

SBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
October 18, 2009  
AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Swearing in new appointed officers:
  - Webmaster: Tiffany Martinez
  - Parliamentarian: Torrey Fishman
  - Comptroller: Leah Barteld
  - VITA Chairperson: Natalie Maddox
- IV. USGA Report—Brian Tobin
  1. Changes to federal student loans.
  2. Student Regent (Board of Regents member; works with governor); discussing tuition freezes at the undergrad level; no comparable freeze proposed yet for graduate level; possible student lobbying efforts; next year UM needs a new student regent; election process next semester to assume office in July 2010.
  3. Whether or not one can show pornography for non-educational purposes on campus; Senate vote to allow UMB to form pornography policy passed; student regency meeting upcoming at UMCP.
  4. USGA budget requests due for next semester earlier than in the past (January this year); SGA funding.
  5. Space in student center basement; debating how to use the space; pool table, ping pong table; looking for feedback—students appear to favor pool table; suitable to host events.
  6. Student feedback on qualities of the new university president.
    - Strong leadership
    - Familiarity with system
    - Keep tuition down
- V. New student organization presentation (Greg Simmons)
  - Cycling Club
  - Two purposes: 1. Easier for people to commute; 2. Sustainable transportation policy.
  - Provide information and facilitation for bike storage; best roads to bike; facility improvement/recommendations; easier for commuters; provide materials for emergency preparation (flat tire, broken chain); cycling policy and the law; cycling and the environment.
  - Questions?
    - Pegah: Should this be a USGA initiative? Tie to school with law/policy issues, sustainable transportation issues; developing body of law.

- Alidia: Why should it be separate from MELS? Environmental policy is not the only aspect of the proposed organization.
- Shashi: Envision group rides/trails? Yes, planning on activities for recreation as well as policy. Charity rides? Absolutely, many people to team up with; bring school closer to organizations in the city.
- Aaron: Petition with 100 signatures? Yes
- Pegah: By-laws and constitution? Yes
- Council discussion followed by vote:
  - Pegah: Motion to allow new student group: 22 Yes; 1 No; Proxy votes: 3 Yes

## VI. Budget appeals: SHLO, MIPSAs

- SHLO (Andy York and Brian Tobin)
  - Asked for \$1600; got \$690.
  - Why we should get increased funding: Work with student health and the journal; many activities; first event cost 1400 alone; big events = mentorship program (4K) which is fully funded outside what we are asking for; asking for functional money to function at the law school.
  - New executive board realizing budgeting problems from previous executive board.
  - 2nd ranked Health law program in the nation; top 5 specialty journals in the nation.
  - Healthcare law panel—need to set high standard to maintain UM Law’s reputation—having professors, working professionals, requiring professional attire.
  - Shashi: Asking for panel money? Yes, but need overall increase.
  - Brad: Why was budget under-shot? Last year’s exec board did not ask for reasonable amount of money.
  - Summer career panel: requested 750, need 350, got 50.
  - What is health law? (panel discussion): requested 200, need 1000, got 50.
  - Nick: What are the challenges that are stopping more outside funding? Economy; already getting 2K from outside resources; restrictions on who we can ask.
  - Aaron: Since there were so many groups that requested money for career panels, we made a single amount for everyone (\$50). Why different for SHLO? Tentatively all panels will have big names. A: Shame that all career panels do not get enough money from the SBA.
  - Beth: Fundraising events? Dues, pint glasses, “Guess the amount” M&M’s; but have already accounted for those expected funds in the budget.
  - Alidia: What is the money being spent on for career panel? Dinner. Any way to adjust the event? Krongard room is tough to get, charged additional fees, the only time we could get it is dinner time. Could have reception/appetizers instead?
  - Bonnie: Break down of \$750 budget? Can look elsewhere for catering, i.e. Lebanese Taverna.
- MIPSAs (Bruce Villard)
  - Robert Stern Lecture: requested 250, got 50.
  - DC Court of Appeals Spring event: requested 455, got 50.

- Able to meet Judge Rader of DC Circuit; good connection for UMD Law; Stern usually brings recruiter to the event, important to maintain positive relationship with his DC firm.
  - Pegah: Attendance for DC Circuit event? Expected 13. Why need 450 for 13 people? Going to an actual restaurant; important to take Judge to a nice place, pay for his fare.
  - Bonnie: Break off Judge's lunch separately? Possibly, but \$50 lunch is a lot for law students.
- SHLO council discussion followed by vote:
    - Aaron: Motion to give SHLO money? Yes: 9; No: 14; Proxy: Yes 1, No 3.
  - MIPSAs council discussion followed by vote:
    - Motion to increase DC Circuit Court event funding from \$50 to \$150: Yes 9, No 10, Proxy: Yes 3, No 1; total 12-11 Yes.
    - Stern Motion to keep the same: Yes 22, No 1.

