

SBA House of Delegates Meeting February 23, 2010

President

Good Luck to all candidates running in elections!

Externship Report- Jim Secreto, student member of student-faculty committee on externships

Opportunity for SBA to have its voice heard on externships. Ad Hoc jobs task force looked into externships for the summer and for some for-profits like sports/media law. They are moving along with this process, and the proposal would go into effect for this summer if it passes. And it would include externships outside of DC. Problem with it though is that students wouldn't get EJP funding for it

Students came back with a proposal for increasing credits, allowing to do more than one, and not count against pass-fail limits

Georgetown has worst externship program of every other school, and in this economy, this is a tool that would really help them

Jim believes that we need an SBA resolution, as was surprised at the gap between the faculty and student perceptions

He wants a resolution by the end of March or before April faculty meeting

According to Lily, one of the reasons faculty are resistant is our clinical program, but clinics aren't meeting demands of students and professors may not be aware of this

Vice-President's Report

Elizabeth has compiled student-faculty reports for everything up until last week

Nadia will be meeting with Dean Bailin next week to discuss that some committees still haven't met

If anyone is on a committee that hasn't met, please let Nadia know

Evening VP Report

None

Treasurer's Report

Request from Habitat for Spring Break build- \$1,200

3 options- 1) full funding, 2) reduced to 1,000 and 3) no funding

Gucci then read the text of the resolution: **WHEREAS**, it is the policy of Georgetown University Law Center that student groups be wholly funded by the school and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Appropriations committee to consider all properly submitted requests for funding and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity, a student organization in good standing with the law center, in order to participate in its Spring

Break Build must purchase tools and building supplies and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity has priced their need for building supplies and requested those funds from the SBA Appropriations Committee.

Be it hereby resolved that:

One thousand dollars (\$1200.00) be additionally allocated to Habitat for Humanity in order to cover building costs for their Spring Break Build.

Informational Questions for Gucci

Why not full funding? Concern was that only 12 students would attend and it's a lot of money. Should SBA be in the business of charitable contribution?

Habitat has raised a ton of money themselves

Why didn't they come to us during regular budget process? They wanted the plan to be there first before they asked

We do have funds for the request

Informational Questions for Habitat rep. Hugh Carlson

Trip is to Bermuda

Using the money on tools for building and also provides tools for use in the future

How many people usually go on this trip? This is only the 2nd year, but last year there were 17

Why are the materials more expensive than the domestic builds? Because the NC site has materials on hand already and established, whereas in Bermuda that's not the case

How much have they raised themselves? Just under 2,000 and need another 3,500 or 4,000 but only asking for 1,200

Debate

Dave Yellin- Worried about charitable contribution element and the fact that it's only 11 students and that they waited until later in the process

Zach Caldwell- believes that the fact they waited was a good thing

Gucci- believes 1,000 should be enough

Lily- No reason not to use it for a good cause

Resolution Passes

Attorney General's Report

Academic Standards Committee looking at the residency requirement

It causes a problem for evening students who transfer to the day program- have to catch up their units during the summer

ABA later dropped this requirement and Georgetown maintains the requirement
Dean

Secretary's Report:

Come see Patrick if late

Dean search committee under way. National process, internal and external candidates. None yet. Goal to have recommendations submitted by the end of June. Collecting thoughts from entire campus community in what they want to see in a new Dean.

Small group of Student Leaders. SBA Survey tomorrow of students and what they would like to see in the next Dean.

May be other opportunities for student input, but this is the first.

Sam:

Survey will ask to rate attributes. Add that to qualitative feedback.

E-mail will go out around noon tomorrow.

Do we solicit people or do people apply?

Professor King is the chair of the committee. Kingp@law..

New dean in place by...hopefully beginning of the next school year

Special Events Report

Under budget at the moment for Barrister's Ball!

Likely going to be a \$50 ticket

Ticket sales begin the week after Spring Break

Appetizers and beer and wine included

Elections Committee

Elections will open at 9am tomorrow and shut down on Friday at 11:59pm

Mumi will announce the winners on Saturday morning hopefully

Social Committee

Habitat Bar Review at BlackFinn Thursday