



Student Bar Association

MEETING AGENDA

June 24, 2016

- I. Open Meeting and Quorum *Reginald Guillaume*
 - a. Opening Remarks
 - i. Called to order 6:09pm
 - ii. Quorum of six out of twelve met (not fifteen because Julia Williams, Jack Lynch, and Hector Lans were not sworn in yet.
 - b. Quorum
 - i. Reginald Guillaume
 - ii. Mariah Manley
 - iii. Brandon Smith
 - iv. Selena Gibson
 - v. Roger Pou
 - vi. Andrew Sagona
 - vii. Hector Lans
 - viii. Alexis Hanson (phone in)
 - ix. Courtney Bouillon (Phone in)
 - x. Gabriel Miranda (phone in)
 - xi. Julia Williams (phone in)

- II. Swearing in of New Officers *Reginald Guillaume*
 - a. 4L Representative
 - i. Julia Williams – not physically present
 - b. 3L Representatives
 - i. Hector Lans – sworn in
 - ii. John Lynch – not present via phone or physical.

- III. Orientation and the First Week of School *Dean Acosta*
 - a. We are changing orientation. We have a strong sense of community, we behave differently and better, and SBA should talk about it at orientation to the in coming class.
 - b. Talk about your expectations of your fellow students
 - c. SBA needs to make themselves available for orientation to talk to the incoming 1L's, to participate in the organization fair, and other orientation events.
 - i. August 11 – 11:30am – 2:30pm
 - ii. August 12 – 12:00 – 5:30pm
 - iii. August 13 – TBD

1. MPRE is August 13 → Some of our board members will be taking the test and will not be present for the third day of Orientation.
- d. Theme of day of service for day three of orientation

IV. Old Business

Reginald Guillaume

- a. 2015-2016 Budget
 - i. \$3,658.21 unspent in the 2015-2016 SBA budget
 - ii. Unable to secure a vendor for the headshots – However, that money rolled over to the 2016-2017 budget
 - iii. A lot of the items that we approved were not the exact prices and therefore there was money that was left over
- b. Community Service Committee
 - i. Last meeting Kelly Scott was appointed as the Chair – however this was not the committee she wanted to be on
 - ii. She wanted to co-chair the Public Interest Committee with Rachel Tunick
 - iii. **Moved to have Kelly Scott Co-Chair the Public Interest – Unanimous**
 - iv. **Moved to appoint Liz Feliz to Community Service Committee Chair – 6 yay - 1 nay**
 - v. **Reginald changed the name of the Community Service Committee to Pro Bono/Community Service Committee**
- c. Barrister's Committee
 - i. Next meeting the Chair – **Rachel Gonzalez will speak at the next meeting**
 - ii. Andrew Sagona and Hector Lans are on the committee and gave us a small update today
 1. People working on venues (but unsure what the budget is so hard to make decisions or know what is in the price range)
 2. Possibly reaching out to the med school and other schools to find out if they have a similar event then we can reserve the room on different days and possibly have a discount for multiple bookings at one venue
 - a. Hector Lans will reach out → However we will confer with Rachel Gonzalez
 3. Starting to form the idea for the theme
 - a. Masquerade
 - b. Harry Potter
 - c. Fire and Ice
 - d. Casino Royale
 - e. Yule Ball
 - f. Gatsby
 - g. Circus
 4. About \$1,500 - \$3,000 in the budget for barristers deposits— This money is separate from the SBA Budget

- d. Faculty's Curriculum Committee *Mariah Manley*
 - i. We can have a student present on the faculty's committee
 - ii. Make LSV 2 available to the students who are in the legal reasoning class – in place of their international comparative law
 - 1. This did not apply to night student and nothing similar to accommodate the night students – and there should be a reason why
 - 2. Dean Schultz and Prof. Rosenthal are working on a new proposal to help the night students
 - 3. Suggestion to tell the night students that they can take the LSV 2 during the day
 - 4. Mariah will follow up with Dean Schultz
- e. Faculty Law Review Committee
 - i. To vote on next SBA meeting to appoint Rebecca S. – current law review editor-in-chief

