

SBA Minutes—November 21, 2010

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call – Contact Lauren Meyer with any questions about the roll (lmeye002@umaryland.edu).
- III. Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2010
- IV. Terese Brown—new Director of Student Affairs in OSA
  - Replacing Crystal Edwards, who is now Director of Recruitment for the LLM program.
  - Working on re-organizing room 133, the student organization room.
  - Come to OSA if you are having problems with stress during the exam period.
  - Looking forward to meeting students individually. Please contact her with any questions.
- V. Old Business
  - a. Constitutional Amendment
    - i. Amendment from Oct 17, 2010 – 2 week/2 meeting rule
      - Because there was still a loophole where student organizations could avoid announcing events, another version of the amendment has been proposed by the Constitution & Rules Committee.
    - b. ABA Membership Drive – ABA Rep. Sara El-Shall
      - ABA drive was moderately successful. Still working on getting numbers from the ABA on Maryland’s actual membership.
- VI. New Business
  - a. Constitutional Amendment Proposal - NEW AMENDMENT TEXT:
    1. Any student organization accepting funds from the SBA shall:
      - A. in the case of a general body meeting:
        1. schedule two distinct meetings. One such meeting must be concluded prior to 4:00pm. The subsequent meeting must not commence until at least 5:00pm. Both meetings must be announced at least three days in advance via the student organization listserv.\* Student organizations should still aspire to give as much additional advance notice as possible; Or
        2. schedule just one single meeting on the condition that this single meeting is announced at least two weeks in advance via the student organizations listserv AND it is held during twilight hours (between 5:00pm and 6:00pm).
      - B. in the case of a food or product or ticket sale in which table-hours are held:
        1. hold table-hours extending into both day and evening hours, as defined in (A) (1) above. Table-hours must be announced at least three days in advance via the student organizations listserv; Or,
        2. give at least one week notice via the student organizations listserv so that students can make appropriate arrangements to have another student make the purchase on their behalf.
      - C. in the case of any student organization sponsored occurrence other than those described in (A) and (B) above, announce the event at least two weeks in advance via the student organizations listserv.

- D. be subject to financial penalties to be determined by the Budget Committee in the event of a failure to comply with items (A), (B), or (C) above.
- E. This amendment will come into effect beginning with any events scheduled on or after January 1, 2011.

\*Example: An event scheduled to take place on Monday must be posted to the listserv no later than the previous Friday

Note:

- Table hours: giving day and evening student a fair shot at getting tickets where demand is high.
- Note that the new requirements become effective January 1, 2011.
- Amendment passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

b. Student Organization Room

i. Cubicles being removed and shelves being installed

- Law school wants to remove cubicles and put them in the ADR building across the street.
- Over winter break, the cubicles will be removed and SBA is going to buy shelving and tables for student organizations to use.
- Every student organization will get a shelf and storage bin.
- Goal is for each student organization to keep ALL of their materials in their designated bin, as to avoid attracting rodents.
- Proposal from Leah: Common space for extra drinks so that another student org can use the rest.
- Proposal from Justin: Every student organization should put their extras in the vending area.
- Proposal from Peter: Each individual class should probably have some space in the student org room as well.
- The shelving should be completed by the start of next semester.

c. Student Workroom

- Currently the MPILP book sale room.
- SBA will start promoting the room to be used by ALL student organizations, for E-board meetings, 1L t-shirt sale, etc.

d. The Raven

- Sheena Tomar is now EIC of The Raven, the school's official newspaper.
- Please contact Sheena with any questions, or if you have any interest in contributing.
- Peter Goldsmith has also volunteered his services, along with many journal members.

e. Paper Products Policy

i. Ideas for reducing waste/management of products

- Proposal from Justin: Each org should have a "tax" for using the materials; Leah: Each student group already contributes \$25 out of their operating funds.

- Proposal from Peter: Have somebody monitor who is taking plates; Leah: who would actually be able to do that job?
  - Proposal from Jenn: For 50+ students, those events should not be covered under the general supply. Those events should be paid for separately.
  - The products are being used way too quickly, and a solution is needed ASAP. SBA is spending more money than was budgeted.
- f. Maryland Men's Basketball Tickets
- i. January 4<sup>th</sup>—vs. Colgate
- Cannot get tickets for games during the blackout period.
  - Email will be going out tomorrow evening for the ticket lottery.
  - Money will be collected before December 1 because SBA Treasury closes December 1.

## VII. Committee Reports

- a. USGA - Mario Bravo
- Joe Cousins working on trying to give students more control over the USGA practice of giving money to non-profit organizations from student fees.
  - Last meeting – budget appeals, Casino Royale and Halloween event reviews, Student Regent applications, budget appeal from Project Jump Start (weekly food drive for the homeless).
  - More on student fee issue:
    - o Many student activity fees go to non-profit events that don't actually benefit students. About 30% of student activity fees go to straight charity events, where students see no part of the money (besides a warm fuzzy feeling inside).
    - o Plan to possibly raise awareness; possibly put a cap on the amount of money that can be spent on that type of event.
  - Casino Royale event went well and stayed within the budget; same with Halloween social.
  - Student Regent applications – the Student Regent sits on the Board of the University System of MD; the position was advertised to all UMB students and only 4 law school applications were submitted. The decision will be made this week.
- b. CDO: Anwar Graves
- Two candidates were interviewed to replace Toni St. John.
  - Not sure when selections will be made, but they were both strong candidates.
  - Dean Cobb wants to meet with Academic Concerns Committee to discuss grade distributions.
- c. Academic Concerns: nothing new
- d. Constitution and Rules: Lena Beery
- Amendment was already discussed.

- e. Student Org Oversight: Arkuie
  - Amendment was already discussed.
- f. NYLF (National Youth Leadership Foundation): Portia Wood
  - The most recent NYLF event went well.
- g. Community Service: Steven Isbister
  - Upcoming Tentative Community Service Dates:
    - o Monday Feb 28
    - o Sunday March 6
    - o Sunday March 27
    - o 7-8PM each day
    - o Contact Steven Isbister if you are able to volunteer.
  - Ronald McDonald House
    - o Activity hour to play with kids, play games, decorate cookies, etc.
    - o This organization hosts families who are in town for treatment of serious illness and have nowhere to live.
  - Also looking at Habitat for Humanity.
- h. Thurgood Marshall Lecture Series

#### VIII. Executive Board Reports

- a. President: Arkuie Williams
  - i. Next Semester
    1. Meet SBA Officers Day
    2. First meeting—tentatively January 23, 2011
    3. Dean Haddon Study Break/Hot Chocolate— December 1—5:15-6:30
    4. ABA Membership Drive
- b. Vice-President: Vivian Duker
- c. Treasurer: Leah Barteld
  - SBA Treasury closes for deposits/reimbursements for the semester on December 1st at 5pm.
  - GSG Reports for all student groups and classes due December 1st at 5 pm.
  - Spring Supplemental Budget Packets will be due January 20th.
  - The Budget Committee will meet January 22nd.
- d. Secretary: Lauren Meyer

#### IX. Class Reports

- a. 4E: Nothing
- b. 3D: Last fundraiser was successful.
  - i. Nina – Wellness Advisory Board Committee – Healthy Snacks for Scholars Program during finals. Table will be set up during finals during 6-8 PM but volunteers are needed for the service to be available. Information will be sent out.
- c. 3E: Nothing

- d. 2D: Nothing
- e. 2E: Selling winter hats at the beginning of next semester for \$10.
- f. 1D: Apparel sale is almost over; several good events throughout semester; Trivia was a hit.
- g. 1E: Nothing

X. Adjournment