

SBA Executive Board Meeting

Minutes

February 20, 2011

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2010 and January 23, 2011
 - a. Approved unanimously – November 21
 - b. Approved unanimously – January 23
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Grades [issue with amount of time it takes to post grades]
 - i. Vivian and Arkuie spoke with Dean Cobb.
 - ii. They are going to set up a committee to look at what other schools use to distribute grades and see if their systems could be compatible with our system.
 - 1. May require purchasing new software.
 - 2. Also looking at alternate systems, e.g. multiple user access systems or having professors enter grades directly.
 - b. Dean Haddon's Town Hall Meeting
 - i. Only had 8 people attend town hall. We have to encourage people to attend these meetings, so administration knows importance of issues to students.
 - ii. Sheena was in attendance and said no one will come because students keep getting same generic "We are working on it."
 - iii. Aaron said there is an anonymous suggestion box for professors; can we set up same for students? (Check with IT)
 - iv. Lisa- How can we make students participate? Students just say "Go on our behalf and represent us."
 - v. Maggie- People didn't go because it looked empty. (Would food fix?)
 - c. Student Organization Room
 - i. Shelves are built; working on getting bins. We will likely put some tables put in there so that groups can meet.
 - d. Maryland Men's Basketball (tentative—March 5 vs. UVA)
 - i. Working on going to March 5th game. Might be last home game for the season.
- V. New Business
 - a. New Student Organization presentation
 - i. Why Murder? (Dan Kramer making presentation)
 - 1. Attached to non-profit, encouraging people that it's not cool to murder
 - 2. Main goals of student aspects: Law schools (branch starting in Harvard) involved in the communities, in kids' lives to get message out to 10, 11, 12-yr olds that people with the guns aren't the cool people. May seem cool, until serving 30 to life-yr sentence.

3. Targeting youth
4. Unique in that working with non-profit and just starting a new movement on law school campuses.
 - a. Supporting non-profit
5. (*Showed video made by non-profit*) (All about setting a positive example)
6. Get students out on other side of MLK through a series of events—mentoring, rehabilitation projects, 5k, 3-on-3 b-ball tournaments, lobbying in Annapolis, community service projects etc.
 - a. Ronnie Andrews, from the Wire, is spearheading the organization. Scoping out locations for projects.
 - b. Eventually create safer space for improving neighborhoods.
7. \$20 membership fee, corporate sponsorships (for food, prizes, etc)
8. Have 500 students at Harvard interested. Plan on approaching other local chapters to form other law school organizations.
9. What about joining up with clinic? (Going into schools isn't main goal, but going into neighborhoods and having presence)
10. SBA Discussion:
 - a. Nina - Concern over focusing purely on murder. So specific, are you neglecting to address other sources? Treating symptoms without the environment. Suggest having wider range of activities.
 - b. Portia - Focus was on education.
 - c. Rebecca - Nothing in ideas pitched were focused on solving murder, but focusing on population to contain violent crime.
 - d. Lena - Anti-homicide campaign being spearheaded by non-profit, opportunity is to start student movement in Baltimore. Harvard will start their group, we can choose not to approve, but then be left behind. Think-tank for students working together to address astronomical homicide rate. Want to be self-sustaining. Working closely with Harvard.
 - e. Lisa - Any kind of group pitches group, regardless of focus, the opportunity to get out with kids is something we should support, especially in a place that needs it, like Baltimore.
 - f. Aaron - Not opposed to general idea of organization, but they do have a non-profit already in existence.
 - g. Anwar - Should it be a stand-alone student group? Partner with clinic.
 - h. Leah - We already support one student group that is also a non-profit. We have money reverted at the end of each semester, we have money to support operating funds if they are going to be more self-sufficient.
 - i. Already approve groups that are just entertainment, why would we not improve this?
 - j. Sheena - Agree with mission, but stand-alone group may be not the best way to do it.
 - k. Rebecca - No reason it shouldn't be a student group. Group where sole job is community outreach, all it seeks to do, why the law school wouldn't want to support something like that.

