

Sunday, November 11, 2007
6:01 PM

****Meeting Minutes are in bold.** Original document/non-bold text is from Meeting Agenda.

1. Role Call

& Proxy Votes: **Brook Detterman (Matt Dowling acting as proxy)**

Late - Bethany Cotton; Tate Justesen

Absent:

**Avalyn Cartwright
Hanne Eastwood
Colin Lebens
Brooklyn Baggett
Nathanial Fieweger
Kelle Rupp**

2. Visitors - May not vote

Jeana Wines (PILP); Brooke; Becky Straus (NLG); Liz Crosson (NEDC)

3. LRAP - explanation by Jeana Wines of PILP

Waivable fee can't be included in financial aid package

Emails received in the last week: LRAP No Waiver - 4, LRAP Waiver - 3

PILP - Background

Bill Penn from Career Services - Questions

Speakers **Jeana Wines**

People making \$32,000 or less are eligible to apply for the fee.

Originally 143 to 63 vote to approve the fee.

101 students voted to assess \$25 ea. Semester.

Fee sunsets after two years.

Vote is to make fee waiver for next year.

Board of Trustees has authority to assess fee; SBA only has authority to make a recommendation.

Last year \$51,000 was distributed, another \$35,000 can be raised with the fee.

NEDC / Liz Crosson

Letter read on behalf of faculty and students of NEDC

LRAP is a reason many students choose to attend L&C law.

Public Interest attorneys have difficulty recruiting graduates because of the low compensation level.

Requested Reader - Read by Jo Bradshaw - For Waiver

"This fee effectively forces students to make a statement (via their wallets) that they support the employment activities of those graduates receiving LRAP funds.

Sure, it's a measly few dollars. But that shouldn't matter for the 1st amendment, right?

Furthermore, if we've already paid the fee for this year it should be credited back to our accounts."

3. Becky Straus (NLG)

Letter from recent graduate (Shannon Anderson '05) in support of the mandatory assessment

4. PILP

Jeana Wines

PILP voted to not make the fee waivable.

25% of graduates enter public interest careers upon graduation.

Public Interest certificate was added as an option this year

L&C income cap is \$13,000 less than UO.

5. Remaining speakers

6. **Motion to vote on whether to make vote secret. 7 Ayes. Vote will be public.**

7. **Motion to vote on whether to make no recommendation. 15 Ayes, no recommendation will be made.**

4. Vote on AEP Nominee: **Greater than simple majority. Confirmed.**

Charan's Statement:

I'm a 1L. I'm part of MLSA, WLC and OWLS. I'm also part of the Academic Enhancement program. I am a strong advocate of diverse study body and diverse law community. I have five years of work experience in Business and IT consulting. I worked for one of the top five consulting firms in the industry where I successfully mentored a number of junior analysts on my team. I've also helped with my firm's recruiting program to make sure that we took a long term strategic approach to include students with excellent academic credentials as well as diverse backgrounds in order to enrich our firm's talent pool and provide us with a competitive advantage. I can bring the same experiences into this position. I have been through the struggles that incoming diverse students may experience and I am confident that I can understand and relate to their stories and help identify the right candidates for our school.

I also spoke to the current AEP representative and I understand the time commitment and responsibilities that come with this position. I hope you consider my application for the AEP student representative position as I am confident of contributing and bringing new ideas to the AEP student body.

5. Cafeteria Appreciation Day

Staff Appreciation Day suggested for 11/11/07. Kelsey's (café manager's) last day is tomorrow. Jo Bradshaw has talked to other staff in bookstore, coffee shop, library, etc. and he has heard of no other complaints.

Greg says there is a list of inappropriate statements that have been made to the café staff.

Simple majority motion to move to student life committee.

