

SBA Agenda
October 2

- I. Procedural Business
 - A. Attendance
 - B. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
- II. Committee Updates
 - A. Finance - Chris Newman
 - 1. Motion - Give \$1050 to International Legal Law
 - a. International Legal Law Society doing a 3 part series dealing with 20 years since the Genocide in Rwanda.
 - b. The Nanda Society, International Legal Studies, and Penrose paying part of the series
 - c. Asking for airfare and hotel for \$1,050
 - d. Not received a request from this organization for over a year
 - e. \$5,000 in the speaker fund
 - f. The event is October 16
 - g. Motion approved
 - i. Unanimous
 - B. Social - Katy Raffensperger
 - 1. Bar Review
 - a. Thursday, October 10th
 - b. Either at Hansen's or The Pioneer
 - 2. CU/DU Mixer
 - a. Going to go to 1L sections to encourage them to attend
 - 3. Trick or Treat Street
 - a. Working on it
 - 4. Barrister's Ball
 - a. Met with a staff person
 - b. Told them budget has decreased
 - c. Looking at costs at an alternative location
 - C. Dual Degree Task Force
 - 1. Randy Wagner may give a list of students who have dual degrees
 - 2. Get students to fill out a survey
 - D. President's Update - Antonio Mendez
 - 1. SBA meet with Dean Katz
 - a. Empty Bottle on October 8
 - 2. December Graduation Event

- a. History: Professor Juarez moved it to a December Graduate Recognition
- b. Students in one class want a graduation ceremony, cap and gown, and open bar
- 3. Improve Externship Requirements for Evening Students
 - a. Student after 1 year can do an externship, and the school imposes an additional requirement of 30 credits
 - b. Writing a plan to change this and proposing it the faculty
- 4. Graduate Vendors
 - a. May Graduations: February 11, 12, and 13

III. Speaker: Dean Katz

A. Flood

- 1. Maybe try to get publicity on these efforts
- 2. Reach out to Megan Howes for Communications

B. Faculty Evaluations

- 1. Evaluate the faculty in the fall
- 2. Rely heavily on student evaluations
- 3. 3 criteria: Look at 1) teaching, 2) writing, and 3) scholarship to the law school
- 4. Rank the professors from top to bottom
- 5. Encourage students to have 10 minutes to evaluate in the classroom
- 6. Maybe put together a committee to revise the evaluation methods

C. Recruiting Season

- 1. October LSAT is this Saturday
- 2. Early indications that it will be a rough admissions season
- 3. 2 weeks before the October LSAT can see how many have registered, and LSAT test takers down 13%. Compared to 4 years prior, it appears that applications are down 50%.
- 4. Discussions with Provost to reduce our class size to improve bar passage. Student faculty ratio 10:1. Down to 290 students per class. Target class is 275. Can only cut class size if the budget is cut. Frozen hiring of tenure track faculty. Not hiring another HR person. Will try to find Ambassadors from the school to share their experience of the school.

IV. Organizational Rules and Governance

A. Attendance Policies - Morgan Batcheler

- 1. There were a lot of absences last year, and Antonio came up with an attendance policy
- 2. Enforcement should come from the body

3. The Constitution says excessive absences is grounds for impeachment
4. Overall consensus that attendance will be based off of the meetings
5. Excessive absences is 3 per semester.
6. Consider that you get 3 absences, whether it is excused or unexcused, and then you are up for review.
7. Discussion that excused absence is serious illness, court dates, family emergencies, religious holidays, imminent work or school projects
8. Discussion that every SBA should get an allotted number of absences, regardless of whether it is excused or unexcused
9. Discussion will continue at the next meeting

B. Constitution v. Bylaws - Morgan Batcheler

1. Funding of clubs are supposed to be in the bylaws
2. Put Antonio's motion concerning evening students in the bylaws
3. The Constitution requires a 2/3 vote to change something, and the bylaws are easier to change and require a majority
4. Every motion passed so far will go in the bylaws

V. Adjournment