

- I. Call to Order- 12:48 pm Speaker Abrams calls the meeting to order
- II. Executive & Judicial Officer Reports
 - a. President- President Givens has an excused absence but left Speaker a note of what he wants to say
 - i. Matt is in NY
 - ii. October 14- meeting with Dean White, send him anything you want to relay
 - iii. October 15 – HOPE Auction, please attend
 - iv. October 16 – Dean Stearns is having an SBA dinner
 - v. October 25 – Race Judciata
 - vi. October 30 – Final day of Wellness Week and is Law Bowl
 - vii. Tuesday was the Employer Appreciation event, went very well
 - viii. School has shifted to Exam4 Software, thanks to the SBA
 - ix. Needs Volunteers for hosts at the Alumni Homecoming Events
 - x. 1L and LLM elections going well, will have 8 new members at the next meeting
 - b. Vice President
 - i. Student Legal Services Project- would help law students and the greater university. Gives student access to legal services. Won't represent students in matters involving the University or Coral Gables
 - ii.
 - c. Speaker of the Senate
 - i. Issues with what needs to be on the agenda
 - ii. Must abide by the bylaws, items for the agenda need to be by Erik at 12:30 pm on Monday
 - iii. Those sponsoring bills please read the appropriate bylaws, some are appropriations bills and some senate bills
 - d. Secretary
 - i. ICC updates
 - e. Treasurer
 - i. Treasurer Kelley goes over major expenses: tailgates, election commission, phone bills, beer at the rat, dean's cup and law bowl
 - f. Historian
 - i. Historian Ferguson will be presenting the new website at the New Business section
 - g. ABA Rep
 - i. ABA Rep Poulopoulos is going to speak on the New Business Issues
 - h. Senator Questions
 - i. Senator Fischer asks if late items can be introduced at the meeting during New Business after new items are gone through
 - ii. Senator Singh has a question for Treasurer: what is the balance of the SBA?
 1. Treasurer Kelley says it is about \$26k and we haven't gotten our allotment from the Student fees yet

III. Old Business

- a. Approval of Old Minutes
 - i. Speaker Abrams opens discussion regarding the minutes
 - ii. Senator Singh moves to approve the minutes
 - iii. Senator Hahn seconds the motion
 - iv. Speaker Abrams calls for a vote, the vote for September 24th Minutes passes
 - v. Speaker opens the floor for discussion of September 29th minutes
 - vi. Senator Comiter moves to approve the minutes
 - vii. Speaker calls for a vote
 - viii. The September 29 minutes pass
- b. Resolution- Automatic Grade Notification (Comiter)
 - i. Speaker says that this is a second reading and opens the floor for discussion
 - ii. Senator Singh likes the idea a lot
 - iii. Senator Hahn says it was hard for the students that went abroad to check their grades and does not think it is too much of an inconvenience for the
 - iv. Senator Kirtman made the motion to vote on the bill
 - v. Senator Singh seconded the motion to vote
 - vi. Speaker calls for a vote to vote—motion passes
 - vii. Speaker calls for a vote on the bill
 - 1. The Resolution passes
- c. Appropriations Bill- Refrigerator (Singh)
 - i. This is a first reading so will not be voted on today
 - ii. Senator Singh brings this on behalf of commuter students
 - iii. He has taken pictures of the fridge, there is always a long line
 - iv. Senator Singh wants approval from the SBA to do this
 - v. Speaker opens the floor for discussion of new fridge
 - 1. Senator Bhatia asks where the second fridge will go
 - 2. Senator Singh says hopefully right next to the first floor
 - 3. Vice President Salamone asks where this would go because of the electrical and wiring capacity
 - a. Senator Singh says he will deal with it and make sure it is done
 - 4. Vice President Salamone says that the line seemed to be mostly for the microwave and was used by mostly non-law students.
 - 5. Treasurer Kelley says that we have to make certain with facilities, before the money is approved that we can handle the extra power
 - 6. Senator Kirtman moves to table this bill until it is 100% worked out
 - 7. Senator Fischer seconds the motion to table this bill
 - 8. Speaker calls for a vote on tabling the bill
 - 9. The bill is tabled for the next meeting
- d. Appropriations Bills - T-Shirts (Singh)
 - i. In regards to branding, Senator Singh would like to order t-shirts to promote the school spirit. He wants the senate's opinion on color and style of t-shirts and the quantity of t-shirts

