

I. January Meeting schedule

A. Friday, 1/25 is the suggested one.

1. There is a class this date so we're going to check it out.
2. Michael will email about this once the schedule has been checked

II. New Proposed groups

A. Law Revue

1. A group whose goal it is to execute and present an entertainment event every year.
2. Jeffrey Spier presented a rap as an example.
3. Discussion
 - a) Many other law schools have this.
 - b) Interest? Jeff says there are a lot of creative people interested.
 - c) Possible submission to Above the Law's annual competition.
 - d) Funding?
 - (1) Needs money to record.
 - (2) Linli points out there are cameras here student can check out.
 - e) Benefit to law school? Showing the lighter side of students and the law.

B. Scientific Application in the Law Society (SAILS)

1. Proposed by Matthew Ring.
2. Group would facilitate discussions/ presentations of science and how it affects the law. Some collaboration with professors from the undergrad.
3. Discussion
 - a) Interest? A lot from science majors as well as professors.
 - b) Budgetary implications?
 - (1) Willing to collaborate with other groups as well as the undergrad and other universities.
 - (2) Don't expect to need too many resources.
 - c) What does this group bring that others wouldn't?
 - (1) Bring in a strong focus on the science behind the law.
 - (2) Other groups don't offer enough of this.
 - d) Who is the audience for this? Law students may not have the science background. Speakers may be encouraged to "dumb it down."
 - e) What's the long term plan for how this group can affect future careers? Can help students who want to focus on science based careers.
 - f) What will this look like in practice?
 - (1) Weekly meeting with presentations.
 - (2) Presentations would be by students and faculty.
 - (3) Wants it to be diverse and not focused only on natural sciences.
 - g) Not sure if there is something like this at other schools.
 - (1) There is a science and technology section of the ABA.
 - h) Some idea that what is being described is similar to what other groups do?
 - (1) Matt believes there isn't enough of a focus on science in the other groups.

C. Eric Brickenstein has a tentative proposal to start a L&C chapter of the federal bar association. Would require little to no funding. He'll report back to us when they have bylaws.

D. General discussion on proposals

1. Both groups are not established enough.
2. They're good ideas, but perhaps we should pass right now and encourage them to put something together next semester.
3. They would not get any funding this year, unless they petitioned for emergency funding.
4. SAILS may have too much overlap with other groups.
 - a) Or they could be a nice umbrella group.
5. Do we know how much overlap there is between all 44 current groups?
6. How do we get rid of group if it doesn't die a natural death?
 - a) There should perhaps be a process to "kill groups."
7. A lot of discussion about what it would mean to them if they didn't become groups, or what the results would be to SBA.

E. Vote on Law Revue

1. Aye: 17
2. Nay: 12
3. Abstentions: 4
4. Approved

F. Vote on SAILS

1. Aye: 10
2. Nay: 14
3. Abstentions: 8
4. Denied

III. Budget

A. Request for travel funds

1. NLG

- a) 5 students when to an annual conference incurring a cost of \$2360 and the group can reimburse \$832.
- b) There's another conference in the spring.
- c) Asking for
 - (1) The difference between what PILP can cover of \$302 as well.
 - (2) Also asking for further travel funds.
 - (3) Maximum it is asking for is between \$173.77 and \$476.27, depending on what PILP can fund.
- d) Discussion
 - (1) NLG has not asked their local chapter for any help.
 - (2) Students do not have to apply for the conferences, they can just choose to go. Students were under the impression that these costs would be reimbursable by PILP, but rules have subsequently changed.
 - (3) Unsure if this is preemptive, if we should wait for PILP

- (a) This would be the last opportunity to reimburse the group for these funds.

2. BLSA

- a) Email from Armelle regarding funds request.
- b) Wants to bring the director of a film in for a Q & A the club is planning on screening.
- c) No specific numbers were included. Flights from the east coast are very expensive.