6. Reports of groups - **Please email comments regarding the following groups to committee heads.**

Nothing was discussed at the SBA meeting for any of the following:

Admissions - Nothing until first week of Jan

Natural Resources Committee

1. soft money v. hard money funding for the environmental and animal clinics (IELP, PEAC, Animal Law Clinic) and the Animal Law program in general

2. professor vacancies for classes offered this Spring (Environmental Justice and Ocean & Coastal Law)

3. professor evaluations
4. NRLI newsletter change to bi-annual paper publication w/ email updates

Curriculum Committee

10/11 Meeting: Curriculum Review

- Public Interest Law Certificate approved; the administrator of the certificate will provide the Curriculum Committee with an annual audit of usage.
- Addressed Summer Session scheduling and faculty assignment issues. The role of the summer clinics, which are not receiving enough enrollment, was also discussed but no action taken.
- Curriculum Review process: topical areas reviewed for presentation to the faculty. These were:
 - Litigation: Due to significant overlap, Mass Torts will be deleted and Complex Litigation moved to a new time. future action items include: evaluating Mock Trial and Trial Advocacy classes for overlap, and exploring the addition of more pre-trial classes (ADR focused).
 - Upper Division Writing Requirements: There is concern that they are not rigorous enough due to a lack of oversight on B papers. As an action item, the manner of fulfilling the B requirement will be researched along with upper division writing at other law schools.

10/25 Meeting: Business and Environmental Law Program Reviews, other business

- Business Law: no major changes. A new Sustainable Business course is being contemplated for S2011. International Business Arbitration will be proposed for S2009. There is an ongoing need and search for Business Associations faculty.
- Environmental Law: A new 3-credit climate change course is being discussed, but movement is delayed until faculty staffing is determined. An Energy Law course was also discussed, as well as its potential overlap with the Climate Change course.
- Staffing during various faculty sabbaticals was discussed.
- The order of Property and Torts may be switched in order for in the first year curriculum to fit better with Civ Pro and Contracts materials.

Summer Clinic Update: after analysis, all summer clinics will be kept, but students will be warned of the possibility of a clinic being cancelled if enrollment drops below 5 students (the minimum enrollment for the financial viability of a course). To minimize the possibility, students will be asked to rank the clinics in order of preference, and will be moved to their second or third choice if a clinic is cancelled. This ranking is optional on the part of students, and will allow those interested in a clinical experience to ensure that they are enrolled in one, regardless of the status of their top choice.

11/01 Meeting: Externship applications

- All 11 externship applications were approved for Spring of 2008.
- Law reviews: a general decision was made on continuing Law Review membership during externships. Continued law review work for remote externships will be for no credit only. In town externships may request 1 credit for continued law review participation.

Please direct questions to the Curriculum Committee representatives: Brook Detterman (brook@lclark.edu) or Hanne Eastwood (hanne@lclark.edu).

Business Law Committee

Faculty Senate

Career Services - No issues currently. No regularly scheduled meetings, but any contact is welcome.
Honor Board - Nothing at this time.

Trustee Board

Alumni Board

Visitors Board

Faculty Budget Committee
FROM: Claire Tonry and Allison Eshel

WHERE WE STAND NOW

The operating (i.e. does not include capital improvements or restricted accounts, including raises for employees) budget process starts from the basis of a balanced budget prepared by David Kelly from the input of the different departments.

The balanced budget presented to us this year represented a tuition increase of 7% and a first year class of 227 students for fiscal year 2009. The budget committee all agreed that the class size and the tuition increase were both too big, so we set out to reduce requested expenditures by \$540K with a goal of an entering class of 220 and a tuition increase of 5%.

So far we have identified \$260K in potential budget cuts, so unless we can find \$280K more to cut, tuition will increase more than 5% (but less than 7%) and the incoming class will be over 220 (but less than 227.)

We would like to get a general sense of how SBA feels about some of the broader issues to inform our approval of a final budget and provide input into a long range budget process that the committee is contemplating. If we have time at the meeting, a quick show of hands for either one of the underlined alternatives for each bullet point below would be helpful (not any kind of binding vote obviously.) You may also submit a similar quick "vote" to me by email (ctonry@lclark.edu) or some general thoughts. The budget committee meets Thur, Nov 8 and Wed Nov 14 before we propose a budget to the faculty.

