

SBA Meeting on 9_30_20

Meeting started at 4:34

ISSUES FOR Dean Boynton:

Dean Boynton began with discussing the fall festival and the social committee's plan to help.

More details on the events of the day will come later.

DB also discussed compliance and the problem with mask wearing after eating, removing them in the parking garage, etc.

Maybe we can use our platforms like IG to make a PSA about compliance.

i.e. Don't sit at the same table for lunch. Put mask back on after eating.

Zoe suggested we make a positive peer pressure campaign to promote student compliance - collaboration with the Wellness and Social Committees.

Marisa pointed out that the study room she uses never has the PPE set up per protocol.

Rhonda Westoff? Is the person to report these things to, or else DB if that's easier.

Student Street

Dani asked about promoting voter registration promotion in the forum. Maybe this can be part of the student "spirit weeks" we discussed with DB.

Technology:

Zoe mentioned the continuing issues with the OWL and students that are both remote and in person feeling inconsistent.

COVID app:

Gabby asked DB about the survey app and the repeated notifications, lumping together symptoms. Complaints should be directed to the COVID coordinator to request changes to the utility of the app.

NEW STUDENT ORGS:

5280 presentation from Casey Morris:

Casey discussed the mission and format of the new "Environment at 5280" Blog student organization proposal.

Edward asked about the kind of events and how would the funding be used? Funding would be used for various speakers and panelists and similar programming.

Dani asked about the write off requirement and how this would reconcile with the fact that many students would actually be leaving due to time constraints and this would further complicate that. Casey explained it was to make participants aware that the time commitment should be taken seriously so they are not capricious about participating.

Leo asked how this is more like a student organization vs. a law review. Casey focused on the lack of resources to live in the world of other journals. It is still unclear why they should not be grouped among the other blogs and journals because the write on requirement does not make this group “open to all students” the way student orgs are typically formed.

Zoe asked about diversity and representation in the group. Casey explained that had not yet been fully developed as the blog was really new and had not yet had an opportunity to promote greater diversity. There is an article in the works that will explore diverse perspectives, but it hasn’t been fully developed yet since the group is so small.

Edward asked which need is being met. Why can’t the blog exist under the umbrella of the NRELS? The focus is on publishing articles and that’s not really the focus of NRELS. The mission does not align perfectly.

Edward asked about the structure of the student org. Why do they not have a president and treasurer? Tempest mentioned that modifying the bylaws could easily accomplish forming a president equivalent and treasurer equivalent and establishing who will conduct the training.

Why not form a journal? Less red tape within a student org/blog. Dean Wiersema wanted the founders to test the concept as an org before committing to all the red tape of a journal. The blog contributors can use hyperlinks, rather than spending time editing and blue booking and taking time away from the content.

Abby asked if there was a tracking mechanism to measure who interacts with the space and what the readership looks like. Casey explained that the promotion was happening internally to expand the contributors and they do measure the click through rates every other week.

Tempest added that the bylaws require an SBA approved nondiscrimination clause.

Is academic credit actually available? Casey explained that this would happen if they became a journal, but not until then. The language is a placeholder for future structure.

Candidacy is required for membership. Contributors can submit subject to approval.

Who are violations of the code reported to? The executive board, staff editors.

What is the behavioral agreement? Casey said this was probably an artifact of a previous year. Is it more or less strict than the approved procedures in place with the University? Casey said they might just remove that.

Edward asked if events the group would sponsor are open to everyone or just the members/contributors. Casey explained trainings would be held for internal staff members only and would not require student funds. Speakers and other journalists would be open to everyone and would use student funds.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Elections:

LLM representative has been chosen.

ABA

Elections day off

Social

Murder Mystery event is the next big thing on the schedule

Tomorrow will feature a discussion on that as well as the social media schedule.

Health and Wellness

October 13th Harm reduction training

Follow up with administration on covid issues, grading reforms, bar passage program, academic probation

The Wellness committee has not been advised of any new progress

Outreach

Fall festival with DB

Fundraiser status?

November 9th – 13th Cans for cold calls

Finance

Virtual conference approved

Diversity

Leo is going to use the IG account to post some “stories” in addition to the content in the spreadsheet.

Decision on 5280 Blog postponed to next meeting:

We are trying to see the Race to the Bottom bylaws to compare and determine if they qualify as a student org.

Leo moved to table the decision until next meeting when greater meaningful discussion can take place.

It was seconded.

Gabby asked if we needed them to revise their bylaws before voting. The vote can happen contingent up on those changes.

The vote to to table the vote passed with 10 votes.

Communications and Finance policies:

DB is going to change the communication policy to allow SBA to send all student emails.

Edward explained the funding process for virtual professional development opportunities.

Leo moved to adjourn at 5:40

Seconded

Meeting adjourned at 5:40