

SBA Executive Council Meeting
September 13, 2009
Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Swearing-in of new officers

Oath of Office

I do solemnly swear, that as an officer of the Student Bar Association, at the University of Maryland School of Law, I will, to the best of my ability, faithfully execute the duties of the office I am about to enter. I affirm that I take this oath freely, without mental reservation, and will support and uphold the SBA Constitution and By-Laws.

IV. Introductions of officers

V. Approval of Standing Rules

-If you are on the Executive Board of any organization, you may not speak or vote on behalf of them at any SBA meeting.

VI. Approval of Budget (have Aaron email budget spreadsheet, restricted funding layout)

-Brief explanation of all student groups receiving SBA funding, including class operating funds [contact SBA treasurer Aaron Besser for a copy of the current budget spreadsheet at abess001@umaryland.edu].

-Limited Student Group: Raven

-New student group (LSG status): ISLAM

-Motion to divide EASL funds [Cannot adjust budget during SBA meeting; must resubmit to the Budget Committee].

-Fundraising requirement for student groups: \$50 per semester (put into SBA account, available for the group by requesting refunds from the SBA treasurer).

-Student groups getting over 500 in restricted funds are required to raise 20% of that in fundraising (generally applies to the big winners)

-Motion to approve budget—MOTION APPROVED (27 yes; 0 no)

- Amendment to Budget Committee requirements (new policy for inactive groups)

Article X

E. Budget and Student Groups

5. Inactive Student Organizations

- Any student organization which has been on probation and also failed to submit a GSG Report for two or more consecutive semesters may, at the discretion of the SBA Treasurer, be deemed an inactive student organization.
- Inactive student organizations seeking to return to active status may, at the discretion of the SBA Treasurer, be asked to go through the signature collection process as defined in Article X, Section E, Part 3, before being returned to probationary status.
- Any funds remaining in the fundraising account of an inactive student organization may, at the discretion of the Budget Committee, be transferred to a new, but sufficiently related, student organization.

-Concerns with proposed Amendment X: one year limit is too short because of changes in leadership; good years happen, bad years happen; groups should be given the opportunity to re-establish themselves without being deemed an inactive student organization.

-MOTION to amend proposed amendment from 2 semesters to 4 semesters; send unused money back into the SBA general fund; add other requirements besides GSG report (fundraising, etc.); MOTION to send to the Constitution committee (approved 27-0).

- Pizza for SBA Meetings

-Pizza for SBA meetings currently costing approximately \$80 per meeting (one meeting per month).

-Shashi: good to have pizza, but does not benefit the entire student body.

-Brad: SBA could get cheaper pizza, i.e. Dominoes \$5 pizzas.

-Bonnie: Proposed less expensive options.

-Peter: Food is available during SBA meeting for the entire student body, whether or not students decide to come.

-Sam: Proposed \$60 cap on food for SBA meetings.

-Bonnie: we can find better, healthier options for \$30-\$35 dollars per meeting.

-MOTION for \$50 cap on food—FAILED.

-Sam: Proposed researching alternatives and discussing during next meeting

- Bonnie assigned to research food options; anyone please submit food options by Friday.
- MOTION for research on food for SBA meetings approved (27 yes; 0 no).

- Paper plates
 - MELS proposed biodegradable paper plate initiative and partnership between MELS/SBA.
 - After initial calculations, it appears that student organizations would save several hundred dollars.
 - Sam: It will take a lot of manpower to make the program work.
 - Aaron: Proposed buying in bulk for much cheaper, with no MELS partnership.
 - Sheena: The MELS proposal is worth it because the SBA would still be spending \$400 on paper plates and utensils
 - Rama: There is an issue of timing in between now and when we can get MELS plates.
 - Bonnie: EASL has extra plates in the building. We should use up existing extra plates before buying new plates.
 - MOTION: cap at \$400; no MELS for now; do research on MELS plan (Pegah)—MOTION APPROVED (26-1).

VII. Old Business

- Publication of grade distributions online
 - Addressing variance of grade distributions between professors of the same course.
 - Sam: More research needs to be done; MOTION to send to academic concerns committee (MOTION APPROVED 27-0).

