

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION MINUTES

September 20, 2017
General Body Meeting

SBA President Joye called the meeting to order at 5:30PM on Wednesday September 20, 2017.

Secretary Gregory called attendance.

ROLL CALL:

Badida

Cadavid.

Campbell

Cervera

Cline A

Cuffe A

Ellis

Emrick. A

Fils-Aime A

Fray.

Gerbier

Gluck

Gregory

Jacobs

Jadon A

Joye.

Lengacher A

Liddell

Manor A

Moreno

Watson A

Quorum has been established.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Parliamentarian Moreno gives his report. He gives the update on the elections. Elections will be held in the commons. Voting is next Tuesday from 9-4 for 1Ls, transfer students, or LLM students. Nominations can be submitted to the SBA office or the SBA email. Submissions close tomorrow at 5PM. The votes will be counted that day and a member of the Honor Committee will be present to legitimize the vote counting.

Secretary Gregory gives her report. She is working on the attendance, minutes, and agenda policy that will later be submitted to the BOG.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parliamentarian Moreno gives his report about the Rules and Bylaws Committee. The first thing that the committee will address is the “definitions” of the Constitution. The Parliamentarian submits to the BOG that the Constitution should be interpreted to mean that the three absences should have an excusal for religious holidays or mandatory class conflicts.

- Moreno also gives updates on the delineation of power, how elections will be run, etc.
- The most pressing need from the Rules and Bylaws Committee is constitutionally based guidance on how the relationship between our governing bodies is structured. The committee will be crafting a legislative policy document for general body approval. An initial proposal to that effect is expected at the general meeting after next (October 4th).

Communications Officer Badida gives his report. He gives an update about amending the language of the social media policy. The deadline to respond to the policy was today, but Badida is willing to push back the deadline until noon tomorrow to solicit more feedback.

Officer Badida also gives an update on the Diversity Committee. Badida asks the BOG to nominate more students for diversity profiles.

President Joye gives his report on the Office Design Committee. The funding will be provided by administration and the design will be headed by an SBA committee.

Governor Melissa Liddell gives the report on the Social Committee. The Committee is planning a speaking series in late October/November to invite a UF Alum to give a talk. The nomination process is open to the entire student body. The Social Committee will then evaluate the nominations for viability. The nominations will then be brought to the BOG. The BOG will confirm or deny the nominations, then the Committee will arrange for the speaker to come. Then this will be subject to a final vote for the BOG.

Governor Liddell also gives the Faculty-Student Committee. There is a sign-up page on the Facebook page. The application for the Faculty-Student Committee closes on Friday. The email was sent to Dean Inman to forward to the entire student body.

Treasurer Ellis gives his the Allocations Committee report. The last meeting was September 6th. The committee has allocated \$640.00 and we have about \$15,000 more to allocate. There is about \$12,000 left in the budget.

Governor Campbell gives the report on the Community Service Committee. The SBA will be sponsoring Pro Bono week. We will be tabling during the Service Day. There will be an in-house service project during the lunch hour.

SBA will also be doing other various service events: Habitat for Humanity in the spring, acting as a resource for other organizations to get in touch with service.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vote on Social Committee's Nomination of Speaker Series.

- Gregory moves to vote.
- Badida seconds. This vote will be held by approval. 11 votes for approval. Moreno abstains. The process is approved.

Student Orgs Jacobs gives an update on the GIN system. GIN is a mass messaging system. Jacobs solicited feedback from student orgs. She is still soliciting feedback. She will then give her findings to the Communications Committee and the Communications Committee will decide whether SBA will use this, and then bring that to a vote of the BOG.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moreno solicits more feedback from BOG about absence interpretation.

Temporary ADR space: ADR team was supposed to be housed with TT and Moot Court. Next year ADR will be placed in the TT and Moot Court space. It is supposed that the ADR team will use the side room in the SBA office as their practice area.

- Cadavid moves to vote.
- Ellis seconds. The vote will be held by approval. 7 approve. 3 deny. 4 abstain.

Confirmation of new Allocations Committee member Gregory.

- Ellis moves to confirm Gregory.
- Cadavid seconded. This vote will be held by approval. 10 votes for approval. Moreno and Badida abstains. The nomination is approved.

Public Comments:

James Donegan complains about the information channels in the law school. Governor Gerbier addresses the comment and says there is a Faculty Committee that is trying to addressing this.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Fray moves to adjourn. Ellis seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:23PM.