

Student Bar Association

SBA MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 9.19.12

TIME: 5:30pm – 6:30pm

ROOM: VH 206

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Lance Polivy, President	X		
Vanish Grover, Vice President	X		
Chase Dalton, Treasurer	X		
Sharon McDonald, Secretary	X		
Ben Steinberg, Social Chair		X	
Joe Tevelowitz, Social Chair	X		
Patrick Totaro, Student Senator	X		
Gabriel Hopkins, 3L Representative	X		
Hannah Rodgers, 3L Representative	X		
Morgan Miller, 3L Representatives	X		
Ali-Puente Douglas, 3L Representative		X	
Charlotte Slaiman, 2L Representative	X		
Stew Gilson, 2L Representative	X		
Adam Saper, 2L Representative		X	
Mat Ahn, 2L Representatives	X		

AGENDA ITEMS

- Approving Student Groups
 - o Antitrust Group, represented by Jose Antonio Batista de Moura Ziebarth
- Final Vote on Student Group Budgets
- Admissions Update by Hannah Rodgers
- Discussion of Course Offerings
- SBA/OutLaw Blood Drive

NOTES

I. APPROVING STUDENT GROUPS

Competition, Public Policy and Development Institute (CPD)

• Representative: Jose Antonio Ziebarth

- Mission Statement/Purpose: Will aim to broaden competition law, public policy and development issues, to establish a study and research center focused on these themes and an international network between students, professors, public officials, members of antitrust section of BAR associations, lawyers, policy-makers, economists, and businessmen.
- Proposed Events for the year:
 - Organize two informal study groups to review material on the various antitrust classes in the fall and spring semester
 - Organize a regular NYU faculty member lunch
 - Organize regular lectures and meetings with guests, such as FTC authorities, DOJ authorities, prestigious lawyers, OECD, UNCTAD
 - o Publish a new academic journal
- Statement of Interest: 8 students (including the speaker) were present at the SBA meeting to support the creation of this group. Spoke to 5 different professors about this idea and they thought this group was very important. 55 students (half of which are JDs) have signed up in the group. About 70 students seem interested total.
- Other: There are 2 seminars both in the fall and the spring that focus on antitrust and that will provide opportunities for students to come up with articles to publish in the journal; They have already reached out to professors and practitioners to come to lectures and they have already said yes. They already have a full schedule. They are very interested in having a long-term group.
- Vote on Student Group Approval: Y:Unanimous N: 0
 - Notes: Cannot call the group an institute. They are a student club; they also cannot be a journal without being formally acknowledged through the journal approval process.

II. FINAL VOTE ON STUDENT GROUP BUDGETS

- For more information on the budget allocation decision, please email the SBA Treasurer Chase Dalton (williamchasedalton@gmail.com).
- Vote for all proposed groups (except BALSA): Y:Unanimous N:0
- Vote for BALSA's budget: Y:11 N: 0 Abstain:1

III. ADMISSIONS UPDATE

• We are back on par with other top law schools in terms of gender parity. Diversity numbers are looking better, but of course progress can always be made

- The Admissions office want the ALSA groups to participate more heavily in admitted student days by doing the following:
 - Send more ambassadors
 - o Participating in an email program
 - o Participating in a telephone call program
 - Participating in a 3L reader program 3Ls will read the personal statements for students "on the fence" and see if certain students can contribute to diversity
 - Participating in Law fairs: Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund Law Fair (at Pace)
 and the New York Forum
- Admissions sent surveys last year (2011-2012) to see what drew students to the law school. We would like to see the survey results. Hannah will speak to Tony about this.

IV. COURSE OFFERINGS

- A member of Law Women proposed the idea that our course offerings skew male.
- We will ask a representative from Law Women to come and expand on this member's ideas in more detail.

V. SBA/OUTLAW BLOOD DRIVE

- There is a rule that gay men are not allowed to give blood. We are organizing a blood drive with OUTLaw. We will have non-LGBT students be sponsored by an LGBT student because they cannot give blood themselves.
- The purpose of this event is to fulfill community service as well as bring awareness to this issue. Adam Saper flagged this issue and Stew Gilson is leading the initiative.

VI. SOCIAL CHAIR UPDATES

- The school-wide survey has progressed. Joe is open to getting input on the types of questions we should ask. Joe wants to reach out to student groups for the type of feedback groups want.
- We are having a bar review in Mercer as well as West 3rd Commons in order to bring in students who want to hang out but don't necessarily want to drink.

NO MEETING NEXT WEEK. NEXT MEETING WILL BE 10/3 AFTER 1L/LLM ELECTIONS.