

10.23 SBA Meeting

Dean Treanor Presentation

- Major Goals Moving Forward
 - Increasing experiential learning opportunities
 - Clinics (Hired 6 clinical faculty members in last several years)
 - Practicums (10 yr ago 4 now around 40)
 - Internships (10 yr ago 60, now around 600)
 - Access and affordability
 - Has been a guiding goal and views it as core to Georgetown's identity
 - Making adjustments based on how the law is changing
 - Biggest change: rise of technology
 - New LMM program on technology
 - 19 faculty in the tech space
 - 3 clinics, tech fellows, journal
 - Grow centers and Institutes
 - Tied into interdisciplinary work
 - Want to bring in students to learn from faculty members
 - E.g. now students sit in on SC moots
 - Bought the building across the street – to be a space for centers
 - Academic excellence
 - One of the great law schools in the country and want to ensure remains as such
- Budgeting / Tuition Increase
 - Inflation / rising costs
 - Cost of living increases and increases in costs (e.g. Health care, electricity)
 - Student support
 - Financial aid
 - Doubled financial aid at Georgetown
 - Supporting economic and racial diversity
 - Public interest support
 - LRAP
 - Post graduate programs to get into public interest
 - Give you 20K a year If graduate gets a match
 - DC affordable law firm
 - 6 graduates in low bono work
 - Changes in finances
 - Increase of tuition last 10 years from 45K to 62.2K
 - In this time was a 19K increase in student support (per student)
 - Discount rate (average students "discount" over base tuition)
 - 2007 was 15% now is 30%
 - Opportunity Scholarships (high merit, high need students)
 - 2005 were 4 scholars now are 86
 - Per T-14 peer group we have the 12th highest tuition
- Speech and Expression

- Believes it is important to hear all voices, including voices we disagree with
- Noted that anyone who speaks at Georgetown must commit to answering questions
- Triaxially policy that protestors wont be removed from the room
 - Dean has supported this
 - Support based on assurances from students when Jeff Sessions spoke that students would not shout down the speaker
- Action he is taking
 - 1. Committee on Speech and Expression will think about how to respond to protestors trying to silence a speaker
 - 2. Will look to follow university guidelines
 - Provide warnings to protestors
 - Allows for physically escorting protestors from an event and protestors can be subject to academic discipline

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- Status on McD renovations
 - Georgetown is in the process of acquiring properties in the area which can shift how McD would be used
 - A design team looked at McD
 - They noted several parts were not well constructed
 - It is really two different buildings
 - Space is often allocated as a “vacuum” on campus
 - A new space opens up and pressing needs get the new space
 - The firm recommended each building “be about something”
 - Hotung – student services
 - McD – classrooms and faculty offices
 - Looking to update clinical space
 - Looking to make a classroom built for more collaborative class settings
 - Library – more student study space
- How does your office facilitate communications between different departments
 - Some standing procedures
 - Monday lunches for sr. staff
 - Informal communications
 - COO meets regularly with sr. staff
 - This is an area for improvement
 - Considering digital platform to increase communications
- What will you do to support the tuition freeze
 - He hears the student desire both for no increase or a lower level of increase
 - He will keep this in mind when he goes through the process of assessing changes
 - He will continue to work with the financial services committee
- How are we working to improve / maintain our T-14 ranking
 - US News is on everyone’s and every law school dean’s mind
 - It is a particular metric (best known and what people follow)
 - The international rating is the QS rating – of AM law schools we are gen 8th
 - Why the disparity between the rankings
 - QS doesn't look at spending per student – US News does
 - Two dimensions spending per student

- Endowment
 - Our endowment is very low compared to peer schools
- Tuition – if there was additional tuition could be more spending per student
- He continue to challenge us news and world about this

Exec Updates

- Pres
 - Tower Green Update on Friday!
 - Retreat
 - Sunday!
 - Almost all of you have RSVP'd
 - Email with the breakdown of the day and directions are forthcoming
- Day VP
 - Thank you to the Special Events Committee
- Evening VP
 - Evening Student Brunch went really well!
 - Austin is planning the fall HH for evening students

Committee Updates

- Academic Affairs
 - Going to discuss changing externship component to pass / fail or detaching the grade from the curve
 - This seminar is the most complained about thing from graduating students
 - 1. How it is graded → feels like it is arbitrary
 - 2. Don't like the curriculum
 - Discussion on third externships – still looks like this will not be allowed at G-town
- ABA / DC Bar – No update
- Alumni
 - Reunion weekend – thank you to folks who went to events
 - Turnout was great and alumni office was pleased
 - Committee – will be int ouch shortly w/ talking about gateway
- Campus services
 - General committee
 - Looking into potentially discussing with Georgetown sponsoring metro passes
 - Campus Environment
 - Gym was open day before the holiday this past holiday
 - Mental health and wellness
 - Tabled last week – very successful
 - A lot of positive feedback about green ribbons
 - And a lot of follow up questions bout what this actually look ed like
 - Additional meetings about next steps w/ admin
 - Sexual assault
 - Campus climate survey came out
 - Working on conducting focus groups w Nicole

- Sustainability
 - Setting up meeting w/ market café folks
 - Talked w/ peter brown from facilities and got some answers on sustainable practices
 - Composting: he likes the idea, the biggest issue is space on campus
 - Was an initiative 4 yrs ago to do this in Gewirz, but there was little buy in from students
 - So would need more student buy in
 - Tried to update light bulbs to LED – the school does not have the funds, so now instead update them as they break
 - He wants to updated bathrooms in McD
 - We cant have hand dyers because they are too loud and there are not enough decibels
 - Earth day events have existed in the past – this could be an idea moving forward
 - Career Services
 - 2L OCI meeting before this meeting
 - Will take that feedback and give to OCS
 - One idea on encouraging OCS to do a mentorship and advisor program for like situated people
 - OCS is going to have a focus group on the changes this year
 - 1Ls interested in being OPICS point person please reach out
 - Diversity
 - Have secured a firm partnership for an event – would like to discuss with mental health and wellness subcommittee
 - Social
 - Bar review at Brixton hosted by APALSA
 - Wine down had wine today!
 - Special Events
 - Tower Green on the way!
- Open forum
 - Talking with the administration about issues with flu shots
 - Discussion on a general forum for job opportunities on campus (e.g. library, gym)
 - This may be on simplicity
 - Fire alarm going off today in McD – technical error