- V. 2016-2017 Budget *Reginald Guillaume and Brandon Smith*
 - a. Need to have a budget analysis every single meeting so what happened last year will not happen this year
 - b. Brandon will meet with Zory to reconcile his books with Zory's books and that both budgets are aligned
 - c. BUDGET is \$44,500; Available July 1, 2016
 - i. SGA funding was cut 15% off most colleges at FIU
 - ii. And we will have the \$3,600.00 added to this years budget because of the money that rolled over from the 2015-2016 Budget
 - d. 2015-2016 → Budget Break Down. Below we've categorized how much money we've spent in the listed categories
 - i. Student Orgs – approx.. \$12,700
 - 1. Guest speaker events, food requests, anything that the student organizations or other
 - ii. Barristers – approx.. \$22,150.07
 - 1. About \$8000.00 from ticket sales
 - iii. Deans cup – \$3,329.29
 - 1. If we want to have a Dean's cup (vote next meeting when new budget is voted on)
 - 2. We need the Medical School to pay for half, usually the Law School pays for most of the event
 - iv. Food For Finals - \$4,223.59
 - 1. Spent more money this year on food for finals because there was extra money left in the 2015-2016 budget
 - 2. Expect that the money in the budget for next year will be significantly less for food for finals
 - v. General Travel Expenses - \$8,560.00
 - 1. Student organizations who travelled
 - 2. Funding for the ABA Annual Conference

3. For the upcoming year we should aim to have a hardline emergency fund for travel for our students. We should however encourage our students that are traveling to request money from the SGA for travels because the SGA has a created a grant for graduate students that strive to travel to educational conferences.
 - a. I.e. before coming to SBA for funding, go to SGA to request funding and they should get that money and they should get that money. If they don't get the funding then SBA will provide it, if they do not apply to the SGA we may not approve the funding for travel (considered on a case by case basis)
- e. Next meeting Brandon and Reggie will provide the board with a new budget proposal for the 2016-2017 year. The board will have a chance modify the proposal as needed in the upcoming meeting.

VI. Committee Appointments

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- a. Judicial Committee [essentially the Supreme Court] – Reggie requested statements of interest from the Student Body and narrowed it down to two people for the two vacant positions
 - i. Justin McNealy as the Chief Justice of the Court
 1. **Appointed as the Chief Justice with a vote of 4 yay and 3 nay**
 - ii. Selena Villadiego Night Student Representative
 1. As there were a lot of Night Candidates **vote to meet the candidate before voting 6 yay 1 abstain**
 - iii. Nick Castillo – however there is a conflict, Nick is the president of the Negotiations team, therefore he is not eligible to be on committee
 1. Reggie will follow up to see if he is still the president of the Negotiations Team
 2. Hector will reach out to Nick to see what his final decision is before putting it to a vote
 3. **No vote until conflict is resolved**

VII. Expectations for the 2016-2017 School Year

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- a. Counting on the Board for advice and perspective to be a better leader
- b. Have the Board be involved and active in their positions
- c. Finalizing filling in committees so that they all committees are in place for the start of the Academic Year
- d. SBA Vice Presidents will be appointed as point person's for the committees and Representatives
 - i. Courtney B. – Faculty committee's chair
 - ii. Andrew F. – SBA appointed committees Chair
 - iii. Mariah M. – all Representatives Chair
- e. Brandon Smith requested a Budget Committee
 - i. David Miller (2L) – previous accountant as a possible candidate

- ii. Joshua Gilbert (3L) – Finance major as a possible candidate
 - iii. Max of two people, to keep the circle small for the purposes of keeping the numbers accurate in the budget
- f. FIU Law SBA Page
 - i. Changing the page for the purposes of drawing more people in
 - ii. More pictures to entice more people to come in, instead of relying on facebook
 - iii. Surveys, pictures, etc.
 - iv. Send anything to Selena Gibson
- g. ABA Annual Conference.
 - i. The \$1,000 was only able to cover the air fair. We need to vote and approve additional travel expenses and hotel
 - ii. Reggie proposes to approve an additional \$2,000.00 for the trip
 - iii. **Voted to approved 6 yay 1 abstain**

VIII. Open to the Floor

- a. Andrew Sagona request to get emails accounts
 - i. Reggie suggested one email for each representative and one for the vice-presidents to share
 - ii. Reggie will speak with Dean Fridman

IX. Close Meeting

- a. Moved to close at 7:35pm
- b. Unanimous move to close