



## SBA General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Sept. 25, 2011, 5-6:50pm, Classroom 7

1. Introduction
  - a. Ice Breaker
    - i. Role call
  - b. SBA General Orders
    - i. Bring any comments/concerns to an officer, work together to make SBA look good
2. Reports
  - a. Officers
    - i. VP of Student Affairs: 1L election is done, no LLM rep
    - ii. VP of Programming: cuisine with dean success, big turnout, bar review great turnout with 1L's and 2L's, two exciting activities coming up (Salsa Night & SBA Yoga)
  - b. David Schor on Livewhale and the website
    - i. David Schor: reach lclark.edu/support, watch tutorial to access to create basic pages/events
3. Budget (SBA Treasurer Amie Forsberg)
  - a. Final budget up for a vote
  - b. Budget approval—Treasurer Amie explains the final budget up for approval tonight
    - i. Added \$3000 to general student group, took off from SBA and got additional funding \$1500 from Dean
    - ii. Criticism on some events, made decisions on SBA's own budget, tried to keep substantive events going for the year
    - iii. Motion to pass the final budget, seconded
    - iv. Concerns from budget committee:
      1. clubs are organizing "conference attendance" and asking for travel, ppl pre-selected from exec board
        - a. huge amounts of expenses given to major groups (hotel stays, airfare, given to only few ppl)
          - i. should only give to 50% so more ppl can go and each only pay half?
      2. Overhauling rules for budget process, discuss w/Rules committee
      3. Set amount of budget from travel
    - v. Money taken out from SBA funding—St. Patrick's day, cut down on bar reviews, faculty events, fine print—across the board cuts
  - c. 32 in favor of; 2 abstaining.
  - d. New budget approved.
4. New clubs for approval
  - a. Bradley Steinman: Students for a Sensible Drug Policy
    - i. Working on sense June 2011, first official open meeting this Thursday, already had 2 exec board meetings and an event co-sponsored w/Federalist Society , constitutional bylaws

ratified at meeting on Thursday, list of membership, listserve, 3 faculty advisors (Yang, Mandiberg, Kanter)

1. Exec board consists of 1, 2, and 3L's
  2. ~56 ppl on listserve
  3. budget proposal—approval from dean, facebook page
  - ii. starting this b/c war on drug = failure, drug policy reasonable thing to talk about—criminal law, health law, tax law, business law, interesting issue—war on drugs conducted at federal vs. state level, discrepancy, preemption, conflicts between state/federal government
  - iii. fundraising—seeking grants, no bake sales, sell tshirts and co-sponsor w/ACLU to raise money
  - iv. invite controversial speakers
  - v. biennial international conference for drug alliance
  - vi. questions from SBA
    1. club collaboration?
      - a. First event co-sponsored by Federalist, ACLU, Black Law, Latino Law
      - b. ACS interested in co-sponsoring
    2. This deals w/something that's illegal, what measures are you taking? Liability? We are backing this, if you're implicated, our butt's on the line.
      - a. In constitution explicitly states all of our meeting are substance-free, civil disobedience will take no part in organization
      - b. Speaker represent ideas against current law
    3. Education/activism?
      - a. Education, not public interest law
    4. Define "sensible" – decriminalization/legalization?
      - a. Mission statement: war on drugs is failing society, reduce harm cause don drug abuse, just/compassionate society, war = public health not criminal; open/critical conversation on drug reform, SSDP does not condone drug abuse/civil disobedience
    5. Negative feedback/resistance from anyone?
      - a. No, smooth so far
      - b. Most negative feedback from smoking development—SSDP should get involved in new DSA policy
    6. What if a group was formed on the other side, throw all of these ppl in jail?
      - a. Open, want ppl to come in and voice concerns
  - vii. Vote: Motion for approval, strong supporter of free flow of ideas, drug policy not working now currently, worthy of discussion, legal issue, make changes w/good ideas, seconded.
    1. 29 in favor of, 5 abstained
  - viii. SSDP approved as SBA group.
- b. Anne Nguyen: Food & Wine Society
- i. Club conceived less than a month ago, wine = congenial, Portland has foodie culture, bring together Lewis & Clark community w/food and wine
  - ii. Purpose = bring students and faculty together to learn about wine, learn about food, outside of what we do everyday
  - iii. Faculty support from Johnson and Brunet
  - iv. Off campus—small group travel to wine bar, have speakers there, field trips, cab vouchers to get back home?
  - v. Educational aspect? Networking skills

