

8/31/08 – Senator Meeting

Matt G.

Ashton F.

Ian K.

Adam G.

Chris H.

Jennifer P.

Sara N.

Ben B.

Brian V.

Mike K.

Matt: I'm gonna call this meeting to order, thanks for coming in on a Sunday. We're gonna do budget, handbook and talk about the polos.

Jennifer: You have the bill in front of you with no bill number. Each item as on the Excel spreadsheet. Item 1 is 3L part, 2 ABA rep activities fund. For Barrister's Ball reception we are trying to work something out because we pay for the everyone drinks reception. Beer at the Rat, it is only for the Fall semester because it might get torn down during winter break. End of year award \$1,400 to feed other organization per Dean Stearn's request. My opinion is that we do have more money and if Dean Stearn's wants more money I say why not. But it's up to everyone hear. As you can see so far this year with Brian, Ashton and myself we've made over \$17,000 from SBA book exchange. Andy left us with \$1,200 from last year. We found a loop with the alcohol, the book exchange makes cash what we're gonna do starting next year we're gonna take \$2,000 from the SBA money and it's been approved by Dean V and Dean Stearns. Our total expenditures is \$30,000 plus.

Adam: What was the Barrister's ball ticket expense?

Jennifer: That was about \$900 last year.

Sara: They didn't subsidies last year.

Jennifer: I wanna see if I can get 100% subsidies for our members

Ian: We can also amend it as we go along

Jennifer: Yes.

Matt: Also, you should probably spend some time discussing the funds for the ICC meeting

Chris: What student organizations?

Sara: Every student organizations

Jennifer: If we're telling them they have to come to these meetings than we should pay for their food

Sara: The meetings are important to the SBA

Mike: Also we're paying higher activities fees so it's cool to kick some back

Matt: Majority vote. All in favor---all opposed---the budget passes.

Mike: I'll start it off. I understand the rationale behind the professionalism idea but it is hot outside, but plus the business professional attire is just shirt not tie

Matt: The new message that was sent out says shirt not tie. The idea with the polo is that we can wear them instead

Ian: In section five where it says that business casual is required at all meetings. How many kids do you see walking around dressed the exact same way. I think the polos are a better way to make us stand out. I think this is almost counter productive

Chris: I think this is almost a ludicrous thing about standing out

Matt: It's about making us more identifiable in the public eye

Mike: If the whole reason is to make us more identifiable I completely agree.

Ben: On the other hand, my friends are gonna be like why are you dressed up and I'm gonna say I'm going to an SBA meeting. The polo idea seems a little tacky it's like we're working at Best Buy.

Ashton: I think the pictures are most important.

Chris: I approve the idea of having a more formal idea. I don't think it's so important use last names

Matt: I want to close out the polos conversation. First meeting is button up business casual.

Jennifer: I don't have voting power. Why are people against the business casual I think it's a great idea. I can't imagine why dressing up would be a bad idea

Ian: I understand that business casual should be an idea ok fine, but I think it's worded a bit wrong. I just don't know I think the objective is to make ourselves out there. I don't think business casual is a bad idea, I just don't think it's written correctly.

Chris: To add on to what Ian was saying. I think this is just a rubber stamp idea that we're just supposed to pass. This was just handed to us.

Matt: You guys don't even have to pass this. Most of what's in here is already in our constitution and bylaws. Like 3 absences you can be put up for censure. We can table this idea until the next meeting.

Ian: I just think that if I'm the reasonable student, it's like who do these guys think they are

Sara: Can I go back to the polos if you want to get recognition on campus the polos aren't a bad idea like in general for community service or tailgates.

Matt: I think they would set us apart.

Brian: I don't think it is necessary to include that we have an option to wear polos

Mike: It's Florida, do we really have to put sleeves rolled down.

Ben: Don't even worry about it.

Mike: You can say please wear business attire and it will achieve it's desired affect a lot more effectively. And the polos would work well for Beer at the Rat

Ian: Are they the same days as meetings

Jennifer: No. Dates for Beer at the Rat are posted outside the Beer at the Rat. At our next meeting I would like to propose a board where we can post up info. Our first Beer at the rat is September 11. So Beer at the Rat will not corrolate with SBA.

Mike: Can we cross out the sleeves down?

Matt: We don't have to move for that. What do we want it to say.

Sara: Everyone must wear appropriate attire

Ian: It says first names will not be used in SBA meetings.

Chris: I don't know about the idea of standing up when you're speaking. I think that we're already pushing the point that we're gonna have more formal meetings and I don't think that's a necessary measure to be taken.

Sara: I think if you have to present something then yes you should be standing

Ian: In a nutshell, "Every Senator is required to serve on a committee, this is not optional." This is not necessary...we get it.

Ben: We should definitely submit some proposals

Jennifer: I just had some grammar and spelling type errors. Second to last page there is an error

Matt: That has been changed.

Jennifer: My only other thing is that they shouldn't email administration without going through Chris. Last year there were complaints that everyone was emailing administration. We were kind of looking foolish.

Chris: I agree.

Adam: I don't know if this Handbook is the place to put this thing.

Matt: This might be the reason to put it in.

Adam: I remember not knowing what I was doing when I was first elected.

Matt: Yes, actually letting senators know what they need to know. Like I said earlier attendance is mandatory. More than 3 unexcused absences will be subject to censor and all of this is already in the constitution.

Jennifer: You can have one excused but you need 3 unexcused before you get sanctioned

Matt: If you're gonna add any ad hoc committees it comes through me. Is there anything else?

Brian: I don't think this should be binding I just think the constitution and the bylaws should be the only thing binding. I think if we're gonna have this handbook we're gonna let know that it's guiding you no binding you.

Ben: It should say it's to help you along

Adam: but the dress is something we have to do

Matt: Well it seems like the majority of people are in favor of the dress even though it's not in the constitution. It's really confusing having both of these.

Adam: What about the community service?

Matt: That's in the constitution

Mike: It's something we just need to do and make the 1L's aware that's the way we do it.

Ben: I think the confusion could be easily dispersed with a bullet or something letting people know what is constitutionally required

Matt: Obviously we're not gonna vote on this today. Maybe we can table it.

Chris: Motion to table till Thursdays meeting:

Sara: Second

Matt: For the first meeting we're having lunch at 12:30

Jennifer: You have to send an email. No hot sandwiches.