**SBA Meeting Minutes 3/15/22**

Faculty Attendance: Dean Boynton, Amber Dannis

SBA Member Attendance: Leo Urrutia, Jaime Greenwood, Edward Bowden, Matt Nilsen, Luke Meidel, Abby Schwartz, Alexz Thompson, Sarah Elena, Kelly Lotterhos, Camille Moore, Solita Day, Charles Early

Motion to approve last week’s minutes – Luke motioned, Edward/Alexz seconded

Dean Boynton Update

* Scholarship committee for students in a legal fraternity (which we don’t currently have)
  + She will let us know what’s going on
  + We could restart the legal fraternity, or they may see how else to use those funds

Res Ipsa Loquitor End of Year Celebration

* April 21st outside from 4-5:30pm
* Live music, Dry Dock Brewing, local vendors for food
* For part-time students there will either be a breakfast or lunch on the last part-time weekend

Graduation Update - Amber

* Graduation Save the Date email coming out this week from Student Affairs
  + Plus follow-up email from Amber to get students to register (does not mean you have ordered regalia, etc.)

Election Updates – Kelly

* Almost full board for next year (but no competitive seats, so no elections)
* Only positions with no applicants – part-time VP, and one 3L full-time candidate, and LLM/LLS position
  + Kelly wants to apply for part-time VP position, but did not submit her application
* Incoming SBA President will appoint the vacant positions
* Elections party
  + Before end of semester/meet your new SBA board even
  + Host after Barrister’s Ball
  + Don’t pose it as an “SBA Elections Party”
    - We can’t advertise them by calling them “party” or “happy hour”
    - Use “Meet Your SBA Board” or something similar

Wellness Week Updates – Gabby

* Succulent event was very successful
  + Students said it was the best part of their day and asked for more frequent events
* Gabby would like to re-host a similar event (maybe without succulents but with at least coffee and tea)
  + Ex: Have an event leading up to finals with coffee and donuts (or something like that)
* Amber had idea of putting more sweatshirts out and selling them (we sold $260 worth), so good traction to table those
* Next events: Wednesday 3/30 before Barristers and some time during Finals Week

Finance Committee - Matt

* NRELS Food Truck
  + Event partnering with Land Use Law Society, Food Law Society, and other student orgs for an Earth Day Extravaganza
  + Food truck (free food for 100 students) for roughly $2200
  + No vote today, just wanted to gauge interest by SBA to use Special Events Funding to help NRELS pay for this
  + Finance Committee will review the request and propose an official vote at next SBA meeting on 3/29
* Student Org Funding for Next Year
  + Start w/ $500 base at beginning of school year (and revert all existing funds from 21-22 school year to SBA)
  + Leo comment:
    - Lots of groups have a knowledge gap and didn’t want events with COVID restrictions
    - Orgs can do a lot with $500 (good start)
    - Orgs don’t know they can use that money to buy merch and other items for their orgs which are incentives when tabling – perhaps email them to tell them we’ll take the money back so use it now
* Bar Exam Scholarship
  + Four years ago SBA took excess funds and created an endowed fund to give Bar exam scholarships
  + Profits go into an SBA Bar Scholarship
    - In past it would go to two students, ~$700/piece given to two students
    - Students would submit application to a committee under general scholarship committee, reviews, and approves
  + Some years SBA provides more money, but lately endowment profits have been higher than normal
  + Only decisions that come to SBA are whether we contribute more to it, and how that is split up.
    - Ex: last year we did half bar scholarships to 12 or 14 people (rather than full scholarships for 2-3)
  + Finance Committee will discuss this week and propose any changes (if any are needed) at next SBA meeting

Barristers/Social Update – Jaime

* 3L ticket distribution started yesterday
* Jaime receives daily reports – sold 132 tickets as of last night and about 50 so far today
* Link will be distributed to 2Ls starting tomorrow and 1Ls on Friday
* Steady roll-out and successful sales so far

Part-Time Committee - Edward

* Legal research certification will now have accommodations for part-time students!
* Working with Dean Wiersema to adjust scheduling for part-time weekends so that part-time students can attend on Sundays
* Part-time liaison in CDO (Hattie Powell)
* New person being hired part-time at CDO who will be substantially helping with evening and weekend counseling session for part-time students
* Professor Stoker also approved AAP notes being shared with part-time students (and making sure part-time AAP leaders know what may be shared)

New Business – Luke

* Blood Drive
* Working with Amber, Laurie Milenar, John Farrell
* Laurie estimated we may have to pay up to $100 for setup fees, but no other costs are anticipated
* Motion to reserve $150 for a blood drive to be held in the forum of the Sturm College of Law – passed unanimously
* Matt to work with Amber on where funds should come from (Wellness Committee)

Spring Break next week 3/21-3/25

Barrister’s Ball the following week on 4/2

General SBA Meeting on 3/29

Motion to Adjourn – Abby (Alexz seconded)