3. General fund request ILS

- a) Additional \$200-\$300 for general funding.
- b) More speakers than expected are coming this year.
 - (1) Many of these speakers have already confirmed.
 - (2) If funds aren't allocated some of these events will be dropped.
 - (3) They've asked for more funding from Global Law, but there's no confirmation.

4. Total travel reserve fund is \$1427

- a) We usually have extra funds.

5. General Reserve fund is \$3563

B. General discussion

- 1. People are supportive of NLG because the students were promised reimbursement by PILP.
- 2. Some idea that we should talk to PILP about their promise of reimbursement.

C. Voting

- 1. NLG- \$476.27 with PILP "talking to"
 - a) Aye: 31
 - b) Nay: 0
 - c) Abstention: 1
- 2. ILS- \$300
 - a) Aye: 16
 - b) Nay: 8
 - c) Abstention: 8
- 3. Both proposals pass

IV. Bylaws

A. Grammatical changes to bylaws

- 1. Passed unanimously

B. Changes to mid term vacancies and appointment procedures

- 1. Aye: 30
- 2. Nay: 0
- 3. Abstention: 1

C. Changes to 6.5 Student Group procedure

- 1. Aye: 34
- 2. Nay: 1
- 3. Abstention: 0

V. Admissions Committee Vacancy

- A. Motion for email voting
 - 1. Aye: 31
 - 2. Nay: 1
 - 3. Abstention: 2
 - B. Self-nominations will go out by email and we'll vote online.
- VI. SBA Office Space
- A. Our Options
 - 1. Keep the space we have.
 - 2. Move out of the conference room, take NEDC office in Gantenbein, receive new storage space.
 - 3. Fight to try to keep both- unknown when we would get the Gantenbein space.
 - B. Discussion
 - 1. Michael's recommendation
 - a) We don't use the conference room.
 - b) The highly visible space in Gantenbein is better for student visibility.
 - 2. Visibility is a BIG issue.
 - 3. Student groups would lose that space as well if we gave it up.
 - 4. Storage space is unidentified, hesitancy to give up the conference room if we don't know what the storage space is.
 - C. Michael will email us after discussing this further with Dean Kelley.
- VII. LRC Kitchen
- A. Progress is great! People love us now.
 - B. We will continue to clean on a volunteer basis.
 - C. Housekeeping only cleans the floor and will only clean the sink and counters if there are no dishes in the way. They will not clean the fridge.
- VIII. Recap on Events
- A. Halloween
 - 1. Attendance on the low end.
 - 2. This means the spring party will be smaller.
 - B. Events in planning/ ideas
 - 1. Spring party
 - 2. Valentine's Day Silent Auction
 - a) The PILP Auction is really early this year: 2/8
 - 3. Sustainability Week
 - 4. Diversity Week
 - 5. If you're interested in getting involved speak with Amanda Johnson or Michael.
 - C. Upcoming event
 - 1. Cuisine with the Dean in January
- IX. Committee Reports
- A. Budget
 - 1. 3% tuition increase looks likely.
 - 2. Incoming class will likely be small.
 - 3. Losing the ATM.

4. Clinics
 - a) Huge hole in the general clinic budget.
 - b) Some ideas to entirely cut clinics.
 - c) We might want to assess student interest in clinics and come up with a proposal if they decide to cut clinics all together.
 5. We like that they've been transparent and have been posting on facebook.
- B. Faculty Committee
1. Chief Justice Roberts is coming in the spring.
 - a) Student access to Pace competition is perhaps being constricted because of fundraiser interest.
 - b) Dean Klonoff said explicitly that this is not being used as a fundraising event.
- C. Transportation Committee
1. Meeting about expanded shuttle service.
 2. Still theoretical at this point, but moving through all the bureaucracy.
 3. We'll know more next semester.
- X. Other Business
- A. Robert Bart wants permission to talk to Deans with SBA approval about trying to decrease crime on campus.
 1. Advise your classmates to be careful!!