

# SBA Meeting 10/14/08

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## 1. SBA Reps in Attendance

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| a. President Ben Smilowitz (BS) | m. Mike Yedinak (MY)     |
| b. Vice President John Kim (JK) | n. DeVaughn Ward- (DW)   |
| c. Secretary Sarah Saadian (SS) | o. Colt Holmes- CH       |
| d. Treasurer Gabe Vidoni (GV)   | p. Chris Argyros (CA)    |
| e. Danielle Most (DM)           | q. Cara Tonucci- (CT)    |
| f. Ryan Redfield- RR            | r. Drew Barber (DB)      |
| g. Michael Tehan (MT)           | s. Justin Thierault (JT) |
| h. Jorge Colon (JC)             | t. Peter Hitt (PH)       |
| i. Jessica Schneider (JS)       | u. Tara Trifon (TT)      |
| j. Adam Daniels (AD)            | v. David Tanner (DT)     |
| k. Sasha Maldonado (SM)         | w. Douglass Hansen (DH)  |
| l. Yam Menon (YM)               |                          |

SS motioned to begin. JK seconded.

## Meeting Begins at 9:33pm

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BS: Public comment.

MY: Red sox. Very sad.

RR: US News and Report email by the yahoo group said that someone else is leaving from Career Services.

BS: We can talk about Career Services later, its on the agenda.

JC: Let's put together a resolution on the evening student issue.

TT: I heard Dean Paul wants to cut it out. So, we should probably address it.

BS: I hear Storrs really wants to cut it off, but not the law school b/c it would hurt funding a lot.

MY: Do we know who are the parties, pushing for different things.

BS: Let's put this on the agenda for next week, and evening students can begin to work on it.

TT: Moot Court Board, a new statute prevents out-of-state spending, which would hurt Moot Court from going to competitions.

BS: We were made aware of this. And it needs to go through him. TheE board hasn't spoken about this. This may just need to be done by the Budget committee.

**SS: Vote on last meetings minutes.**

**MY motions to approve. PH seconds.**

**YAY: 14**

**Nay: 0**

**Absentions: DH, DT**

SS: I'm on the Strategic Planning Committee. We had our first meeting, but if you think of anything that we should be doing, let me know.

DT: Facilities: pushed off- Truffles mtg – discussed finances, and want to shorten hours, limiting services. Any ideas, go to Dave Tanner.

TT: let's make a forum for each of these issues open to the general student body. I'll help put it together.

Danielle Most: Pro Bono and public interest - We are talking about requiring student body to do some pro bono works in line with the ABA expectations. We are now researching what other schools are doing.

AD: I work full-time, can you think of this as a class-room thing... instead of outside class time.

MY: We would have to expand the public interest grants.

DT: Last week, I said we should get rid of the barriers for externship credit. If students could get over the credit barrier, without having to pay the school for credits, then there may be more interest.

CA: When I did pro bono, everyone else was on Federal Work study. Why don't we have this?

DT: It was really easy. I did it.

CA: But now one knows about it b/c Career Services doesn't encourage it.

Caroline Park: Teaching Effectiveness: we talked about evaluations, we're talking to other schools about what they do. We thought about using different forms for different size classes. Also, making students aware of what they use it for....

AD: I fully support this, but ratemyprofessor.cot has greater transparency. Take Becker's class, and how students should use Chimerinksy. That way students can learn a lot more. To share on knowledge about the professor. SO it should be on the website.

Allie Rosenblatt: Tenure issue: We talked about mid semester reviews for evening students. And tenured professors sitting in on untenured professors.

BS: we can talk next time if we want a student rep on the tenure committee, or we can send a resolution supporting some. Let's vote on this for the next mtg.

Evening Division Committee- it hasn't met yet. We emailed the chair, Prof. Pomp, who isn't getting back to us, and to Prof. Whitman, and Peter Vickery. Ideas send to me.

BS: you should email the evening students and talk to Jorge about the resolution on ending the evening program.

YM: Faculty Diversity: haven't heard back from them.

BS: email David Thal.

International Programs: Magill is in charge and only convenes once the semester.

Megan Sweeney: 1<sup>st</sup> year curriculum and stat/reg requirements, and new classes to fit that. Reallocating credits for the 1<sup>st</sup> year classes. And they've been talking about the DC exchange program. And full year evening classes. They haven't talked about what do yet. There are a lot of new people on the committee, and people want a resolution on it, but right now they aren't ready to tackle it. They wanted to pick the low-hanging fruit from the tree.

Library: we want to extend hours, but the budget is restricting it. Extend weekend hours and finals time. Faculty library has a lot of resources.

Diversity Committee: we want to have an open forum with student leaders to see what they want from us, and then open it up to the entire student body.

Career Services: Allie Rosenblatt- Morawetz- we discussed (1) general problem with focuses on private/corporate sector in new England and not other areas, not private sector, and not law jobs. (2) if we are more linked to UCONN alumni across the country to help networking, and building up ranking and public image. They want to know why students stay in New England? Where would they go and why? Email me. We aren't meeting until Nov/Dec. We are meeting next week with Morawetz. The NLG came up with some ideas.

BS: I know a lot of students get help there and some don't.

SS: Maybe we could have a student wide meeting to solicit ideas for all of these groups at the same time as the Career Services Forum, comment box. Mike Yedinak volunteered.

BS: Career Services should be on every agenda.

JK: Social Committee: Fall ball, mixer with med school, tailgate, Halloween. We have mtgs every other week at 9:30, and anyone can join. We also have a brief meeting after the SBA mtg tonight. We are discussing charging for the Halloween party.

DT: suggested donation?

BS: \$5 with canned food, \$10 without?

DT: Lockers. Any opinions on where we could put them in? Behind Truffles, lockers were there.

**Resolution: SBA expresses support for the law school to work with the SBA on the installation of lockers**

**YAY: 15**

**Nay:0**

**Abstention: 1**

SS: send me your bio by next meeting. Sarah will send out a reminder with the minutes.

BS Motion to adjourn. SS seconded.

## Meeting Ends 10:47

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