

NYU Law SBA Meeting (First Post-1L Election Meeting)
Weds. 14 Oct. 2009, 6 p.m.
Furman Hall 118

Attendance Guidelines:

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

Present:

- **(20) out of TWENTY THREE**
 - Yoshi Sasao, President
 - Doug Martin, Vice President
 - Sarah A. Adam, Secretary
 - Mike Gordon, Treasurer
 - Robert Swan, Student Senator/Parliamentarian
 - Erika Iverson, Social Chair
 - Howard Locker, Social Chair
 - David Goodman, 3L Rep.
 - Carley Palmer, 2L Rep.
 - Megan Dwyer, 2L Rep.
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 - Ed Han, 1L Rep.
 - Erin Martin, 1L Rep.
 - Evan Goodman, 1L Rep.
 - Sam Jackson, 1L Rep.
 - Scott Goins, 1L Rep.
 - Stavan Dasai, 2L Rep. substituting for Natalie for the semester.
 - Al Levy, 2L Transfer Rep.
 - Ana Morales, LLM Rep.
 - Brian Burn, LLM Rep.
 - Carlos Arevallo, LLM Rep.

Absent:

- **(3) out of TWENTY THREE**
 - Jeff Salomon, 3L Rep.
 - Nish Chari, 3L Rep.
 - Wamiq Chowdhury, 2L Rep.
- *Natalie Reyes, 3L Rep. (Out for the semester; replaced by Stavan Dasai.)*

Orders of Business:

- New SBA Members (1Ls) here.
- Diversity Reception at Early Interview Week: request for \$679 by LALSA.
 - o Career services should have money to put into this
 - o Yoshi says it's family funding—the type of funding available for larger events when more than one group is working together.
 - o Mike Gordon, Treasurer, explains the allocation of money for student activities:
 - The University writes one check to pay for all student activities, \$180k for all events. The SBA disperses that funding. There are two concerns:
 1. What if a group comes up with a good idea during the summer/school year (after

funds have been allocated based on the budgets, submitted at the end of the year before, and this idea was not accounted for in the budget)? For brand new ideas that weren't planned for, we use "incentive funding."

2. We want groups to be incentivized to reach out to other groups. When groups work together, they can get "family funding," but we cap this at 40% of the total groups' contribution to the joint event.
 - Incentive funding though is not capped at 40%.
 - We have a total of \$25k to disburse in incentive and family funding; we want to spend the money. So far, we've spent about \$3,000 of incentive funding, and \$1,000 dollars of family funding, or about \$4,000 out of the \$25,000 pool available to us.
- Voting to approve FAMILY funding request of LALSA
 - Yea: all present, except for those abstaining.
 - Nay: no one.
 - Abstaining:
 - Sarah Adam (myself)
 - Howard Locker
 - Carlos Arevarro
- New Student Group ("ESL," presented by Vivek Chandrasekhar) approved pending receipt of constitutional documents.
- Dan Evans (on the SBA Budget Advisory Committee)
 - Oren, student, would like additional transparency during budget planning process—e.g. drafts.
 - more information to the SBA, at least?
 - To prioritize at Dean's Meeting re. budget:
 - student financial aid (PILC grants, LRAP—separate from budget?)
 - student discretionary funding
 - lower tuition increase, or cap? (due to loss of money in endowment = 2% loss of budget)
 - SBA weekly party funding?
 - Question—how does law school budget work within University's at large?
- All present members introduce themselves to one another.
- Doug suggests giving advice on what it is to be a student Rep., to incoming 1L members:
 - Buying gifts for Professors of each 1L section – 1 nice gift, 1 joke gift
 - Liason for fellow students
 - 1L-only end-of-first-semester-party
- Doug speaks about Professor Clayton Gillette (in Section 3) strongly discouraging 1L students from participating in "CAP" program.
- Yoshi reports on the Graduate Student Affairs Meeting:
 - All-grad. event at Rosenthal (10th fl. Kimmel Hall).
 - Poker tournament for charity by STERN SCHOOL, Spring \$30 buy-in, etc.; is the law school in?
- Dean's Meeting, Tues. Nov. 3rd @ 11-11:50 a.m.; to discuss:
 - ABRA; SBA members wanting to participate/provide input—
 - YOSHI
 - SWAN
 - MIKE
 - HOWARD
 - DOUG

- ERIKA
- STAVAN
- CARLOS
- Rob: Redoing the law school's website?
- NYU is moving the University's Commencement (1) day back, and this might interfere with law school final exams.
- Town Hall Meeting Nov. 17th?—new topic?; past meetings:
 - Economy
 - Prof. Thio appointment
- ABA Reception for renewing the accreditation of the law school: Mon. Nov. 2nd 4-5 p.m.
- The SBA goes to Josies for bonding.