- ii. Speaker Abrams opens the floor for discussion
- iii. Speaker Abrams would like to see the shirts, see the numbers and see exactly what they are buying before he votes on money
- iv. Senator Singh wants to know exactly how many tshirts senators would like
- v. Senator Kirtman says what if we could sell them for a \$1 on the bricks, maybe we could get nicer t-shirts, and sell them
- vi. Senator Hahn says that last year they discussed polos, and that these might be nice for social events, and could be sold on the bricks for \$5
- vii. Attorney General Flanagan says why don't you start with 300 or 400 t-shirts and see if there is interest
- viii. Senator Singh responds with pricing
- ix. Senator Bhatia says that any t-shirt she gets she only wears to sleep and that it doesn't make sense to buy law students t-shirts that they might not wear
- x. Treasurer Kelley says, if this is a law t-shirt can it be incorporated with the Dean's Cup?
 - 1. Senator Singh says they should be separate
 - 2. Speaker Abrams thinks they should be separate as well
- xi. Speaker Abrams likes the idea of a polo
- xii. Senator Singh asks for a vote
- xiii. Speaker says we are not voting today
- xiv. Senator Kirtman moves to table the bill
- xv. Senator MArtinez seconds the motion to table
- xvi. Speaker calls for a vote on the move to table
- xvii. The vote passes with one nay from Senator Singh

IV. New Business

- a. Presentation of New Website (Ferguson)
 - i. Historian Ferguson shows the senate the old website
 - ii. Historian shows the new website with new pictures and tabs
 - 1. New website has additional information and new features
 - 2. The new website will be launched on Monday and will be sent out through a global email
 - 3. SBA Spotlight every two weeks new SBA member will be highlighted
 - 4. Suggestion box
 - 5. Election information
 - a. Filing, campaigning period, meet the candidates, etc
 - 6. Senator Singh has a question: where are the bylaws on the website?
 - 7. Under the governance tab
- b. Student Tutoring Program (Poulopoulos)
 - i. Speaker calls on the ABA rep to call on the student tutoring program
 - ii. ABA Rep says he talked with Joann Koren and she was all for it and had a lot of suggestions, she says this was done before in the early '90s and wasn't

successful with their format but ABA Rep is confident that it good work with a new format

- iii. He would like an ad hoc committee to look into this. It would incorporate the SBA finding student tutors to tutor other students for pay, it would be run by the students and SBA would not have to pay. Koren would be willing to help set it up and oversee it.
 - iv. She thinks a lot of students would want to do this, she suggested that this is open to 1Ls and 2Ls, a lot of subjects like BA, bankruptcy, Fed Tax etc could use tutors.
 - v. Theo needs people who are willing to put time into this, it would take a lot of time and effort. Theo is requesting an ad hoc committee
 - vi. Speaker approves the ad hoc committee with Theo as head of it and Senator Drylie on it, asks senators to speak to Theo if they are interested.
 - vii. Senator Hahn asks if there is a current SBA member that is involved in Dean's Fellows, if so they could get a head count on it and see if there is interest. Senator Hahn also asks where the tutoring money would come from.
 - viii. Theo says that the students requesting tutoring would pay for the money.
 - ix. Senator Drylie says a benefit of it is it is giving others an opportunity to put it on their resume.
 - x. Senator Drylie moves to close the floor for discussion
 - xi. Senator Martinez seconds the motion
 - xii. Speaker calls for a vote on the motion to close the floor for discussion, the motion passes
- c. Appropriations Bill – Law Bowl 2009 (Comiter)
- i. Speaker introduces Senator Comiter's bill for the Law Bowl
 - ii. Would pay for the fields and officials through an IDR, wants to have a budget just in case
 - iii. It is an annual tradition
 - iv. Speaker opens the floor for discussion
 - v. Treasurer Kelley says this is run much better and mentions that the budget does not include getting the name on the trophy
 - vi. Senator Fischer asks what the prize money is for the 1st and 2nd place
 - vii. Senaotr Comiter says last year it was starbucks cards
 - viii. Speaker closes the floor for discussion
- d. Senate Bill – SBA Supreme Court Submitted Brief Format (Fischer)
- i. Senator Fischer says the bill is self explanatory and goes through the logistics of the brief. He thinks it is a good idea and can curtail people from writing extensively
 - ii. Speaker opens the floor for discussion
 - iii. Senator Janowitz moves to close the floor
 - iv. Senator Singh seconds the motion
 - v. Speaker calls for a vote on closing the floor

