# STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

General Body Meeting

President Joye called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Communications Officer Badida, substituting for Secretary Gregory, called attendance.

ROLL CALL:

Badida

Cadavid

Campbell

Cervera

Cline

Cuffe – Absent

Ellis

Emrick

Fils-Aime

Fray – Absent

Gerbier

Gluck

Gregory – Absent

Jacobs

Jadon

Joye

Lengacher

Liddell

Manor

Moreno

Watson – Absent

Quorum has been established.

# AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

There are no amendments.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

President Joye gives his report. Welcomed members, recognized communications and allocations committee. Committed to giving action items in advance of meeting to E-Board and Board of Governors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Service

Community Service Chair Campbell gave an update. Formation of committee now complete. Allen (?) added as a member.

Alachua County Conservation Trust, Restoration of Civil Rights Project, Guardian ad Litem (GAL) projects all confirmed for the fall.

GAL- School drive to be held in November to assist students with additional supplies.

Proposal to help inform and engage students in Pro Bono week. Presented PowerPoint describing Pro Bono week and why it’s important. Played video from ABA president. (Link) Discussed national and local recognition; opportunities to network and get involved; experience and connection between SBA and students; and credentials, including pro bono certificate.

Informed body on the history of pro bono week at UF Law. Presented expected programming for Pro Bono week for 2017.

Requested allocation of $450 ($200 for keynote address and $250 main informational programming). Cited estimated attendance at 75-90 for main events and 30-50 for keynote from Justice Pariente.

Communications Committee

Communications Officer Badida gives his report.

Gave thanks for continuing efforts with everyone assisting with the website, asks for feedback to continue to see what can be added or changed on the website.

Headshots went well and another session will soon be added

Gin System Proposal – a benefit to student organization.

Communications Policy – Did all voting members get a change to look at it – yes

This policy will allow autonomy as to the substance of what individuals have to say. Will be rules of conduct for members on online media and what we have to post. Also procedures and guidelines so that we can keep it efficient and make sure that everyone is properly informed. If anyone has anything that has to be posted send communications committee the details and the logistics, if you need a graphic please give us more time, amber did a great job of that for the snacks events, the more time you give us the better , we want to make sure that these toold are available to the students

Allocations Committee

Treasurer Ellis gave his report.

Treasurer Ellis announced allocations is fully functional. Three hearings have been held and approved 7 requests for a total of $448.30 to student organizations. We have a balance of $15,XXX to go to student organizations if we choose.

Urged review of allocations procedure to come up for a vote later.

Gave treasury report. We have a balance of $12, 500 left of operations budget.

Social Committee

Social Committee Chair Lengacher gives her report.

Announced goal to connect students with professional opportunities. Shared about study sessions, coffee events, and other smaller things throughout the year.

Announced a speaker (notable alumni) session with a reception afterwards. This was proposed as an annual event.

Student Organizations Committee

Student Organizations Liaison Jacobs gives her report.

Shared about recent student orgs meeting two weeks ago. Went over constitutional revisions and funding procedures.

Trying to get officer training at law school campus from main campus. Trying to make it a “one and done” event.

Has been working with Student Affairs on student organizations fair.

Rules and By-Laws Committee

Parliamentarian Moreno gave his report.

Looking at best practices of other universities. Need procedure form and structure to guide us.

We will have elections in September. We will need to create an elections commission. Proposed moving the intent to run period back a week from 9/11-9/14 to 9/18.

Elections will be on 9/26, unless that gets pushed back.

Proposed establishment of a regular meeting date.

Diversity Committee

Chair Manor gave her report.

Cast vision for committee. Shared about two summer goals: letter to international students and connect with them and diversity profile committee.

Asked people to spread the word and recruit nominees for profiles.

Student-Faculty Committee

Committee Member Emrick gave report for Chair Cuffe.

Deans have appointed the faculty to the committees. There are 15 committees; we get voting seats on 3 of them. The other 12 deal with protected information.

Shared about application on the website to vet interest about members on these voting committees.

Initial committee meetings with deans requesting large concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Joye brought up additional business. Noted that Southeastern SBA president’s are engaged in resource sharing that we will have access to in building our processes and creating ideas.

President Joye announced the formation of the office design committee. Committee will be in charge in designing space and designated the office space appropriately (with feedback). They will have to create a detailed budget for all work to be done. Budget will be presented to Dean.

President Joye discussed the Grad Cup. Created an Athletics Committee, and appointed Governor Cadavid as chair.

President Joye formation of Committee for Upcoming 1L Representative Election (Parliamentarian)

Action Item: SBA-wide Board of Governors doodle for most available time for standing meeting.

Board of Governors, via President Joye, requested preliminary rules and expectations for committees.

President Joye announced a BOG and E-Board social. President Joye would be personally paying for any alcoholic beverages.

VOTING

Cadavid moved to vote on Pro Bono week. Fils-Aime seconded. Social Chair Lengacher inquired about the co-sponsoring organizations and funding.

S.O. Liaison Jacobs made a POI. Clarified that new features would require money now.

Lengacher made another POI regarding how funding would be allocated—to student orgs or all from SBA?

Chair Campbell talked about the role of co-sponsoring and the needs of recognition.

10 yea, 2 nay for the motion to vote on funding allocations for Pro Bono.

Chair Campbell took questions.

S. O. moved to bifurcate events and Gerbier second. Ellis objected.

6 yea, 5 nay, 1 abstention.

Vote to bifurcate Pro Bono week allocations requests approved. Fils-Aime asked about moving week. Chair Campbell

Motion to fund food for Justice Pariente keynote. ($200)

13 yea, 1 abstention

Funding approved.

Motion for funding social justice lawyering. ($250)

9 yea, 1 nay, 3 abstaining.

Funding approved.

Treasurer moved to vote on policy.

14 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstaining.

Motion passed.

Parliamentarian’s motion for registration period from 11-15 to 18-22 and moving voting to 9/26 for 1L, LLM and transfer elections.

Vote to floor.

14 yea, 1 abstention.

Motion passed.

Communications Social Media Policy

Gerbier moved to table.

6 yea, 6 nay, 3 abstention. President broke tie. Motion denied.

Moved to vote to implement as is.

6 yea, 6 nay, 3 abstention. President broke tie Motion approved.

Motion to have food at SBA meetings.

SO Liaison asked about where it would be funding from. President Joye said it would come from operations.

4 opposed, 1 abstention, 10 yea.

Motion passes.

Floor Discussion from Student Body:

Question raised about why we have TWEN, Canvas, and other sites. Suggestion for single platform.

Question raised about communications committee functions and the duplicity of social committee functions. Comms Officer Badida and Social Chair Lengacher discussed responsibilities and goals of the committee to centralize and streamline communication.

Question about listserv capacity. President Joye explained difficulties in reaching entire student body.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned at 7:20