BACKGROUND INFO

L&C is ranked 82 by US News, the 2008 tuition is \$28,984 and the average debt load upon graduation is \$72,296, or about \$8,000 below average.

As compared to schools that share L&C's market (many common applicants) our tuition is \$3,550 lower than average and our tuition increases over the last four years are 8.4% lower than average. Of these schools, most with ratings worse than ours cost more (San Diego is rated 85th and costs about \$8K more)

BIG ISSUES

- o If either class size or tuition HAS to go up, which do you prefer?
- o (We all assumed class size, but tell me if we are wrong. Also, consider the implications for the future of the school. It is possible that a larger increase in tuition (with offset scholarships to already-enrolled students) may happen in the future to allow a smaller 1L class and a smaller school in general.)
- o One way to think about scholarships that are not funded by outside grants is that they are funded by the student body that does not get a scholarship to provide for a school with more highly qualified students and higher ranking. Any idea of how to balance these interests? In other words, how much are non-scholarship recipients willing to pay to go to a school with a better ranking or more peers with higher GPAs and LSATs?
- o Scholarships versus LRAP- what should we emphasize in the future? Scholarships serve to bring in people with good stats, but they may be able to easily pay off the full cost of tuition if they go into non-public interest work. Can we attract enough highly-qualified public-interest folks just with a great LRAP program? The two serve different purposes, and we need both, but what would SBA like to see guide the decision on tradeoffs between the two?
- o Library and materials:

- o Should we stop updating the print reporters and rely only on digital/internet sources?
- o Should we get rid of LexisNexus? (Concerns about giving West more monopoly power and hurting our appearance to prospective students vs. the fact that the vast majority of students only use Westlaw.)
- o LLM program: keep it on what terms? The environmental LLM program sometimes loses money. This coming year it will make plenty of money and hopefully continue to do so. If it goes back to red ink, should we ax the program? Do you find LLMs to enhance your class discussions or otherwise be helpful?
- o Clinics: No clinics are currently funded by the school, though those on campus get subsidized rent. Many have expressed desire for some reliable funding for the clinics, some of which may come from the operating budget, some of which may come from putting more people on payroll. Do you support funding for clinics or not?
- o Thoughts on student labor? Should offerings or visibility of offerings be increased? (Potential to save money by using cheaper student labor with money, of course, staying in the student community.)

SMALLER ISSUES

- o A few other things: Any opinions on the value of tabling for L&C at events? Have you ever done it and was it a valuable networking opportunity?
- o Any strong feelings about cutting the faculty/staff budgets for entertainment (holiday parties and the like)?
- o And most importantly: Is \$8,000/year too much to pay for the Culigan water service (1 purified hot and cold water machine in Wood Hall)?

SBA Added: Travel Budget Allocation 08-09 - should we request that travel funds not be separated out from general funds?

Faculty Appointments Committee

Transportation Committee meeting, November 5, 2007.

- the trimet proposal hasn't gone anywhere. we are still waiting for the college to present the proposal to trimet.
- the shuttle has been painted. wendy thinks its ugly.
- we discussed automated signs which will inform students when a parking lot is full and when spots are available. we are trying to get help funding them from another department on campus.
- the landscaping that will take place has been pushed back to April. Wendy has details about why we are doing this. We will lose 15 spaces in the Fir Acres lot (by the giant white dome.) 25 spaces overall.
- Wendy has statistics from last year. examples: shuttle ridership and cost, number and type of parking permits, number of traffic violations, etc.

--So far this year there has not been single complaint about not being able to find a space. Apparently students would always call last year and say there were no spaces, but no one has called yet, so the safety office tells us there are no parking problems. ya know...

next meeting december 7th.

-----SBA Committees----

Rules - New Draft of Rules - To review at meeting
Student Life - Halloween Debrief

Communications - Nothing at this time

Budget - Nothing at this time

Elections - Nothing at this time

7. Finals Support from SBA

8. Cuisine with the Dean - Thursday, 5pm

9. Student Action Day

- Not huge interest, unless we have a volunteer to spearhead the program and one or two volunteers to assist