- vi. Point of Parliamentary procedure by Senator Singh: is this getting voted on?
 - vii. Speaker explains that all New Business is a first reading and is voted on at the second meeting
- e. Senate Bill – SBA Supreme Court Correspondence Guidelines (Bhatia)
- i. Senator Bhatia explains the email address necessity, and that it is important for preventing direct attacks on Supreme Court members. It isn't stifling opinions, people can still submit opinions to the official address
 - ii. Speaker Abrams opens the floor for discussion
 - iii. Speaker asks if everyone is able to read this
 - iv. Senator Kirtman explains that you can set up a secondary account with forwarding
 - v. Senator Comiter asks who it is directed to
 - vi. Supreme Court Chief Justice responds that it is directed to SBA officers that it has to be sent through an official channel. He doesn't want to stifle dissent or criticism, it is not about shielding the Court, but sending it through appropriate channels.
 - vii. Theo asks if SBA officers includes all officers or just appointed?
 - viii. Responds that it includes all officers, appointed, elected, etc
 - ix. Senator Fischer is concerned that the language is too ambiguous, he feels that if it is put on facebook or what not it should be allowed. Comments or criticisms what is that mean? Fischer is worried that an offhand remark is sanction-able. There is not a clear line.
 - x. Senator Hahn feels that the language is clear enough on Senator Fischer's first concern but as far as the second concern there should be more outlining of the sanctions etc.
 - xi. Senator Bhatia agrees that it could be more specific but is generally governed by the Honor Code and could be enumerated in the actual bill more
 - xii. Attorney General Flanagan responds to Senator Fischer regarding the Bradford decision, if it was supported on a facebook you can't endorse another student anyways, so if there was a comment on a facebook page you would be endorsing a candidate.
 - xiii. Senator Fischer understands but is concerned that that is too fact specific, he would like to see more details in the bill.
 - xiv. Berglin refers to the general grounds for sanctions under the bylaws and explains that it is for the senate to determine whether the behavior is actually sanctionable, it is up to the senate to sanction the individual
 - xv. Representative Brody says he understands how the SBA could be sanctioned, but how do you sanction the student members who are not on SBA
 - xvi. Berglin responds that it refers to the Honor Code and it would be an Honor Code issue, if it is an SBA officer it would be an SBA sanction
 - xvii. Senator Comiter says, we would be passing this to give ourselves more opportunities to be sanctioned?

- xviii. Berglin says it is just asking that any comments or concerns are sent to a general official email address
 - xix. Senator Kirtman moves to close the floor
 - xx. Senator Hahn seconds the motion
 - xxi. Speaker calls for a vote to close the floor
 - xxii. The motion passes and the floor is closed to discussion
 - f. Senate Bill – SBA Supreme Court Deadline for Gathering Evidence (Martinez)
 - i. No discussion, bill is self explanatory
- V. Student Body Questions – 10 minutes
 - a. Speaker calls for student body questions
 - b. No student body questions
 - c. Closes the floor
- VI. Final Announcements
 - a. Senator Singh asks if it is a t-shirt or polo
 - b. Everyone screams at him
 - c. Asks for final announcements again
 - d. Theo says give me interested members for ad hoc committee
 - e. Chris DiSchino and Burak Ahmed are trying to put together a Halloween party and wants to re-create what the SBA did at the Shore Club. They have the plans in place right now, and wants to get endorsement from the SBA. Knows of the confusion and dates conflict. Right now, have the Shore Club for October 30, the same night as Law Bowl, Law Bowl is over at 7 pm right now. They are collaborating with the SBA from FIU. The party would be sponsored by an alcohol company and magazine from 10 to 11:30 pm. Burak explains that the venue and sponsors are locked down.
 - f. Senator Martinez asks if it is open to change?
 - g. Vice President Salamone clarifies that the party last night was not sponsored by the SBA.
 - h. Senator Bhatia says that the Shore Club is having a playboy party and people with wristbands wouldn't be allowed in.
 - i. Chris said if it is moved to Saturday night it should be in the Grove, Theo agrees and thinks it should be on Friday.
 - j. Explains it would be \$15 for tickets for open bar and that the money would go to Susan G. Komen.
 - k. Historian Ferguson pulls for the SBA Spotlight, asks them to pull a number for the spotlight.
 - i. The first Spotlight is going to be Senator Kirtman
 - l. Speaker Abrams asks for help cleaning up
- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Senator moves to adjourn
 - b. Senator Janowitz seconds the motion
 - c. Speaker calls for vote, vote to adjourn passes