VIII. New Business

- H1N1 Policy

New faculty policy regarding recording of classes- PLEASE READ:

Recently issued CDC guidelines recommend that individuals with influenza-like illness remain at home and away from other people until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100 F or greater), or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications. Because of this situation, the Faculty Council approved a temporary classroom taping policy at yesterday's meeting. Beginning on Monday, September 14, all classes, except classes held in 300 A & B, will be recorded.

From the CDC website: The symptoms of H1N1 flu virus are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. A significant number of people who have been infected with the H1N1 flu virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting.
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/sick.htm>

If you are experiencing the symptoms referenced above, or have been diagnosed with H1N1, *stay home *and contact Dean Cobb by e-mail or phone (410.706.8385) to let me know the classes you will miss. I will e-mail to you a link to the missed classes with a cc: to your professor so that he or she knows you are missing class because of this type of illness. A doctor's note will not be required unless I have concerns that a student is abusing the policy.

*Please note the following expectations and obligations of students. *

* *Students are expected to do their part to protect the health of colleagues, faculty and staff by not coming to class when experiencing flu-like symptoms.

Students will comply with this temporary policy in good faith and not feign illness to gain access to recordings that would not otherwise be available to them under the law school's current student recording policy. Here is the link to that policy:
<http://www.law.umaryland.edu/students/resources/policies/registration.html?section=p19#a19>

Students will view recorded lectures without downloading or copying them.

Students will not share or view recorded lectures with other students. They are solely for individual use.

The Honor Code applies to student use of and access to these recordings.

Note: Problems that occurred last year in which students were not able to view recordings outside the School of Law have been resolved.

Unless otherwise instructed by a professor, all class recordings will be deleted at the beginning of the spring semester.

- Dean Cobb: The new H1N1 policy is important in order to protect the intellectual property of professors
- Honor system for students using recordings.
- Honor code violation to use tapes outside of the purpose of the policy.

- Journal credits

-Concern with faculty initiative to make journals for no credit.
-MOTION to table until more facts are known about the situation (Approved 27-0).

- SBA Fundraiser
 - Student Planners
 - Send ideas to Pegah, Bonnie, Lauren.
 - Sam: Should not buy planners and then sell to turn profit.
 - Bonnie: There is some available money without that restriction.
 - Sheena: Proposed SBA happy hour as fundraiser.
- SBA committees and committee reports
 - Committee days where all committees meet; all students invited.
 - Committee Chair required to submit report to SBA Executive Board.

NYLF: Rama Taib, Alidia Clagett, Shashi Jairam, Beth Rosenberg, Atanas Demirev, Ornela Fecanji, Sam Williams, Beth Gemmell, Sheena Tomar

Academic Concerns: Anwar Graves, Justin Ames, Nick Hoover, Liz Bayly

Thurgood Marshall Lecture Series: Arkuie Williams, Beth Gemmell

Student Organizations Oversight: Danielle Mikoy, Laura Harger, Pegah Parsi

Constitution/Rules: Aaron Besser, Liz Rosen, Chris Gray

Elections:

CDO: Sam Williams, David Nolte, Portia Wood, Brad Rifkin, Sheena Tomar, Dempsey Nash, Chris Gray

Community Service: Peter Goldsmith, Jamar Brown, Steven Isbister

- Petition for UMCP basketball game tickets
 - Brad: working with attorney and sales representative at University of Maryland College Park for UMCP basketball tickets.
- Campus Center

-The Campus Center is now open.

IX. Reports

- Classes
 - 4E: evening reception; potluck cook-off
 - 3D: two main events; Barrister's Ball
 - 3E: adjusting to change in leadership; planning picnic and baseball game
 - 2D: cosponsoring 3 on 3 b-ball tourney at campus center w/EASL; finalizing calendar for the year; WOW wings happy hour, weekly extended happy hour specials—Sept 24
 - 2E: nothing to report
 - 1D: Halloween holiday service event (possible haunted house); incentives for t-shirt designs
 - 1E: Collaborating with 1Ds for holiday event
- USGA
 - Any student organizations looking to get money from USGA must go to their funding meeting on 9/14 at 6pm in the Campus Center.

X. Dismiss and collect photos for SBA website.