Student Bar Association

Introductions from SBA members 2013-2014

Update from the Public Interest Law Students Association (PILSA) Student Chair: This year, PILSA’s mission is to become a voice-piece for public interest groups on campus with 15 students groups incorporated under the umbrella. The new Assistant Dean for Public Service is organizing a working group to address areas for growth in the community, present a forum to talk to the administration, and expand the meaning of public interest to include government service and other opportunities.

Club Mentor Program: Over the summer, student groups who have a mentoring component to their organization (connecting students to other students, faculty, professionals, etc.) responded to the SBA’s inquiry. The participating groups are now listed in the Student Life Guide published by Student Affairs.

Housing: Discussed the need to inform students about their roommate assignments prior to the day of moving in, presenting a formal request for space heaters for the dorm terraces, and logistical problems with the new mail/package system at the dorms.

Scheduling SBA meetings: After the members’ class schedules are finalized, we will conduct a poll on whether to change the current meeting times.

Student group access to Mercer basement: In order to use this office space, we would need to compile a list of groups who would want access, and try to do more with the spaces.

Admitted Students Hosting Program: The SBA will work with Admissions to define the SBA’s role in helping with this project.

Professors using old exams or administering the wrong exam: The SBA will reach out to the administration regarding finding solutions to help on this issue and develop a concrete policy.

Approve the 2013-2014 budget: The Finance Committee circulated their final review of student group funding allocations. The SBA members voted and approved the budget (Y-10, N-0, A-5).