

**NYU Law SBA Meeting
Weds. 16 Sept. 2009, 6 p.m.
Vanderbilt Hall 201**

Attendance Guidelines:

- **(8)—one more than the total (14)—is a voting quorum.**
- **(10) is the necessary two-thirds to propose amendments to the Constitution.**

Present:

- **(10) out of FOURTEEN**
 - Yoshi Sasao, President
 - Doug Martin, Vice President
 - Sarah A. Adam, Secretary
 - Robert Swan, Student Senator/Parliamentarian
 - Erika Iverson, Social Chair
 - Howard Locker, Social Chair
 - Jeff Salomon, 3L Rep.
 - Nish Chari, 3L Rep.
 - Carley Palmer, 2L Rep.
 - Megan Dwyer, 2L Rep.

Absent:

- **(4) out of FOURTEEN**
 - Mike Gordon, Treasurer
 - David Goodman, 3L Rep.
 - Natalie Reyes, 3L Rep. (Out for the semester.)
 - Wamiq Chowdhury, 2L Rep.

Orders of Business:

- Amending the Constitution
 - o Proposed amendments
 - strike part of Art. 8 sec. 1 dealing with the number of first year reps.; replace with one rep. from each section for first years;
delete Art. 8 sec. 2.
(Representation of 2Ls and 3Ls remains the same.)
Doug moves to vote, Carly seconds, all present vote yes.
 - Art. 12 sec. 1 changed to say that chairpersons of all internal committees shall be appointed according to the bylaws; same language stricken from Art. 12 sec. 1, stricken from Art. 4 sec. 4.1.6—stricken also.
...all present vote yes.
- Internal Committees need to be active; chairs and committee compositions:
 - o Yoshi Sasao, President and All Four 3L Reps. ONLY (ENTIRELY, Elections Committee)
 - o Myself, Secretary, Chair of Rules Committee (UNRESTRICTED as far as not having to have one SBA member per class year incl. LLMs)
 - o Doug Martin, VP, Chair of Student Life Committee (+ Transfer Rep.)
 - o Mike Gordon, Treasurer, Chair of Finance Committee
 - o Robert Swan, Student Senator, Chair of Student Groups Committee
 - o Erika & Howard, Social Chairs, Chairs of Social Committee (COMPOSITION?)

- Solicited upper-class outlines on list-serves, on Carley's suggestion.
- Need another (temp.) 3L Rep. why Natalie is away; Yoshi will solicit & appoint.
- Need another 2L Rep. after Mahalia retired; Art. 11 sec. 2.2—President must appoint.
- Deans Meeting is 29th Sept. @ 11 a.m., in Furman on 9th Floor
- Party tomorrow at Nevada Smiths @ 8:30 p.m. (12 St. and 3rd Ave.)

**Revisions/Amendments Proposed to the Constitution of the SBA of NYU Law
Fall 2009 Session**

[Voted on by the SBA Board of Governors, 16 September 2009;
Now up for a 2/3 participation vote, 1/3-for-approval, by the SBA General Body.]

REVISION No. 1

- SBA Const. art. 8 sect. 2, dealing with the number of first year law student representatives on the SBA Board of Governors, is to be stricken.

The text of the relevant section as it currently reads:

Section 2. If there are fewer than four (4) large First Year student sections, each large section shall elect one (1) representative from their section, and the class as a whole shall elect the remaining representative(s) at large. If there are four (4) large sections, each large section shall elect one (1) representative from their section. If there are more than four (4) large sections, all four (4) representatives shall be elected at large, provided that there shall be no more than one (1) candidate from any section.

- SBA Const. art. 8 sect. 1, which reflects the requirement of one representative from each section of first year law students, will remain as the rule of election for first year law student representatives on the SBA Board of Governors.

The text of the relevant section reads and shall continue to read:

Section 1. Second and Third Year Classes shall be represented on the Board of Governors by four (4) representatives from each class. The First Year Class shall be represented on the Board of Governors by one (1) representative from each First Year section. The LL.M. Class shall be represented on the Board of Governors by three (3) representatives. The transfer students shall be represented on the Board of Governors by one (1) representative. This representative shall be elected in his/her first semester as a transfer student at NYU. Only transfer students in their first semester as transfer students at NYU will be permitted to vote for the position of transfer student representative.

- **Legislative History:** We now have five sections of first year law students, instead of the four sections that existed when this section of the Constitution was written. According to the Constitution the way it is, we would only be allowed to have four first year representatives—instead of five (or one from each section)—and they would have to be elected at-large instead of one per section. We think the revision will allow for more representation of first year students on the SBA Board of Governors, and the representation will be more equal by section—one student per section, instead of four students who may all be from any one or two or three or four sections.

REVISION No. 2

- SBA Const. art. 12 sect. 1 is to be changed to require that the chairpersons of all committees *internal* to the SBA Board of Governors be appointed according to the SBA bylaws.

The text of the relevant section as it currently reads:

Section 1. The President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Board of Governors the chairpersons of all internal committees of the Student Bar Association, both standing and ad hoc.

- The same language revised in SBA Const. art. 12 sect. 1, regarding the election of the chairpersons of all committees *internal* to the SBA Board of Governors, will also be revised in the same way in SBA Const. art. 4 sect. 4.1.6.

The text of the relevant section as it currently reads:

4.1.6. [The President of the SBA Board of Governors] shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Board of Governors, all committee chairpersons for both standing and ad hoc internal committees of the Student Bar Association.

- **Legislative History:** Currently, there is some inconsistency between the SBA Bylaws and the SBA Constitution as to how the Board of Governors will establish the chairpersons of its internal committees. This change will remedy that inconsistency—so that there is only one prescribed way in which internal committee chairpersons are to be established: according to the Bylaws.

Notes

- The Constitution can be found online at this site:
<http://law.nyu.edu/students/studentbarassociation/foundingdocuments/constitution/index.htm#8>.
- The SBA Bylaws can be found online at this site:
<http://law.nyu.edu/students/studentbarassociation/foundingdocuments/bylaws/index.htm>.
- For more information, please refer to the Student Bar Association Meeting Minutes, on the SBA website, <http://law.nyu.edu/students/studentbarassociation/index.htm>.