

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION



April 16, 2008

Student Faculty Committee Selection 2008-2009

Thank you for expressing interest in the Student Faculty Committees (SFCs) here at NYU Law. These are a crucial way for students to get involved with the affairs of the school and have an opportunity to make lasting changes.

Attached find information about the various SFCs. In order to apply, please fill out the following form and return it to **box 725** in Vanderbilt Hall or email the requisite information to cleinheiser@nyu.edu. The deadline for nominations is **5 PM, Tuesday, April 22, 2008**. Candidates will be notified of their positions by April 30. Appendix A provides a listing and a brief description of all the SFCs. Appendix B provides a listing of the current student members on the committees.¹

The Role of Student-Faculty Committee Student Reps

In keeping with two of the Student Bar Association's primary goals -- providing an effective medium for the expression of student's views and maintaining an effective liaison between students, the administration, and the faculty -- the SBA President appoints student representatives to each of the faculty committees at the law school. Unless otherwise noted, students are full voting members of the committees. Student Representatives are appointed to one-year terms. Most student-faculty committees carry TWO student members, however, you should check the committee descriptions to find out how many student positions exist on each committee.

Virtually every policy decision affecting law students is made first at the committee level before going to a full faculty vote. Representatives will be expected to attend the meetings of the Faculty Committees and to work closely with the SBA to act in the best interest of students. Student representatives will also be required to report to the SBA Board of Governors on a regular basis regarding the status of the committee and any actions taken by the committee.

Application Process

Appointments are made by the SBA President with the advice and consent of the SBA Board of Governors. Past experience is not required.² Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate interest in the work of the committee for which they are applying and who demonstrate that they will bring dedication and energy to their post. Candidates are encouraged to submit a statement along with this nomination form outlining their interest in the committee, ideas about the direction they want to see the committee moving and any unique qualities they bring to the table. The

¹ For additional information you can also review the SBA webpage on SFCs:

<http://www.law.nyu.edu/studentorgs/sba/committees/index.html>. Some of the information is a bit outdated, but it gives you a general sense.

² If you have served on a particular committee before and are interested in serving again you should follow the normal application process. You can, if you wish, include your prior experiences on the committee in your personal statement (if you choose to submit one).

statement should be around 300 words and you should file a separate statement for each committee you are applying for. In-person or phone interviews will be conducted if necessary, depending on the number of applicants. If you are interested in applying for the ALSA spots on the Academic Personnel Committee, the Diversity Working Group (DWG), and/or the Bias and Harassment Committee please read the relevant committee descriptions.

For further information on faculty committees, feel free to consult the SBA Constitution at www.law.nyu.edu/studentorgs/sba/documents/constitution.html or direct any questions and concerns to the SBA Board of Governors at cleinheiser@nyu.edu. Thanks again for your interest, and I look forward to working with you in the future!

Sincerely,

Carly Leinheiser, SBA President

Nomination Form

Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Vanderbilt Box #: _____

Home Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

Committee(s) Applying For:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Appendix A

Description of Student-Faculty Committees

Academic Careers (1 student)

This committee makes recommendations regarding the programming, counseling and other services provided to NYU law students and alumni considering a career in law teaching.

Academic Personnel (2 students)

Students sit in advisory (non-voting) positions on this committee. The committee is responsible for making recommendations for appointments, promotions, and tenure of the academic faculty. Students on this committee will be a part of screening possible new additions to the NYU Law faculty and will actively participate in interviewing candidates for open positions. It is imperative that students on this committee are enthusiastic about NYU Law as they are acting in the double role of “selling” the school to the possible candidates, and “screening” the new applicants. For this committee, one student rep will be chosen by the SBA and one student rep will be chosen by an ALSA Selection Board comprised of representatives from APALSA, BALSAs, CoLR, ILSA, LaLSA, Law Women, MELSA, OUTLaw, and SALSAs. The ALSA Selection Board seeks students who are committed to issues of faculty diversity. Candidates interested in being considered by the ALSA Selection Board should indicate so in their personal statement, address their commitment to faculty diversity, and rank this committee in their top two choices.

