

SBA Meeting – September 5, 2007
Meeting Began at 9:32 pm

Agenda

Welcome

- Introduction of all SBA members - all members were present to introduce themselves to non-SBA members. Jane Brown was in attendance. She is the SBA faculty advisor.
- Reiterated the importance of the SBA having a visible role on campus.
 2. Review of Fall Semester Events
 3. Committee Informational Presentations:

1. Election Committee

- The election committee is in charge of running all SBA elections. As the SBA has vacant positions in the 2L and 3L classes, as well as positions for the 1L and LLM classes, the election committee needs to work on the Fall Election ASAP.
- The SBA needs:
 - 1 LLMs
 - 4 1LD
 - 2 1LE
 - 1 2L
 - 1 3L
- The SBA general body will vote for the 2 and 3L candidates as this is a special election. The normal election for those positions occurs in the spring..
- The 1Ls and LLM students will vote for their respective candidates.
- The Election Committee needs to contact Storrs in order to set this up the voting mechanism.
- Ben Smilowitz declares that there were changes to the constitution last year that are not noted within in our current constitution but this matter will be addressed at a later time.
- There are some discrepancies as to what was amended last year as far as special elections are concerned.

Clarification - general body, as defined during special elections, are those current members of the SBA who would vote on any vacant positions.

2. Constitution Committee

The Constitution Committee will need to revise and update the SBA Constitution.

- Two members will update the constitution.
- There are various components of the constitution that are confusing, such as the transition periods, voting procedures, etc.
- This project is better suited for those who do not have a lot of time to spend on SBA projects. We need someone who is a stickler for constitutional language to revise the Constitution.

- The revised version will then be brought before the SBA and all revisions will have to be voted on by SBA prior to its adoption.

3. Technology Committee

- Secretary will need to members to help with the maintenance of the SBA website.
- In the event that the Secretary is not available, one of the two members needs to upload meeting minutes and any calendar information to the website.

4. Social Committee

- Vice President needs five people to be on this committee to help with SBA social events. This committee requires a lot of time and can be intensive.
- The SBA wants to ensure that we do what the student body wants as long as they show up to the events.
- There are a lot of events planned for t his year. We really need people to help with these events and the student body to figure out students' interest.
- The most pressing event is the tailgate scheduled for September 15th.
- The first official SBA event was the Tisane Welcome Back Event.
- The SBA will have another event – the Halloween party – prior to Fall Ball.
- Last year the SBA tried to provide yoga and Pilates for students but attendance was waning. We can do this again if there is genuine interest.
 - If someone is willing to take this project on, please do so that we can see if there is interest.
- This committee is time sensitive. If you can't commit, please go with something else. Also, we can still use your help even though your on another committee.
- Kelli is willing to take on the balk of the work but needs some help with the ground work.
 - Ground work includes phone calls and things of that nature, date availability and insurance requirements, going to Walbaums to get the food, etc.
- Most labor intensive event is something like carnival. Fall Ball and Spring Fling pretty much take care of themselves.
- The SBA will need help with decorations for the Halloween party.
- This year, the UVA softball trip will fall under the social committee (SBA funded event. Kelli will need help with this as well.
- The Halloween party is set for October 27th.
- Fall Ball is scheduled for November 10th.
- Dates will be on the website soon as well as sent via email.
- There is a belief that SBA members will attend all SBA events. We expect everyone to show up, even with costumes at the Halloween party.

5. Budget Committee

- Need to the budget committee small to make the decision making process smoother. We want to be able to get the students their funds faster.

- The committee has to weed through forms and see how much money each event should get. Need to make sure that there's a diversity of events and that students get the most money possible.
- This committee is time intensive for the next couple of weeks and during the first couple of weeks of the Spring the next semester.
- Once the budget committee receives all budget requests, committee members will be in the meeting reviewing and brainstorming on how to get students the most money possible.
- Budget request deadline is September 7th.
- Committee will meet on September 11th with student groups in which the groups will have an opportunity to discuss their requests.
- Will need an additional meeting to review budgets after speaking with groups.
- The budget will have to be posted for five school days.
- The SBA body then votes on the final budget.

These committees are comprised of only SBA representatives.

- The election process:
 - Submit a picture and blurb stating why you want to be a 1L rep or LLM rep. The sign-up sheet will be posted for five school days. Blurb will go on the website and the website is open for 24 hours. People will vote for whoever wants to be there representative.
- Goal is to have elections by the October 1 meeting. Want to have a complete SBA by October 1st.

Clarification: The website is up with all of the candidate statements for at least 72 hours before the election. Then the ballot is up for 24 hours.

- Check the constitution. Not really sure how long this process takes.
- Even if you are not elected for any of these vacant positions, still feel free to come to the meeting and play an active role on the campus. All meetings are open for the entire student body.
- If more than people are needed for a committee than necessary, there will be a lottery.
- Should non-SBA members be apart of the committees?
- Should we let the 1Ls participate? Some people really wanted to be apart of the SBA and would be helpful.
- Can members serve on more than one committee? We just wanted to make sure that everyone is doing something. The only committee that has a limit is the budget committee.
- Does anyone have a class conflicts for the Budget committee?
- Three was number of committee members in addition to the President and Treasurer on last year's budget committee.
- We agreed there will be five persons on the budget committee this year. Jeremy, Fallon, plus three other SBA members.
- September 11th – the biggest commitment – will likely change – conflicts with Jeremy's schedule

- Will either split between two days or allow student groups to speak for 10 minutes.
- Have you considered doing time slots?
 - That's something the budget committee will decide. It just depends on the time. People will sign-up for slots so that the meetings don't go well into the night.
- Jeremy: Does the budget have to be done on September 9th, 10th, or 11th (after 6:30 on Tuesday or after 3:30 on Monday)?
- The meeting can't be any later based on constitutional guidelines.
- Where there three or five members on the budget committee last year?
- We can do a lottery to determine the member's of the budget committee. Don't want to limit the persons on the budget committee because everyone has time conflicts.
- There are 39 student groups at the end of today, 5:00 pm – per Jane Brown
- The group needs to have had a chance to review the budgets.
- Christine: Cutting the timing so close is not fair.
- The budget review process will be set by the budget committee.
- Christine: Can you meet Sunday and Tuesday with student groups?
- Prepare to have five members on the budget committee so that we can ensure that we have a tie breaker. It would be more effective to have a tie breaker. If people feel excluded then we can put the vote up for another lottery and budget committee volunteers on the spring semester budget
- Jeremy: With the time sensitivity the committee needs to be five persons.
- Kelli is hoping that people will bounce around and ask can they help. There will be potential interest from the remaining vacant positions.
- September 18th will be the next time the SBA meets for a general body meeting. We will vote on the budget that the budget committee has compiled.
- At the end of every SBA meeting we will break up into our committees for follow-up and to divvy up tasks.
- The meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.