

SBA Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2005

New Secretary of Administration Approved:

- Jane Broderick

New 3L Representatives:

- Sharita Smith
- Eric Morris
- Drew Gramson
- Motion to approve new members passed

Honor Code Proposal:

- Student life committee has worked out a proposed new honor code
- The faculty voted on January 12, 2005 to approve the proposed code
- The proposed code will be presented to the student body for a vote
- Dean Goldwasser and Professor Levin were in attendance at the meeting to answer questions from SBA reps:
 - Question of how the code could be amended?
 - There is a provision in the code to accommodate proposals for new amendments
 - Question of how the students gain from these changes to the code?
 - Student Gains:
 - Definitions of what is prohibited give fair notice
 - Code provides for institutional memory by faculty presence
 - Students can appeal decisions to the Dean
 - Question of what happens if the proposed new honor code does not pass?
 - Code can be revoked by either a faculty or a student majority
 - Can propose new amendments and begin the process again
 - It is unlikely that the committee will reconvene to alter the proposed code
 - Question of why the faculty wanted to be involved in the process
 - Dean Goldwasser believes that the faculty members have a stake in the operations of the law school and its integrity; the faculty members have an important perspective to offer
 - Question of how the proposed new code compares to the types of honor codes in effect at other law schools
 - Professor Levin expressed that many schools have more faculty involvement in the process than is present in the new code
 - Dean Goldwasser believes that the majority, but not all schools have far more faculty involvement than our proposed code
 - Question of jurisdiction:
 - There is a difference between academic and other types of misconduct

- The University allows the graduate and professional schools to implement their own code for dealing with misconduct; in addition there is a university-wide code of conduct
 - SBA will be responsible for conducting the election when the vote is brought to the students
 - How to inform students about the new code and encourage discussion
 - Proposal to have a “Town Hall Meeting” on the code with students and the committee:
 - Town hall meeting will be on February 2, 2005 in the Bryan Cave Courtroom during free period
 - Committee will also be available to answer questions through other means (email; consultation)
 - Suggestion to have a vote around February 8-9, 2005
 - Suggestion to have tabling the week before to raise awareness
- Should the SBA issue a recommendation to the student body regarding the proposed Honor Code?
 - Motion to make a recommendation to pass the proposed honor code
 - Motion passed
 - Motion to make the vote a roll call vote
 - Motion passed
 - Cyrus, Mike, Shanti, and Cyndi abstain from the vote and will count the vote
 - With a vote of 28-3, the motion passes: This is how the individual members voted:
 - Sara Lawlyes: Yes
 - Zack Boren Yes
 - Jane Broderick Yes
 - Sara Caesar Yes
 - Cyndi Szejner Abstain
 - Joe Shumow Yes
 - Lacy Fields Yes
 - Jessica Walcik Yes
 - Kendall Rice Enyard No
 - Russell McGeorge Yes
 - Kris Ring Yes
 - Cyrus Dashtaki Abstain
 - Arun Kurichety Yes
 - Eric Morris No
 - Tonya Oliver Yes
 - Stewart Altmeyer No
 - Jessie Jablon Yes
 - Sharita Smith Yes
 - Ajay Zutshi Yes
 - Dnaa Al Nusaad Yes

- Anthony Kang Yes
- Drew Gramson Yes
- Tom Madison Yes
- Nick Rogers Yes
- Nigel Cooney Yes
- Patrick Troy Yes
- Bev Yang Yes
- Heather Buethe Yes
- Nick Weil Yes
- Allison Stoll Yes
- Sasha Polonsky Yes
- Rachel Schwartz Yes
- Jennifer Greene Yes

Committee Reports:

Career Services Committee:

- No report

Community Service

- Blood Drive will be March 1
- Possibility of SBA service project
- Possibility of doing Relay for Life
- School wide email went out about the Sesquicentennial of Service Award for those in the WUSTL community who have selflessly served the St. Louis community
 - Nominations can be made at: www.ethicofservice.wustl.edu
 - Names of those recognized will be placed on a perpetual plaque
- Question about the public interest stipend:
 - All questions regarding the policy/procedure the stipend should be addressed to Mary Zabriskie and Jason Reinsch, Career Services Committee Chair.

Curriculum committee:

- No report

Diversity Committee:

- Interest in SBA/Diversity committee to raise funds for tsunami relief
 - Possibility of SBA making an outright donation
 - Will be addressed at the budget meeting

Treasurer's Report:

- Committee will meet Monday January 17th
- Budget meeting will be Thursday January 24th

- Suggestions of how to conduct the budget meeting more smoothly can be directed to Bev Yang

Environment Committee:

- Thank you for last semester's efforts:
 - Toilet seat covers
 - Speed of maintenance issues
 - Iced tea in vending machines
 - Tile in vending area
 - Faculty mailbox list has been posted
 - Students have been informed about dining and copying options
- Internet access point has been replaced in the Commons; service should be better

Social Committee:

- Barristers Ball is February 12
 - \$50 per ticket—3 hours of open bar with wine service in dinner and dinner entrée, as well as dancing
 - Cocktail hour starts at 6:30
 - Do NOT need a date
 - Dress is semi-formal/formal
 - New ticket selling process:
 - Ticket purchasing will be January 24-28; tables will be organized at a later date
 - Payment will be collected and students must also sign a separate list when tickets are bought
 - Professor of the Year ballots will be at the ticket table
 - Under 21 guests are welcome at Barrister's but obviously cannot drink
 - Formal invitations and reply cards will be sent to faculty in order to encourage them to attend

Other Business:

- Next meeting will be Thursday January 20, 2005
- Seems that Thursday night is the best meeting night
- Send an email to Shanti with conflicts