- l. Maggie - Are groups that focus on some of the other elements, don't have a group focused on homicide.
 - m. Jenn - Why do they want to be a student organization? Looking for funding or recognition?
 - n. Vivian - Slippery slope argument isn't a strong argument...operative question is whether group serves an important purpose in the community. We support other groups that don't directly impact our community (e.g. Katrina).
 - o. Lena - Goal is to be self-sufficient. Have opportunity to be first student chapter in Baltimore.
 - p. Leah - We are quick to criticize whether they can accomplish their mission, there are a lot of current student groups that don't get their missions accomplished. It's only \$35 to give them the semester to get started.
 - q. Maggie - MLSC does a lot of trips, but not a lot of cohesion as a group.
 - r. Portia - We have method to remove student groups, why not give them a shot?
 - ii. SBA Vote: 1 Opposed, Justin Ames... everyone else approved.
 - iii. Budget Committee Vote: Approved unanimously
- b. Paper Product Amendment proposal
 - i. Basic Supplies Usage Policy
 - 1. Aaron went over policy.
 - 2. Lisa- Do classes have to follow system? Open for discussion.
 - 3. Leah- Who will administer this program? Duties can be incorporated into another position (Arkuie- Maybe webmaster?)
 - 4. Joe- Rates seem high (Aaron- rates were arbitrary)
 - 5. Portia- Need better rates, can't vote on policy until have clear numbers.
 - 6. Matt K- Just use dollar amounts.
 - ii. Motion to send back to committee. Dan, Lisa, and Justin Ames will be helping the committee.
- c. ABA 3rd Circuit Meeting
 - i. Widener in Wilmington, DE.
 - ii. Josh Lowery gave report on meeting.
 - iii. ABA membership is up all around the circuit. Last year was down year as far as membership, but that has turned around.
 - iv. Keynote speaker (Patrick Murphy, former Congressman); entertaining to hear about his experiences. He spearheaded don't ask-don't tell policy.
 - v. Elected new governor out of Temple - Jonathan Long.
 - vi. Main focus is to centralize meetings; next year probably Harrisburg.
 - 1. Really good networking opportunity.
- d. ABA Visit (need students March 7 @ 5 pm)
 - i. ABA visiting the law school on March 7th for accreditation and they want to meet with students.
 - 1. Email Dean Cobb if you can meet.
- e. UB v. UMD Soccer Game (April 2)
 - i. UB contacted us and wants to hold a soccer game on April 2nd.
 - 1. Friendly competition. Arkuie will send out information; waiting for flyer from UB. (Shouldn't compete with UVA Tournament)

- a. Honor Board: Chris Ross
 - i. Nothing to report
- b. USGA: Anais Taboas
 - i. Health Sciences Library is extending study hours May 2-18th, Monday -Thursday 8 am-2 am, Fri-Sat, 8 am- 8pm.
 - 1. After pilot program, maybe extend Saturday hours. Sunday- 11 am -2 am. All floors open for studying.
 - 2. Will be patrolled by security.
 - 3. Only UM students allowed.
 - 4. Extended hours will be quiet.
 - ii. Strategic planning going smoothly. Workgroups started. Surveys should be going out to all students regarding the state of the school and what students would like to do.
 - 1. At town hall meetings, only a few students show up.
 - 2. Able to collaborate with faculty and staff.
 - iii. Going for a Gmail pilot program that should be in effect in early March; IT Specialist meeting with USGA.
 - iv. Trivia Night may be a possibility in mid-Spring.
 - v. Valentine's Day social was a great success.
 - vi. Any comments, feel free to email USGA Senators.
- c. CDO
 - i. Meeting with Dean Morris in two weeks.
 - ii. Vivian—Baltimore judges only get applications from UB; more UMD students should apply.
- d. Academic Concerns
 - i. What is the status on "outline bank" update?
 - ii. Committee did not meet.
- e. Constitution and Rules
 - i. Election: Tentative deadline. First email to entire school about SBA elections will happen before Spring Break.
 - ii. SBA will ask for nominations by the Wednesday following Spring Break; candidate forum will be the next day.
 - iii. Elections will be held and decided by the end of March.
- f. Student Organizations Oversight
 - i. No update.
- g. NYLF (National Youth Leadership Foundation)
 - i. Nothing scheduled for the spring.
 - ii. There will be a NYLF presentation over the summer; more updates to come.
- h. Community Service
 - i. Habitat for Humanity next Saturday (2/26)
 - ii. Ronald McDonald House volunteering opportunity (next Monday, 2/28 7:30-8:30)
 - iii. Lisa- Went to Habitat a few weekends ago. They do not have a lot of open slots on weekend, but have a lot of availability during week. People can go individually.
- i. Thurgood Marshall Lecture Series
 - i. Panel Discussion on April 11th at 5:30 pm in Ceremonial Moot Court Room; reception to follow in the atrium.
 - 1. Rethinking structure of lecture.

