

# **FIU** | Law

## **Student Bar Association**

### MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2017

#### **I. Open Meeting and Quorum**

**Marcus Nielsen**

##### **a. Opening Remarks**

- Quorum Met
  - Only absences: William Diab and Roger Pou.
- Motion to open meeting.
- Unanimous vote to open.

#### **II. Budget Update**

**David Miller**

##### **a. Budget Update**

- \$11,800 left to spend.
- Idea to get 200 t-shirts
- Cheap shirts = 1500
- Pass out to student body

#### **III. Funding Request**

##### **1. ILSA-- \$190.00**

- ILSA event will be on April 18, 12:30 p.m.
- 14 pizzas
- 2 liters of soda
- Diab description: companies from Latin America are coming to arbitrate their differences. They are coming to speak with us.
- Gomez, other attorneys, and FIU Alum.
- Move to vote.
- Unanimous vote in favor.

##### **2. Women's Law Society-- \$269.25**

- Won't be tabling this week
- Will set up tabling to receive donations
- This year proceeds will go to FIU Law Legal Clinics.

- They recently had to implement small charge to make ends meet.
- Room has been sorted.
- Will have photo booth and snacks until Oral Arguments done in that room.
- Event will start at about 5:15 p.m.
- Open to vote.
- Unanimous vote in favor of giving them requested amount.

**3. Federalist Society-- \$300.00**

- NSA Surveillance: Violating Citizens' Wartime Rights
- Strike balance bw national security and right to privacy.
- Has a speaker coming in from Yale.
- Expect good turnout.
- Event at 12:30 in Small Courtroom, on Wednesday, April 5.
- Open to vote.
- Unanimous vote.

**4. Black Law Students Association- \$166**

- General Body meeting on April 13, at 4:30 p.m.
- Will introduce new EBoard
- And amendments of their Bylaws.
- They completed the room request.
- Event does not interfere with another event.
- Motion to approval amount.
- Unanimous vote in favor.

**5. Public Interest Auction-- \$300**

- They raise money and give money back to scholarships.
- We allocated \$1,078.
- Tuesday, April 4, at 5 p.m.
- Open vote.
- Unanimous in favor.

**6. FIU Law Review-- \$254.02**

- Tabling full amount vote because no representative here.
- For now, we are voting on \$199.00.
- Information Session for 1Ls for Write-On Competition.
- Board will tell 1Ls how to get their best submission in.
- Will notify about policy changes for Law Review for next year so know what to expect if make it on.
- Event: April 20 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

- Motion to vote on whether to approve amount.
- Unanimous vote in favor to approve.

#### **IV. President's Report**

**Marcus Nielsen**

- a. SGA & ABA representative appointment
  - Mary Corbin appointed for SGA.
  - Move for vote.
  - Unanimous in favor.
  - Tucker Pryor appointed for ABA.
  - Move for vote.
  - Unanimous in favor.
- b. Swearing in new members
  - Complete.
- c. 2017-2018 Budget
  - Ideas of ways to spend money (listed here and lower in document):
    - Water bottle filling station
    - Industrial fridge, meant for office
    - Commencement fair
    - Leadership awards: \$1000
      - Motion to vote in favor of funding \$1000 for the Leadership Awards.
      - Unanimous vote in favor.
    - Help with food
    - Food for finals estimate: \$1,800
      - Motion to vote in favor of purchasing food for finals.
      - Unanimous vote in favor.
    - Ping pong table top (low priority)
    - Shirts (low priority)
    - Microwave
      - Motion to vote in favor of microwave purchase.
      - Unanimous vote in favor.
    - See if we can collaborate with Medical School to use their babysitting service for parent-students.
  - Motion to open discussion on Commencement Fair amount.
    - Typically \$2000 spent.
    - We cover food.
    - Motion to vote on \$2000 amount.
    - Unanimous vote in favor.
  - Motion to open discussion on Commencement Fair amount.
    - Awards for pro bono hours, etc.
    - Administration in charge of event.

- We cover the food.
- Tabled. Waiting on more information.
- d. Committee appointments
  - Andres Robles Cruz (1L) explained why wants to be Committee Chair of Professional Development Committee.
    - Motion to approve him.
    - Unanimous vote in favor.
  - Allen Persaud wants to be Committee Chair of Professional Development Committee.
    - Motion to approve him.
    - Unanimous vote in favor.
  - Daniel Walker for Dean's Cop Committee Chair.
    - Motion to approve him.
    - Unanimous vote in favor.
- e. Food for finals
  - Unanimously voted for above.
- f. Representative Introductions

## **V. Vice-Presidents' Reports**

### **All VPs**

- a. Alina Fernandez
- b. Sandra Ramirez
- c. Mariah Manley

## **VI. SGA Representative Report**

- a. SGA News

## **VII. Representative Reports**

### **All Representatives**

- a. 4L Representative Report
  - i. Alexis Marrero: Nothing today.
- b. 3L Representative Report
  - i. William Diab
  - ii. Roger Pou
  - iii. Arturo Hernandez
    - Diab and he will connect to all classes and ask for suggestions for the Fall.
- c. 2L Representative Report
  - i. Thomas Campbell
    - Introduced himself.
    - Wants to see if low Wifi connection in the courtyard can be fixed.

- Should ask Gus about this.
- ii. Daniel Walker
  - Courtroom doors are always locked during events.

**IX. Open the Floor**

- Sandra Ramirez
  - Proposed getting transfers paired with students from their class.
  - Shortened list of what is in FIU Law Weekly, so that easier to find out about events.
- Mary Corbin
  - Voting site for SGA Elections in library on first floor. April 4-5.
- Marcus Nielson
  - Wants to get International Law Journal started.
  - Find students to start it.
  - Professor Gomez is interested.
- Andrea Piloto
  - Make recommendation to change printing systems in library.
  - Popular opinion among students that it is slow or unreliable.
- Marcus Nielson
  - Come up with solution to alarm in library issue.

**X. Close Meeting**

- Motion to close.
- Unanimous vote in favor.

Funding Ideas

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE \$11,800

1. New industrial fridge-	\$3,000
2. Commencement Fair-	\$2000
3. Leadership Awards-	\$1000
4. Food for Finals-	\$1,800
5. T Shirts-	\$1,500
6. Ping Pong table top-	\$400
7. Kosher microwave-	\$80
8. Current Funding Requests-	\$1,480
	Estimated Total
	\$11,260

Ideas for next year

Networking Committee- Andres Robles

1. One happy hour per month
  - a. First happy hour of each semester at Chili's after class for students
  - b. All following happy hours will be paired up with a legal organization or law firm so that students have an opportunity to meet other attorneys
2. Student vs Alumni Spring softball tournament

Unanimous vote in favor above.

Professional Development Committee- Alan Persaud

1. Chose one CLE event a month to advertise and get students to attend
2. Host a Spring professional development seminar to have lawyers from community teach students what is expected of them besides what is taught in class

Unanimous vote in favor above.

Deans Cup Committee- Daniel Walker

1. Change Dean's cup to be more collegial but maintain competitive spirit.
2. BBQ or food at end of Dean's cup for everyone at event
3. Have events for people who do not play sports
4. Have less sporting events and maintain all events in one localized area

Unanimous vote in favor above.

Bylaws Committee

1. Law review students will help write bylaws
2. Bylaws will mirror other Law Schools' SBA bylaws

Law Review ideas

1. Create a citation website to help students learn citations
2. Create an international journal for non law review people to work on