

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



December 2nd, 2008

9 p.m. Welcome & Roll Call.

9:05-9:10 p.m. Announcements.

1. President:

- Save the date April 4th for Barrister's Ball. Do not email Leon. We will deal with it next week.
- Registrar meeting went well.
 - a. Overview of work to date.
 - b. Website Trends.
 - Between march of last year and now, the website has had 7000 hits. Lots of hits after we send the broadcast email.
 - Shows that they are getting seen.

Matt James did a poll—the school is thinking of moving to a pass-fail system. Show of hands for who is in favor—fairly evenly divided.

2. VPs

- Kevin
- Discrepancy in tuition that Even students pay--\$5000 more than day students.
- They (Dean Aleinikoff's office) are looking into it.
- Sam:
- Talked to EIC of Journal about clerkships.

3. Secretary:

- a. Google groups update.
 - Books for Africa reminder
 - Can join a discussion group.

4. Treasurer: Brief Announcement re Appropriations.

- Budget is done after 70 hours of work
- Thanks everyone in the committee who helped
- Every single member of the committee was there at some point.

5. Technology Subcommittee: Meeting with Registrar and Dean O'Neil.

- Went well

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- However, the CDs for take-home isn't going to work but will try to work on the printing issue.
- Exam notification procedures: Will be posted online on the registrar's website 30 minutes before each exam, and have been promised it will go well for finals.
- Changing the course registration processes—we're not exactly sure why some of the rules are out there, so after this meeting there will be a section on the registrar's office for FAQs and will allow people to see the reasons for policies. Then they can decide whether or not to take issues to administration.
- The reason why you have registering for classes a year at a time—students asked for it. Allows them to decide whether or not to take a class that needs a prerequisite.
- Shows that before we take an issue to the registrar, we should poll people.
- Other issues on survey that they took to the administration—submission of exams online.

Memo they took to the registrar is online, and the summary of the meeting and survey will be too.

FOOD AND FITNESS COMMITTEE

- Email Jan at ljo6@law.georgetown.edu if you have any issues before he meets with Bon Appetit.
 - Anything you want the administration to become aware of—such as problems with gym equipment.
6. OSL: various announcements.
- Hosting Night Own Breakfast next Tues night.
 - Also annual angel tree drive—books for kids and high school students.
 - Poll on yearbook—majority favored.

9:10 p.m. Business.

Old Business

1. Proposed Amendment 0801: Joint Degree Students
 - Earlier this fall JD/MSFS joint degrees Marc and Julia were looking at opportunities to get involved in setting up an organization or

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something of the like to target employers,
administration and each other.

- Met with Deans on campus.
- Bailin and McCarthy suggested a joint degree student organization
- They saw that there were about 80–85 students. Substantial enough administration needs to get a delegate.
- Think problems with the last version were ironed out. Timing of the voting and only one delegate for joint degrees in spring elections.
- (thanked John for new version)
- There is some problem with those who don't know that they will be a joint degree student at that time.
- Matt: amend to including elections for Executive Board.
- Joshua: Make proportional delegation?
 - Miguel: Makes it more complicated.
 - Also hard to find delegates.
- Vote: Unanimous FOR; this passes.

New Business

2. Proposed Resolution 0811: Budget for Spring 2009
(a.k.a ALICE)

- Discussion of whether to do budget or note first.
- Miguel introduced budget.
- Budget is in the red by 6,782 dollars (48000-54782)
- But this year we have extra money because of good budgeting.
- Had a couple of appeals, but Federal Society got \$200 more.
- Where does the extra money go?
 - GD account.
 - Every year student groups don't spend all their money. That money will roll over to the GD

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account that is available for discretionary use. This year it's high because we had a balanced budget.

- o It's how we pay for Barrister's Ball and supplemental funding, etc.
- Allocation is not actually spending, it's depositing money in the student accounts.
- Why did Federal Society get a huge cut? They have a huge spring event—Lifetime Service Event. Last year they said they would do it in the fall, and we told them to be sure and guarantee they would not only do it but also not spend the money on something else. They broke those promises.
 - o No liberal conservative bias.
- LSRJ submitted a timely request, but will be discussed later. Their request was for \$1460.
- Motion to amend to add the LSRJ budget (Will Drake).
 - o Consequence is that it takes up more of our time.
 - o No bad consequences to SBA and will not actually result in funding.
 - o Will Drake: Why are we putting this in our budget? Don't legislate the policy.
 - o John M: They can say that Gtown Univ is no longer a Catholic university. Need to stay with identity.
 - o Sam: Amount of effort going into it is great. But we don't have to support it.
 - o Miguel: They make great points and I agree politically. But that is not the issue here. SBA has a job to fund all the groups on campus and the mere possibility of hijacking the funding for all the groups on one issue... We need to submit the budget in good faith. The note shows our debate.
 - o CALLED TO QUESTION—CLOSED SPEAKER LIST AFTER 4 SPEAKERS
 - o Ebony: Budget of good faith would not be derailed.

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- o Nadia: This is not a political matter. Want to change the rule, change it. Not by flaunting it. We have the power to actually change it. I would fully support a resolution to change the rule.
 - o Joshua: Knowing the financial situation right now on the university, etc. I don't think it's ridiculous to say that is the issue.
 - o Matt: Pragmatist—this is not getting the funding and will jeopardize LSRJ's standing as an unofficial organization.
 - o No roll call vote.
 - o OSL: No bad consequences.
 - o VOTE ON AMENDMENT: 17 PASS-16 FAIL-2ABSTENTIONS this passes.
 - o AMENDMENT: If a student organization that cannot be funded is funded, no other group can be founded.
 - Call to question.
 - Vote on Amendment: 3-27 Fails.
 - o Vote to vote on budget with amendment: 22 FOR; 11 AGAINST; 1 ASBTENTION this passes
3. Proposed Resolution 0812: Note on the Budget
- Called into question.
 - Amendment: FOR 27 AGAINST 5
 - Resolution: 27 FOR 3 AGAINST 1 ABSTENTION; this passes
4. Proposed Resolution 0813: Resolution on the Budget (PAL & LSRJ)
- PAL: A couple of brief things—we are a pro-life group but not exclusively anti-abortion. A lot of our focus is on death penalty, euthanasia, bioethics. The only events we have set for next semester are with LSRJ and this would tank free speech. We ask that all groups on campus getting funding.
 - LSRJ: Don't support this resolution. Our existence on campus is to create open dialog and it would be anti our position to take away that balanced discourse. The resolution did not come from us. Don't support it at all.
 - Call to question.

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- Vote on resolution: 31 AGAINST; this Resolution fails.

Guests

Abby Fee

Justin Murray

Marc Sorel

Julia Follick

Dana