## VII. Old Business:

- Co-curricular credit update
  - Maintain professionalism when discussing credit/journal issues with professors.
- UMCP Basketball tickets!!!
  - Brad Rifkin and Nick Hoover secured 100 tickets to UMCP ACC game (Florida State January 10).
  - Price is \$15 (significant discount from face value).
  - Receptive to long-term relationship, more student blocks in future games.
  - Issues with the crowd and the fans; important to represent the school in a professional manner.
  - Brad and Nick to meet with Aaron; must discuss fronting SBA money for tickets.
- Fundraisers
  - Pegah: No new ideas for SBA fundraiser.
  - Sheena: Happy hour
- SBA meeting food decision
  - Thank you to Bonnie for preparing more cost-effective food for today's meeting.
- SBA green meeting initiative
  - Portia and Sheena came up with some estimates from researching: \$450 for 1000 plates, 1000 utensils, 2000 cups, 2400 napkins.

### Cups:

[http://www.ecoproducts.com/food\\_services/cold\\_cups\\_lids/food\\_service\\_cold\\_cups\\_straws\\_index.htm](http://www.ecoproducts.com/food_services/cold_cups_lids/food_service_cold_cups_straws_index.htm)

2000 cold cups: \$112 (does not come in a count of 1000)

### Plates:

[http://www.ecoproducts.com/food\\_services/plates\\_bowls/food\\_service\\_plates\\_bowls\\_index.htm](http://www.ecoproducts.com/food_services/plates_bowls/food_service_plates_bowls_index.htm)

1000 9" plates: \$111

Utensils: [http://www.ecoproducts.com/food\\_services/utensils/food\\_service\\_utensils\\_index.htm](http://www.ecoproducts.com/food_services/utensils/food_service_utensils_index.htm)

1000 forks (\$55), spoons (\$55), knives (\$55): total \$165

Napkins: [http://www.ecoproducts.com/food\\_services/napkins/food\\_service\\_napkins\\_order.htm](http://www.ecoproducts.com/food_services/napkins/food_service_napkins_order.htm)  
4000 Small cocktail beverage napkins: \$33.50  
2400 Lunch napkins (preferable): \$51.75

Total: ~\$450 (+/- taxes, delivery fee, misc charges)

- Motion to approve: Passed unanimously.

#### VIII. New Business:

- Honor code proposed changes
  - Some student proposals to change honor code.
  - Problem 1: Mens Rea of criminal negligence standard for honor code violations.
  - Problem 2: Chairperson can unilaterally throw out a complaint for cause.
  - Sending to Constitution and Rules Committee
- School's Strategic Planning Committee
  - New faculty-student committee
  - Looking at next 5 years of curriculum.
  - Committee requested a student representative.
  - Preferable available for more than one year; Mondays from noon to 1.
  - Nominations? Alidia, Anwar
- "Coffee with the Dean" scheduled for Monday, October 26 from 4-5 in Comcast.
  - Reminder from Dean Cobb.

#### IX. Class reports

- 4E: Pot-luck is November 7 @ TBD location. Talk to apartments with social rooms.
- 3D: Frank and Nick's fundraiser was successful; Looking at aquarium for Barristers; bake sale and happy hour in the future.
- 3E: Feb 26 Evening Reception; will be in touch with evening class officers.
- 2D: October 30 fundraiser at Frank and Nicks with Halloween theme, 7-10 PM.
- 2E: Dessert night last week during class; October 28 Meet the Professor at the Student Center; baby shower/wine tasting in Comcast.
- 1D: T-shirt designs almost finalized, starting orders soon; struggling with Halloween community service event, trying to pull together in 2 weeks; 1D Dodgeball tournament; bake sales and happy hours.
- 1E: Encourage people to come to Halloween service event; Family and Friends social event at Frank and Nicks.
- Exec. Board: Already discussed co-curricular credit issues.
- Aaron: Made change to Article X, sending to Constitution committee.
- Lauren: Send/take website pictures and sign permission form.

#### X. Committee Meetings

- Planning date for committee meetings that is good for all students and committee members.

#### XI. Dismiss