2. 3 tentative speakers with 2 confirmed as of today (Dr. William Darity and Prof. Thiru Vignarajah).
3. Theme “Desegregated Schools with Segregated Education.”

VII. Executive Board Reports

- a. President
 - i. Focused on timeliness of grade distribution.
 - ii. Leadership Retreat, June 1st- 2nd.
 1. Feedback: Administrators need to teach people how to actually run a student organization, i.e. how to reserve a room, budget, operations, student organization room.
 - iii. Photocopies
 1. Working with Dean Cobb to get a copy code. Student leaders could make photo copies that would be charged to SBA.
- b. Vice-President
 - i. Bulletin Board—post flyers of events.
- c. Treasurer
- d. Secretary
 - i. Attendance reminder.

VIII. Class Reports

- a. 4E
 - i. Polo shirt sale last week.
 - ii. BBQ dinner and more polo sales this week in support of Barrister’s Ball.
 1. Thursday in Comcast.
- b. 3D
 - i. Bake sale on Monday, Feb 28th.
 - ii. Still working on planning Happy Hour in Mount Vernon on March 9th.
 - iii. Kick-off event for class gift is this Thursday.
 1. Open to whole school, Happy Hour 7-10 at Frank & Nic’s.
 2. If anyone wants to bake, drop off baked goods 11:30am – 12:00pm.
 - iv. Barrister’s Ball tickets scheduled to go on sale on March 21 for 3D/4E, everyone else March 23.
 1. There will be pots of tickets for evening and day student, divided proportionally by student population in each division. On Friday there will be a free-for-all for whatever is left.
 2. Students will only be able to buy certain amount of tickets.
 3. \$40 students, \$50 non-students
- c. 3E
 - i. Bake sale towards end of March.
 - ii. Working on Evening Reception; March 25th
- d. 2D
 - i. Working with 1D class to do join dodge-ball tournament on March 25th.
- e. 2E
 - i. Sold out first round of winter hats for fundraiser; almost sold out second round of hats.
- f. 1D

- i. Trivia on Thursday. Also 24th of March, 14th of April.
 - ii. March Madness brackets starting on March 1st.
 - 1. Arkuie- You may not be able to do brackets, because of EASL; cannot award cash prizes.
 - a. Okay as long as class members aren't paying and are playing for free.
 - iii. Mixer with Medical School on March 4th from 7-10pm at Ropewalk.
- g. 1E
- i. Just had a bake sale; went well.
 - ii. Had a happy hour.
 - iii. Looking to extend gym hours. Went to talk to gym manager and he is open to the idea, but we must convince SMC Campus Center.
 - 1. Petition is to gauge student interest. Mario is going to take to next USGA meeting and distribute amongst other schools.
 - iv. 1Es are doing a 6k run entitled Court to Court; team name is "Maryland Law."

IX. Adjournment