Admissions (2 students)

This committee sets policy for law school admissions. The committee reviews admission policy and recruitment particularly with respect to minority students. The committee aids in the deliberative process on close cases and in considering applicants who may bring unique talents to the community. The committee will review many confidential documents that are part of the application process. It is best that the students not be enrolled at the time of the admitted students’ entrance. Therefore, the two students on this committee can only be from the 3L class.

Bias and Harassment (2 students)

This committee receives and mediates student bias or harassment complaints. In addition, the committee has a duty to promote equal opportunity within the law school community. For this committee, one student rep will be chosen by the SBA and one student rep will be chosen by an ALSA Selection Board comprised of representatives from APALSA, BALSAs, CoLR, ILSA, LaLSA, Law Women, MELSA, OUTLaw, and SALSAs. The ALSA Selection Board seeks students who are committed to issues of faculty diversity. Candidates interested in being considered by the ALSA Selection Board should indicate so in their personal statement, address their commitment to faculty diversity, and rank this committee in their top two choices.

Budget Advisory (2 students)

This advisory committee reviews and makes suggestions to the Dean regarding the proposed budget before the Dean presents the budget to the Board of Trustees.

Career Services (2 students)

This committee makes recommendations to the OCCP regarding job placement practices.

Clerkships (2 students)

The purpose of this committee is to assist students in obtaining judicial clerkships and to promote

the application for judicial clerkships. This committee also assists in creating positive relationships between NYU School of Law and the judiciary.

Convocation (2 students)

The students sit on this committee to help plan the convocation and make recommendations regarding the convocation speaker(s), setting the program, and selecting a location. The committee is responsible for selecting the student speaker(s).

Curriculum and Adjunct Appointments (2 students)

The committee has three specific responsibilities: approving proposed new courses, approving new adjunct faculty, and promoting improvements in the overall curriculum. Students will be involved in all parts of the application process from screening resumes to asking questions of candidates during the interview process.

Executive (2 students)

This committee sets and amends academic regulations, subject to faculty review. This includes issues such as the credits required or allowed in specific areas, computer exam taking, etc. The committee also functions as the school's formal disciplinary committee for the student body with members sitting as arbitrators for purposes requiring formal discipline. (See the Student Handbook for details). Finally, the committee is responsible for selecting student honorees and graduation awards.

Lawyering instruction and personnel (2 students)

The committee makes recommendations with respect to the continuation of current Lawyering faculty and makes suggestions for new hires. The committee is responsible for reviewing the student evaluations.

Library (2 students)

This is a policy setting committee. The students on this committee serve as a voice for the student body with respect to problems or suggestions for improvements related to the law library. Some such issues include library hours and admission of students from other schools to the library.

Orientation (2 students)

This committee designs the orientation program for incoming students to ensure entering 1Ls, LL.Ms, and JSD students become familiar with the culture, policy and opportunities available at NYU School of Law.

Symposium Funding (2 students)

This committee is responsible for allocating the budgeted funds for student organized symposiums.

Ad Hoc Committees

Diversity Working Group (2 students)

The Diversity Working Group was instituted in 1999 to examine issues of diversity: student, faculty, racial, gender, philosophical, pedagogical, etc. The committee examines policy issues at the school and should create ways to increase diversity at NYU Law. For this committee, one student rep will be chosen by the SBA and one student rep will be chosen by an ALSA Selection Board comprised of representatives from APALSA, BALSAs, CoLR, ILSA, LaLSA, Law Women, MELSA, OUTLaw, and SALSAs. Candidates interested in being considered by the ALSA Selection Board should indicate so in their personal statement and rank this committee in their top two choices.

Appendix B: Current Student Members

Student Members, 2007-2008

Student Representatives on Administrative Committees

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