- vi. Emergency funding? Ask for how much money? \$500 for new groups, don't anticipate needing emergency funding
  - vii. No legal issues
  - viii. Food policy group? Collaborate? Sustainability? Collaborate w/ELC, NEDC, Business Law Society?
  - ix. Vote: Motion for approval, seconded
    - 1. 29 in favor of, 1 against, 4 abstained.
  - x. Wine & Food Society approved as SBA group.
5. Resignations and vacant positions
- a. Both Alumni Association Board of Directors Reps: replaced by Lisa Whittemore & Jeff Demland
  - b. Curriculum Committee Rep. & Information Technology Strategic Council Rep (vacant positions)
    - i. If anyone knows ppl for these position, recommend to Michael Kearney or Manohar, need to fill within 2 weeks
6. Quick recap of recent events
- a. Thank you to VP Kearney for organizing happy hour in summer at Green Dragon, and those who organized 1L fall elections
  - b. SBA BBQ—pod elections, big thanks to VP Amira Streeter and Barbri for sponsoring
  - c. Cuisine w/the Dean great success, thank you to Kya for moderating, and Nyika for cleaning up
  - d. Good turnout for bar review, thanks Nyika and Social Committee for organizing that
7. Modern Direct Democracy (Associate VP for Campus Life Michael Ford)
- a. Big event going on tomorrow, conference on Modern Direct Democracy—touring group from Europe, Asia, sponsored by government in Switzerland, exhibits up for 2 weeks
8. Upcoming events
- a. SBA Salsa Night
    - i. Get words out, coming up really soon
    - ii. Student life committee hard at work
    - iii. October 8<sup>th</sup>, live band, dance floor, authentic food, drinks, here at LRC
    - iv. Oregon State Bar sponsoring, co-sponsoring w/Latino Law Society and Black Law Society, and Twisted Locks
      - 1. As much outside funding as possible
      - 2. Only \$5 to get in
      - 3. Amira: awesome event, please spread the words, tell your friends, invite ppl outside of law school
    - v. Pushing for more cultural events, making it as authentic as possible, great chance to experience culture
  - b. SBA Halloween
    - i. October 28<sup>th</sup>, Oaks Park, fixed some of the problems from last year—not enough servers for the drinks, DJ, dancing, taxi vouchers
    - ii. \$10 presale, \$12 at the door
  - c. SBA Yoga
    - i. This Wednesday in SBA conference room
  - d. Other events
    - i. Fireside chats w/faculty w/food and coffee

- ii. Health event w/student health and services, jamba juice
- iii. Barrister Ball in spring
- iv. Sustainability week? Proposed by Melissa Walton

#### 9. T-Shirts

- a. Jalil Shamsud-Din (AJ)
  - i. Tshirt proposal—prompted by lack of options at the bookstore, AJ = muralist/cartoonist background
  - ii. Foresee happening w/shirts = raise money for SBA, on-going source of revenue for student groups when they need to make money
  - iii. Crest on the shirt w/2 trees—Tyron state park & environmental focus of group
  - iv. More viable option than what's in the bookstore, bookstore only wants the design, won't sell the shirts *for* SBA
  - v. SBA would be selling them to groups—table in LRC? Announce account? Message boards?
- b. Motion from the floor for support tshirt venture as fundraiser, promote to see if it makes any money
  - i. Undergrad campus makes it sustainable, make and sell product that embodies and promotes that?
  - ii. SBA is not losing any money upfront
- c. Amend motion to: yes, backing him for 26 shirts, seconded
- d. Vote for doing trial run for selling the shirts in SBA office, not for full backing of huge amount of shirts
  - i. 29 for, 2 against, 3 abstained. SBA approved trial run for 26 shirts.

#### 10. SBA Office Hours

- a. Positive things: student body easy access to SBA if they have questions/concerns, sell tickets for major events/fundraising, questions for representatives
- b. 3 alternatives to vote in today:
  - i. each of us contribute an hour to manning the office—can study, available to students
  - ii. make it voluntary, but highly recommended—if you're around the office, you know the code, go in there
  - iii. voluntary w/incentives—members w/highest hours get free access to event? Barrister ball?
- c. Motion to consider the office hours, seconded.
- d. Open for discussion:
  - i. Highly doubt ppl will be in SBA office if it's voluntary
  - ii. Mandatory but flexible to your schedule?
  - iii. Rules committee will look into further for next year
  - iv. Ppl come in quite often to ask questions
- e. Vote: Motion to vote for 3<sup>rd</sup> option: 32 for, 1 against, 1 abstained
- f. Third alternative approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.