

09-09-07 SBA Meeting (Room 7)

Sunday, September 09, 2007
6:00 PM

1. See Greg Touchton for Attendance record.
2. Photos of SBA representatives taken by Amreet for SBA website. Send her a headshot if your photo was not taken at the meeting.
3. Dean's plans
 - a. The Dean has a host of speakers lined up to come to campus over the next two years. A few people he would like to highlight include.
 1. Scholar in Residence - Prof. Carol M. Rose - scholar of energy, resource and land use law
 2. Recent Hire - Prof. Jeff Jones - scholar of jurisprudence and employment law
 3. Martha Minnow as the First Annual MLK, speaker, Jan 24th - scholar on Human Rights
 4. 2 Higgins Visitors in March - Sam Issacharoff and Cynthia Estlund - scholars on constitutional/election and labor employment/respectively
 - b. Another highlight is the upcoming China Program this summer in Beijing. The program starts in June. I believe students will be encouraged to secure internships subsequent to the course work. This would be excellent opportunity to see China around the Olympics.
 - c. In addition to the recent speaker, future speakers. Our reputation will increase by showing good student response to visitors. Hence this gives a strong need for organization and attendance.
4. Calendar
 1. Please use the online calendar to schedule any future events. Directions are available on the website (see #5 in this section)
 2. Send any committee schedules to Greg. He has list of faculty representatives for each committee.
 3. Fall elections / BBQ - September 6th . 1L Pods and Transfer Students will each be electing pod reps.
 4. Cuisine with the Dean - The dean would like to stress the importance of students through varying the cuisine from repetitive pizza. The next Cuisine with the Dean will be September 27th.
 5. General Schedule - calendar.lclark.edu - All events and room reservations are currently available only on campus. The EMS people are currently exploring making this available to students from off campus.
 6. Room Reservation with Online Site - www.lclark.edu/dept/lawevent/servicerequest.html - This is now available through an online registry. Alcohol and food waivers are still processed by paper.
 7. Halloween - 10/27 - Heads up, we are again planning a Halloween party staffed by Bon Appetit at the law school.
5. SBA Office Usage
 - a. The SBA is open for all officers and representatives to use. There is a microwave and a mini-fridge. Unlabeled food will be removed over the weekend. The code for the door is 8321. The photocopy code for SBA is 7802.
6. Website Updates

The main contact people for website updates are Colin Lebens (clebens@lclark.edu) and Amreet Sandhu. Nonetheless, every officer is able to change the SBA website as necessary.
7. Responsibilities
 - a. Every representative and board member is responsible to make Amreet (amreet@lclark.edu) aware of their group's meeting schedule. In addition, after every

meeting a paragraph summary of issues discussed, expected issues, and next meeting date should be sent to the sba-list. This will help representatives keep current with ongoing issues at the school.

8. Bylaw Amendments

- a. Proposed amendments focus on election campaign remedies (18 AYE; 13 NAY)
 - a) Currently, the SBA bylaws allow reprimand and corrective action for failure to conform to election campaign rules. Bylaws II.F.7.e. The change would provide more notice that unsolicited emails on listserves are unallowed during the campaign period.
 - b) The proposed change to the bylaws would amend the section **from**:
 - i) e. Sanctions may include reprimand, required corrective action(s), and disqualification.
 - c) **To read:** [changes in bold]
 - i) e. Sanctions may include reprimand, required corrective action(s), **deduction of votes (particularly for email violations)** and disqualification.
- b. Revision of the appointment system (Approved without objection.)
 - a) A proposed change to the appointment system would provide fall elections of non-officer positions resigned during the Summer. Currently, vacant positions may be filled by SBA President appointment, to be confirmed by the SBA at the following meeting. Bylaws II.D.2.
 - b) The proposed change to the bylaws would amend the section **from**:
 - i) 2. If a vacancy arises, the President shall appoint a replacement. The replacement shall serve in an interim capacity until confirmed at the next SBA meeting. A simple majority is needed for confirmation. SBA has the discretion to veto the President's choice at the next SBA meeting.
 - c) **To read:** [changes in bold]
 - i) 2. If a vacancy arises **during the Summer and is a non-officer position, the vacancy will be filled during Fall elections. Otherwise**, the President shall appoint a replacement. The replacement shall serve in an interim capacity until confirmed at the next SBA meeting. A simple majority is needed for confirmation. SBA has the discretion to veto the President's choice at the next SBA meeting.
- c. Addition and revision of SBA internal committees
 - **A. (Tabled; 0 AYE's)** Currently all proposed changes to the rules must go through the rules committee. In order to allow individuals to propose changes without a limiting administrative procedure, that practice would be made optional. Bylaws IV.E.1.
 - The proposed change to the bylaws would amend the section **from**:
 - 1. The Rules Committee shall receive, review, and publicize proposed resolutions and proposed amendments to the Bylaws prior to presentation at the next SBA meeting. All changes to the Bylaws must be approved by a simple majority of SBA members.
 - **To read:** [changes in bold]
 - 1. **At the proposer's election**, the Rules Committee shall receive, review, and publicize proposed resolutions and proposed amendments to the Bylaws prior to presentation at the next SBA meeting. All changes to the Bylaws must be approved by a simple majority of SBA members.
 - **B. (Approved; 3 NAY's)** Currently there is no standing to committee to review the way we communicate activities and between students, organizations, faculty and administration. I propose the creation of a new committee in the Bylaws at IV.G.
The Communications committee will review the techniques used by students, organizations, faculty, and administration to inform, advertise and schedule activities. They will make recommendations to the SBA once each semester on how to better facilitate campus interaction.

