

Georgetown Law Student Bar Association

Term 2008-2009



Student Bar Association
House of Delegates Meeting
Agenda - February 24, 2009

9 p.m. Welcome & Roll Call.

9:05-9:15 p.m. Announcements.

1. President:
 2. VPs: Day & Evening
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer
- Contact Miguel with questions

6. Elections Committee: Elections: Dates, Procedures, Voting.

--Thanks to the committee for all the work
Elections start tomorrow

7. Lawyers Have Hearts - Elena Romerdahl

--We get points for all the money and everyone who signs up. If anyone wants to win or help, come to the subcommittee meeting.

8. Any additional Announcements.

WWD multicultural fair tomorrow. Tons of food.

SBA award nominations--Matt is going to be doing it.

Nadia is going to be meeting to discuss Marketplace--if you want anything please talk to her.

Coffee will be starting at Friday at 830 pm FREE.

9:20 p.m. - when needed. Resolutions.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment 0802 - Length of Term of Outgoing Officers and Delegates

--Seconded by Joshua.

Kathryn: This is just to correct the previous language that pinned us into April so that new delegates can get the ball running. No good reason to have the old board being lame duck.

William BV--A lot of people are transferring to the day schedule. Can we address that?

Kathryn--That can be addressed in a separate amendment.

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Matt B-We've talked about this.

Leon-Even if you change, you will still be a member on this meeting day. You can change the election date, this will still be good.

Miguel-Can we change "former" to "outgoing."

Open debate on amendment-No.

Motion to close debate-Pass

Vote FOR 31 to 0

Motion for the amendment-30 to 1 to 0 ADOPTED.

Proposed 0820 - Financial Aid

--Alex: Problem with the financial aid office-if you are getting money back, they have to send you a letter telling you to return it within 14 days. They have sent it too late the past couple semesters, and the financial aid office benefits from it. It should be investigated and brought to people's attention.

--Bryan M-We put a lot down when we're filling out our FAFSA, and we need to make sure it's being taken care of. Talked to more people, bigger problem than one person.

Questions

John-Have you contacted bigger organizations?

Joshua-Talked to Dean Pruett yet?

Leon-There's a committee that deals with financial affairs. Someone in the SBA is in that student faculty committee but I don't think they have met this semester. (Ebony). Good person to investigate.

Motions:

Justin-take that material benefit clause because that is making a conclusion.

Alex-That will be a friendly amendment.

Katherine-Should we be looking at the 2 members appointed?

Leon-Not necessary now.

Joshua-There are spaces for debate.

Kathryn-Any amendments? No.

Matt-Call to question.

Vote to close debate: 29 to 0 FOR

Vote on the resolution-31 to 0 FOR (passes)

Proposed 0821 - Gmail Groups

--Resolution seconded

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--John-This is just so we can send whatever we want. Once you become a member, you should be willing to read all the emails. You can email anyway by posting people's addresses. Apologize for the other list.

William BV-Isn't there always a moderator?

Leon-No, they manage.

Justin-Does this even do anything?

Miguel-What do you do if someone sends porn?

John M-Expel that member.

No whereas clauses.

John M-I think we can direct our officers to operate in a manner that we want. The google groups is the way we've chosen to send out our stuff

Matt B-Whoever is in charge of the group should have the power to moderate it. The messages can get out of hand.

Sam-I think this can be a good idea to make the meetings shorter.

Naureen-I don't have time to moderate if we have open debate.

Kevin-I think the benefit of open debate outweighs the cost.

Nyasha-I second Naureen's point. Also want to say that I respect you having talked about it but I think we need to respect the time of people.

John F-the complaints will go away if there is no moderation expectation. We can delete a few emails; it's not that hard.

Leon-There is a new system (SON). She will encourage all of you to use it. That will have a blog. People love to write word diarrhea.

Vote on the resolution: 9 FOR, 17 AGAINST, 4 ABSTAIN

9:40pm: Committee meetings.

Time: 10pm. Meeting Adjourned.