NYU Law SBA Meeting
Wed. 28 Oct. 2009, 6 p.m.
Furman Hall 210

Attendance Guidelines:

- **(12)— more than half of the total (23)—is a voting quorum.**
- **(16) is the two-thirds necessary to propose amendments to the Constitution.**

Present:

- **(19) out of TWENTY THREE**
  Yoshi Sasao, President
  Doug Martin, Vice President
  Rob Swan, Student Senator/Parliamentarian
  Mike Gordon, Treasurer
  Erika Iverson, Social Chair
  Jeff Salomon, 3L Rep.
  Nish Chari, 3L Rep.
  David Goodwin, 3L Rep.
  Wamiq Chowdhury, 2L Rep. (taking the minutes in place of Sarah Adam, Secretary)
  Megan Dwyer, 2L Rep.
  Al Levy, 2L Transfer Rep.
  Stavan Dasai, 2L Rep. in place of Natalie Reyes this semester
  Ed Han, 1L Rep.
  Evan Goodman, 1L Rep.
  Sam Jackson, 1L Rep.
  Scott Goins, 1L Rep.
  Erin Martin, 1L Rep.
  Brian Byrne, LLM Rep.
  Carlos Arevalo, LLM Rep.

Absent:

- **(4) out of TWENTY THREE**
  Sarah Adam, Secretary
  Howard Locker, Social Chair
  Carley Palmer, 2L Rep.
  Ana Morales, LLM Rep.

Orders Of Business:

- Alex Heckscher, questions about the school budget:
  - Rough distributions of budget
  - Reason for budget increases every year
  - President Sasao and Parliamentarian Swan discuss meeting with Dan Evans
  - Ideal would be as much transparency and accessibility as possible, but anything beyond the status quo would be an improvement
  - Scott moves to table and keep Alex informed
- Mary Kathryn Martin, Phi Delta Phi presentation

    - PDP has a history at NYU but no longer exists
    - PDP's benefits to NYU:
        - Legal ethics events
        - Benefits to NYU PDP alumni – networking, professional benefits
        - Members pay a one-time fee to the national organization
        - Membership depends on GPA or involvement in a student group
    - Consensus that we need to set a policy for whether or not SBA members can stay in the room and/or vote on issues related to other groups they're in
    - Motion to table that question for now and continue as we have done in the past for the PDP vote passes – 15 for, 0 against, Doug, Stavan, Meghan, and Wamiq abstain
    - Mike asks under what circumstances do we not approve a student group. Robert points out that there are no standards and thinks that we should table this topic for now
        - This point doesn't seem to be addressed and we continue discussing their merit as a student group…
    - A number of members raise concern over PDP's discretionary membership standards
    - Nish motions to table the approval of PDP until the group provides clearer selection criteria that we can discuss in a constructive matter
        - Evan, Erin, Rob, Nish, Wamiq, Jeff, Scott, one more (8 total) vote for
        - Al, Doug, Stav, Erika abstain
        - Everyone else votes against
    - Al motions to make them a group without funding seconded by Ed
        - Mike, Meghan, Yoshi, Al, Ed, Jeff, Carlos, Sam, Erika, Brian, Evan, Erin, Nish vote for (13)
        - Wamiq vote against (1)
        - Stavan, Rob, Doug abstain (3)
    - Yoshi motions to table the question of funding
        - Al, Evan, Yoshi, Scott, Carlos, Rob, Erika, Meghan, Brian, Ed, Jeff (11) vote for
        - Mike, Sam (2) oppose
        - Doug, Erin, Stav, Wamiq (4) abstain
- Dean's Meeting for November – set for Nov. 17th
- Town Hall for November – postponed for now
- Group study rooms in Furman – Yoshi discussed a new policy
- Yoshi motioned to close the meeting, Rob seconded all for except Wamiq who opposed
- Meeting ended at 7:33 p.m.