



Student Bar Association

SBA MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 10.17.12

TIME: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

ROOM: FH 326

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		
Reyhan Watson , 1L Representative	X		
Monica Ramirez de Arellano , 1L Representative	X		
John Michael Grant , 1L Representative	X		
Julienne (“Jules”) Merkel , 1L Representative	X		
Brooks Emanuel , 1L Representative	X		
David Giroux , Transfer Representative	X		
Daniel Echavarria , LLM Representative	X		
Rebeca Mosquera , LLM Representative	X		
Jose Ziebarth , LLM Representative	X		

AGENDA ITEMS

- Deans Meeting Strategy
- VOTE on New Group Budget
- Social Chair Budget: Reminder
- Clothing/Food Drive

- Prices of Food on Campus
- Survey Monkey Account
- Outline Bank and LLM Spending
- Fall Ball
- Bylaw Update
- NY Times Article v. Deans Meeting Externship Discussion
- The Commentator
- The Bar
- Temperature in the Library
- Brainstorming: The Big Picture

NOTES

Deans Meeting Strategy

- We want to think more about what we concretely want to get out of these meetings. Last time, we did not really get a chance to make strategic decisions about how to set the agenda. We want to spend more time thinking, as opposed to voting during our weekly meetings. Woo!

New Group Budgets

- For specifics on the budget, please email Chase Dalton, SBA Treasurer.
- Vote on the new budgets:
 - Yes: 22
 - No: 0
 - Abstained: 2
- Chase asked all members of the SBA to start thinking about what our guidelines will be for granting incentive funding requests. At the moment, we are approving these on a case-by-case basis, but we should have some specifically outlined standards. Chase is going to come up with a draft of guidelines by next meeting (10/24). We will need to make sure that it conforms to the bylaws.

Social Chair Budget Reminder

- The Social Chairs will have a budget to present to the rest of the SBA board by the 10/24 meeting.
- Lance has been busy getting money from bar reviews to help put some padding on the SBA Social Chair budget.

Clothing/Food/Blood Drive

- The Social Chairs want to have a Food Drive because they want to incorporate more philanthropy in the social events we host. This is part of their plan to incorporate more values into the social events.
 - Their plan is to have a food drive the week before bar review. In order to get drink tickets, a person will need to donate a can. A person can donate as many cans as they would like, but there would be a limit of 2 tickets per student.
 - They may need some help staffing the table during that week.
 - The Social Chairs are open to suggestions about how this should be done. We genuinely think that students will be happy to do something for the New York City community.
- Stew Gilson, 2L representative, wants to hold a clothing drive. BALSAs has already expressed some interest in co-sponsoring the event. He wanted to know when we should hold it. We did not come to a consensus on when it should be held. We think it might be held twice: once after Thanksgiving and another time after Christmas break. We will keep working on this.
- We are still planning on having a blood drive with Outlaw, in order to fundraise and bring awareness to the fact that homosexual men are not allowed to donate blood.

Prices of Food on Campus

- People raised some concerns about food prices increasing. Lance went and talked to dining services and found out that the actual increases were mostly nonexistent or negligible. About 2/3 of the food available did not have a price increase. The food that did increase did so by only a few cents.
- Dining services is very open to suggestions. They want to offer food that students buy and are monitoring the numbers of sales closely. They are going to offer milk, as some students have request. They also have a new vegetarian sandwich (guacamole, cheddar and tomato).
- We want students to come to us if they have questions or comments on the quality, price or quantity of food being offered at school. We will reach out to students, aggregate their comments, and pass them on to Dining Services.

Survey Monkey Account

- We have a bunch of surveys we want to send out. Survey monkey allows you to collect a ton of responses and it will organize the information for you in whatever way is best for your needs (a graph, a spreadsheet, a diagram, etc.). However, it costs \$25 a month.

- Are there alternatives? We could do a google form. It does not seem that google can process the information in the same way.
- The treasurer said that we have enough money to get an account for a few months.
- We voted to give us permission (if we can't find another satisfactory alternative) to purchase a survey monkey account for a full year:
 - Yes: 24
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0

Outline Bank and LLM Spending

- The LLMs created a facebook page and asked LLMs what outlines they need. They have gotten a lot of responses, flagging 15 outlines as “priority.”
 - They are coming up with strategies to get more outlines.
 - November 10th is the deadline for the Secretary to have all outlines in her possession uploaded. She will work with the LLMs to make sure that the LLM needs are also satisfied.
- In previous years, the LLM budget was entirely devoted to the LLM prom. The LLMs are polling their constituency to get ideas for other activities they could do this year. They were able to get \$1000 extra from another organization. They had a meeting on Friday (10/19) regarding their budget.

Fall Ball

- The theme this year is “Paralegal Activity.”
- They will put more of the food in Golding so that there is more space downstairs for dancing. They will still have food and drinks downstairs, however.
- There will be a fortune teller and a caricaturist.
- There will be a post-Fall Ball after party at Off the Wagon, with special drink deals.
- SBA board members will be responsible for looking out for people who might be sick. The 1L Reps are responsible for clean-up. Other board members should try to help set-up.

Bylaw Update

- Mat and Patrick have been working on the bylaws. They are in bad shape. Mat and Patrick have flagged specific things.
- The focus of the bylaw revamping will be on reorganizing and renumbering things. At present, the bylaws are all over the place in terms of the provisions to which a person would have to refer to understand a given rule.

- We would like a first draft of this re-write by the end of this semester.
- Sharon, Ben, and Lance are going to help with the re-write.

NY Times Article

- At the Milibank Forum on 10.17.12, the administration announced a reworking of opportunities for 3L curriculum. These opportunities will emphasize career pathways in critical skills for all kinds of different potential legal careers. Specifically we will greatly expand clinical and international study opportunities.

The Commentator

- We want the commentator to have more content from the SBA.
- We are going to work with the EIC to help him solicit more articles from people and we as a board will try to submit more articles.

The Bar

- NYU does not provide enough info for students wanting to take bars outside of New York. We will work to change this.
- Also, Hannah Rodgers is working with bar review companies to set up a way to provide passport pictures and #2 pencils to 3L students taking the MPRE in November.

Temperature of the Library

- Monica created a color-coded map of the temperatures in the library.
- Lance is working on fixing this problem with the appropriate administrators.

Brainstorming: Big Picture Goals

- Everyone has made a commitment to think of some big picture goals for the SBA to tackle. What will our legacy be when we leave NYU?
- If you have suggestions, please use these meetings to bring them up!