

**SBA Meeting  
October 9<sup>th</sup> 2019**

- Open Forum
  - o Brief discussion regarding Acting Secretary McAleenan's presence on campus on Monday and whether SBA should be more involved in selecting speakers
    - Clarification that Centers and Institutes can choose the speakers they want to bring to campus without oversight
    - Email jh2185 if you want to discuss this further
- Exec Board Updates
  - o President
    - Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Picnic and Movie night on the tower green – Coco
      - Prior to the movie will be burgers, snacks, churro maker
    - October 27<sup>th</sup> on main campus is our SBA 10 – 3 retreat
      - Breakfast and lunch will be provided
      - Goal setting, workshopping, etc.
      - Afterward optional event: Church Hall
  - o Day VP
    - Committees: have the non-SBA delegate committee members!
  - o Evening VP
    - Please keep evening students in mind when scheduling events
    - Evening student brunch at alumni weekend will be open to all evening students
  - o Secretary
    - Please let Rachel know if your nametag needs to be fixed
  - o Chief of Staff
    - Chief of Staff will be overseeing SBA – Student faculty committee communication this year.
  - o Attorney General
    - Chairs if you believe there is a change needed in the constitution please reach out to the AG.
- Committee Updates
  - o Academic Affairs
    - Ongoing conversations with the student faculty committee about the curve and 1 L curriculum
  - o Alumni Initiatives
    - Gateway (law school LinkedIn to facilitate connections) – in the process of adding alumni to the program and *should* be ready for a spring launch
    - Please sign up for reunions!
  - o ABA and DC Bar Liaison
    - The DC Bar will be coming by next Tuesday to table
  - o Campus Services
    - General
      - Textbook access: in process
      - Ongoing discussions with OSL regarding student reservation overhaul

- Campus Environment
      - Microwaves
        - Replaced one last week!
        - Added signs about how to use the microwaves and where to find other microwaves
      - Gym
        - Waiting to hear back on hours discussion
        - Seems like it will be open on Sunday (before campus holiday)
    - Health and Wellness
      - Tomorrow is mental health awareness day
      - Health FAQs will partner with if / when / how to create
  - Elections
    - Newly elected folks – please reach out to discuss about improvements you would like to see to the process
  - Social
    - Bar review at nellies this week
    - Wine down went well today
  - Special Events
    - Fall picnic – need a name for it so think about that please
    - Barristers ball – will be in early February
- Resolutions
  - 2019-2020-14: Student Faculty Committees Appointments
    - Passes unanimously
  - 2019-2020-14: Committee Member Appointments
    - Passes unanimously
  - 2019-2020 Recognition for Indigenous Peoples' Day
    - NALSA leadership presented on the resolution
      - Yesterday DC city council recognized Indigenous Peoples' Day
      - Movement across the United States
      - Want to embrace our Native American population, understand the impact and sacrifices of the community, and to promote inclusion
    - Discussion regarding what else SBA can do to help with this goal
      - First step is this resolution
      - Can look at other ideas: e.g. school wide emails
    - Passes unanimously
  - 2019-2020-17: Tuition Affordability and Transparency
    - Presentation from Josh Mogil of the Finance Student Faculty Committee
      - This resolution is signed by all of the students on the student faculty committee this year and last year
      - The resolution calls for:
        - Transparency
          - Last year the tuition increase was not announced nor explained
        - A tuition freeze at inflation
          - Main campus called for this last year

- Goal of the freeze is to facilitate conversations about department needs and be able to see where any future increases are going more directly
    - Show the student body's desire to have more information about tuition
- Questions and Answers
  - There are segregated funds for capital improvements (e.g. Gewirtz renovations)
  - This is not a binding resolution – it is a call for a freeze
  - The strategic plan is not currently shared with students, will ask for more transparency
  - Tuition went up 3.7% last year
  - Administration rationale for not sending out an email was to not bother students with another email
    - Josh will check to see if SBA could send out an email this year
  - Other T14 law schools have taken similar actions
  - Conversation regarding the value of centers and institutes
  - Have been conversations about mental health and increased student debt
- Debate
  - We want Georgetown to be a great institution, but to be one it needs to be accessible
  - Want more conversations about centers being more actively involved in strengthening our reputation and how to balance costs
  - This is a great gesture towards transparency
  - Important to guard scholarships and to ensure a diverse Georgetown
  - Important to lower costs to maintain a diverse culture and help with mental health concerns.
- Vote: passed unanimously