkar would like to amend the budget for more money. He amends the amendment for a total flat rate of \$1800. This is seconded by John Fischer
 - ii. Erik opens the floor to discussion to amend the amendment.
 - iii. David Moreno doesn't think \$400 is needed.
 - iv. Chris says that is why there needs to be discretion for Adam, give ourselves some extra room in the budget
 - v. John Fischer says this is a proposed budget, there is a reason it wasn't good last year, no one could find it. This year we can be early and get the same spot and get flags a spot.
 - vi. Brian asks to designate someone. Adam and Hagen will work on it
 - vii. Kirtman moves to close the floor for discussion. Moreno seconds it
 - viii. Keon says and Erik repeats there is no further discussion and we vote on the amendment to increase the budget to \$1800.
 - ix. Vote verbally, the amendment to pass.
- f. No Erik votes to accept the \$1800 as a blanket
- i. Vote passes verbally

2. Discussion for entire budget

- a. Push asks to not spend the money towards alcohol. Wants to caution on money spent towards alcohol.
- b. Kim responds that we didn't pay for alcohol. She says we don't pay for alcohol for the tailgates either.
- c. Matt Comiter asks is the projection for the book exchange includes the additional lockers. Brian has not included the new lockers in the budget
 - i. We have sold out all of the lockers on the second floor, and some of them on the third floor.
- d. John Fischer asks what the discretionary funds are
 - i. Brian responds that the speaker has them in case he needs binders, a gavel, etc.
 - ii. It will be up for review before it is spent
- e. Chris moves to vote on the approval of the SBA Fall 2009
- f. Erik asks for a vote

- i. The fall budget is approved by a verbal vote.
1:22 pm

c. Law School Parking (Martinez)

- i. Nicole Martinez says due to “600” new students there are not enough parking spots
 - 1. She would like the 1Ls to park exclusively in the Ponce Garage
- ii. Allison Janowitz says that there are only 200 new people
- iii. Nisha says that the OneLs all have 8 am classes and it wouldn’t be fair for them
- iv. Chris asks how this could ever be enforced
- v. Matt Givens says that Dean White is concerned about this and has met with President Shalala about it. He says that unfortunately, that may cause more tension. He also says that OneLs can park near the Learning Center, near University Village and the Wellness Center. Dean White is on our side but the parking issue is totally separate from law school issues.
- vi. Erik parks near Memorial and has not had a problem
- vii. Push thinks it is a good idea but can’t work. Push thinks that the Ponce garage is helpful and cheaper and easy to get to school. Your car is protected. Push says the Ponce garage is cheaper and you may be able to get your money back. There are 950 spots in the garage.
- viii. Hagen thinks there should be a direct line for the shuttles to go directly from the garage to the law school, at least for high traffic times.
- ix. Dean Stearns want to correct some things. There are 530 OneLs and over 100 are in I/J, I/J has all of their classes in the learning center, they are encouraged to park near the learning center. The 8 sections that do meet in the law school are not any bigger than previous years. Parking during orientation encouraged oneLs to park in the Ponce Garage and near the Learning Center. Other classes have been moved to those buildings, such as DePoorter’s IP class. Those students are encouraged to park on that side of the campus. Dean Stearns did discuss with the parking authority to add additional shuttle routes. Apparently, there isn’t enough support to start adding shuttle lines. Dean Stearns is happy to discuss more about what we can do for parking and further meetings
 - 1. Mike Flanagan says it can be a hassle if you get on the wrong shuttle, you can go off in the wrong shuttle.
 - 2. Kirtman moves to close discussion, Moreno seconds
 - 3. Vote to close and vote passes

V. Student Body Questions – 10 minutes

- a. Floor is open to students

- i. Matt Givens says the date will be set this next week and will most likely be early October.
- ii. Student asks that the number of senators will be adjusted due to the size of the class
 1. The senators numbers will not be increased. Five senators will be elected per section and have only one senator at large, rather than four for the sections and two at large.

VI. Final Announcements

- a. Matt has an announcement that the Young Alumni Committee is having a Young Alum Reception on Thursday September 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. It is a great networking event. Will introduce Dean White to Young Alumni Committee (alums who have graduate within the past ten years)
 - i. New line of cars, cars will be displayed. 2060 Biscayne Blvd.
- b. Beer at the Rat at 4:30 pm
 - i. Erik asks that we have a beer at the rat schedule for that day. Matt says we will change that
- c. Theo tells the oneLs to talk to oneLs about Beer at the Rat and get your friends there. Please be responsible.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Ian moves to adjourn
- b. Matt Comiter seconds the motion
- c. Vote on adjournment
- d. Erik adjourns at 1:35 pm