

**Georgetown Law Student Bar Association  
Term 2008-2009**



February 10, 2009

Student Bar Association  
House of Delegates Meeting

9 p.m. Welcome & Roll Call.

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

1. President:

-Student Faculty Committee Updates

Some committees are more active than others. After the report Leon and Kevin made, the Dean is going to make sure they are more active  
Will be done through ODOS.

-Alumni Professional Network

Keeps getting postponed but as soon as it is up, we will work on reaching out to people through student groups, etc. We've gotten lots of hits to our websites.

2. VPs:

-Day

-Evening

Student tuition issue—have been paying 5K more, and you pay more if you take more credits than needed to graduate. We brought this up with the administration and they acknowledged the gap is larger than they liked and over the next few years they will not increase the E students tuition as much as the day students. Also will make a form to waive the extra fee if you take extra units (up to a reasonable amount).

3. Secretary

4. Treasurer

Resolutions will be passed. Thanks to everyone on his committee for doing a great job, especially over the last two weeks.

5. Special Envoys to Registrar Talks

Matt discussed whether scheduling semester by semester would work better—they will think about it for 2010-2011 year. SBA will likely be the focus group for that issue. We

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have the resources for that, and may end up doing a resolution on that issue.

Also, one of the student faculty committees not doing anything is the Tech one, and we're using them as the focus group for registrar web re-design and one other, so they will be working closely with the registrar.

Patrick met with them about the grade deadline—Dean O'Neill is going to the faculty and asking that the grade deadlines be moved up another week. The idea has been moving up week a year—which has been the idea for the past few years but didn't work this time. They're trying to eventually move up to the mid of January. They already encourage faculty to do 1L grades first and the ones that were late only had 1L classes. In terms of what happened this year, it wasn't a registrar decision—it was made on the Dean level. The grades were supposed to be due the day after inauguration but that didn't happen because they were being too ambitious and it changed expectations for students while the faculty wasn't even aware. OCS miscalculated and said it didn't matter, but they were obviously wrong. Kathryn will summarize the meeting.

Matt—we interact with the people who do the policy through the registrar. This is a curriculum student faculty committee issue. It gets shuffled down to the registrar.

Matt J—the principle reasons for not moving it up too much is that they don't want faculty to grade on Christmas and they have to manage people who have to reschedule exams.

John M—who tells the faculty when their grades are due?

Matt J—The registrar says the deadline, but there's not much they can do if it's late.

Will—Can we be informed of when our grades are due?

Matt B—Will bring that up.

Sam—Is there a follow-up meeting?

Matt—Done meeting, now just doing.

Sam—Can we have a focus group?

Patrick—Keep in mind they have to go through main campus every time too.

John M—Was there an explanation for not being able to find exams for exam review?

Matt B—Will talk about that.

Matt J—Will be soliciting student input on potential changes to the grading scale, so if you have any idea of the ideal system, we may be able to discuss it at the next meeting. We're having a meeting on the formats this Friday,

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so any time after that I can give you a lowdown on what we're considering.

6. Elections Committee.

-Elections: Dates, Procedures, Voting.

Ryan-We have a nifty new website, and its up. Elections committee has to meet to discuss rules.

Leon-Need to amend constitution to get out early.

Kevin-We can nominate people.

Miguel-What are we aiming to change in the constitution? We want to get out, but it might not be practical to have people leave as soon as we can get in.

7. Any additional Announcements.

Ebony-We have a Dean who is sick, and there could be something from the student body.

9:15-30 p.m. Committee Meetings.

1. Social -- Barrister's Ball planning
2. Evening Students -- Th Throw Down planning
3. Elections -- Elections planning.
4. Judiciary -- Food 4 Thought planning
5. Technology -- Next steps on Registrar Action Items.

9:30 p.m. - when needed. Resolutions.

Proposed 0815 - Supplementary Funding Request from J. Reuben Clark Society (US Congress Chaplains)

Miguell--CLS, JLSA and (probably) MLSA are trying to get the Chaplains from the House to speak at Georgetown Law with a reception. They're trying to submit a proposal for \$630 to pay for that reception. The Appropriations Committee looked at it and approved unanimously and are presenting to the House.

John M-Friendly amendment to strike the first whereas clause and then name the groups later.

Miguel-Not a friendly amendment.

Vote-1 FOR, 20 AGAINST

Matt B-Call in question, seconded

Leon-are we for cutting off debate? 1 AGAINST, 20 FOR

Voting-19 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAIN.

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Proposed 0816 - Supplementary Funding Request from Innocence Project (John Grisham event).

The Innocence Project is bringing John Grisham to do a Q and A on his 2006 came the Innocent Man. We are fully funding a reception for \$716. It was awesome to get this super-famous guy here for free. Innocence Project is also in good standing with the administration.

John M-move to strike the first clause

Kevin-is the \$ amount enough?

Miguel-The clause that is different is that they have been trying to get outside funding but weren't able to cover it. It was going to be more lavish but for whatever reason the firm isn't covering it. If the funding comes through, the SBA money will not go to Innocence Project. In a show of good faith, they cut the budget in half for SBA.

Ryan-Can we amend it to make sure the funding doesn't go through if they get outside funding?

If the group receives outside funding, then the SBA funding would only be supplemental to that up to the appropriated \$716.

Leon-Vote to close debate on Ryan's amendment.

Vote in favor of amendment-17 FOR, 3 AGAINST, 1 ABSTENTION

Matt B-John, what is the point of this?

Vote to close debate on John's amendment-unanimous

John's amendment-FAILS 20 to 1

Miguel-VOTE on res with amendment-unanimous

Vote on resolution-20 YES, 1 NO.

Proposed 0817 - Creation of Market Place

Nadia-Making a Craigslist for GU Law students. They wouldn't update it. It's a crappy site. I want a resolution to go for it. Pablo refuses to update it because it would take too much time. But students want it. The site is not very friendly.

Matt B-Would you want student faculty committee support, etc.

Nadia-This is specifically for Gtown law, to post textbooks, etc. Can look into piggy-backing off a main campus one. Can be as simple as creating a link.

Miguel-Are there any issues with us having a market economy that is sponsored by the school?

Dana-That has come back before. But we at OSL and DOS have been talking about this but it hasn't been at the top of the list so we might be able to assist.

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John M—Can we make a few changes? Move to postpone to meeting of Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

Table the resolution—1 FOR, 20 OPPOSE

Vote on the resolution as is: 19 FOR 2 AGAINST—passes.

Meeting Adjourned.