- d. Addition of requirement to participate in the Student Group Roundtable as a condition of SBA funding

[VOTING TABLED FOR FURTHER COMMENT]

- The continued access to student group funds would become conditional upon meeting twice each semester at Student Group Roundtables. These roundtables would allow each group to inform one another of expected events and coordinate to avoid conflicts insofar as possible.

- e. LRAP student assessment renewal **(2 NAYS; Approved without objection to put before student body for vote)**

Previously the student government put to vote a student assessment of \$25 per person to help repay loans of low income lawyers. The assessment has helped spur the OSBar and the ABA to work towards a national LRAP. The ABA is currently lobbying for state legislature LRAP's. My recommendation is that we reratify this assessment, but also bring it before the entire student body during the Spring election. Repeated resolutions are more convincing for state legislature.

After this was adopted by the faculty, there was a provision for future reratification by the students. It is up to the SBA to determine whether this should go before the entire student body.

For those who wish to be involved in an ongoing state LRAP lobby, please talk with me and Natasha Ong, after the meeting.

- f. Addition of transfer student liaison position **(approved without objection)**

- g. Student Group Approval

1. Lewis and Clark T-Shirt League. **(22 AYE's; 9 NAY's)**

i) Discussion regarding concerns with the league shall be continued over the SBA list-serv email.

2. MacGyver Appreciation Club (M.A.C.) **(15 AYE; 12 NAY)**

- h. Group Name Changes

1. KLSA->APALSA **(Approved without objection)**

- i. Confirmation of appointment of

1. EVP Amreet Sandhu **(Approved without objection)**

Due to the resignation of Megan from the position of EVP, the bylaws gave me discretion to fill the void. Amreet has been my choice because of her activity with several groups and throughout the school. Her willingness to communicate and facilitate communication are key for role as EVP. Amreet has worked considerably hard as EVP since her appointment.

2. Evening Student Rep. #2 Hadas Aguilar **(Approved without objection)**

An opening after Spring elections also left us without a 2nd evening student representative. Hadas Aguilar is one of several who volunteered for the position. She has worked in several different student groups and has always taken an active role in evening student advocacy. Hadas has worked hard since her appointment.

3. AEP Rep #2 Milos Bosanac **(tabled for further discussion)**

Resignation of the the 2nd SBA AEP representative left us with one of two representatives to the AEP Committee. Milos Bosanac was among the many volunteers interested in this position. Milos's application showed a strong desire to work for the committee, and he approached the application in multiple ways. As the 3rd student member of the AEP Committee, Milos brings experience with California's minority communities. Milos has talked to several students and the AEP committee head in order to better represent on the AEP committee.

- j. Prime Parking Issue Discussion **(approved without objection to monitor situation)**

There is a request to explore whether the student parking fills before 6pm. It has been suggested we review the parking for a week or two to determine if the current number of students allowed in the nearby parking lot is appropriate.

k. Committee Assignments

Each member of SBA selected or was assigned to two committees. The committees available will depend on the bylaw amendments prior in the meeting.

1. Rules
2. Elections
3. Letter of the Law
4. Budget
5. Space Allocation
6. Student Life
7. Communications?