**Senate Meeting Minutes**

Date: Monday, October 7, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Robert C. Khayat Law Center, 1090

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order**
   1. Conner Whitten, SBA Vice President
   2. Called to order at 6pm
2. **Roll Call**
   1. Chas Ellzey, SBA Secretary

Shelby Masters 3L – present

Whitney Jackson 3L – present

Michael Lambert 3L – present

Johnny Douglas 2L – present

Camp Pittman 2L – present

Roe Powell 2L – present

L.T. Allen 1L – present

Nicole Bracey 1L – present

Keveon Taylor 1L – present

1. **SBA Executive Officer Updates**
   1. Finances & Membership
      * Membership Dues $125.00 (increased from $100 on Sept. 30th)
      * Halloween, Christmas/ Holiday, End of School/Crawfish: $30.00 (*Tentatively)*
      * Barristers Ball: $80.00 (*Tentatively)*
      * Payment for each event w/o dues = $90 (Halloween + Holiday + Crawfish @ $30 each) + $80 (Barristers) = $170.
        1. Savings by paying dues = $45
      * Request for dates of each event, or at least a range of possible dates so that students can plan accordingly and see if the value is there for them.
      * Graphic of savings needs to go out in weekly email, with tentative dates or something like “last day of exams” so that students know where
      * $175 for law student + non-law student partner
      * Incorporate savings re: member & guest vs. non-member & guest
      * Senators feel there need to be more easily communicable and tangible benefits of membership, and that dues are already bordering on too high of a price.
   2. Harvest Carnival — Oct. 10 (*Volunteers for Haunted House* *10:00, 2:00, & 6:00*)
      * Mental Health Awareness Day: Wear Green Oct. 10
        1. Wednesday Oct. 9th 12:30-1:30 Dr. Jessica Cole brief 5-7 minute presentation about mental health as a law student / lawyer
        2. Law School counselor will also be present to give remarks
        3. Asking student orgs to host table
           1. Mental health & art
           2. Mental health & writing
           3. Mental health & physical health
        4. On Thursday, please wear green and stop by to get a pin supporting mental health awareness day
      * Truck Needed
   3. \*Counseling Center’s Candlelight Vigil for Suicide Awareness (*Lyceum, October 10, 6:30*)
   4. SBA Halloween Party — Oct. 31(*The Levee-Tentatively*)
      * this location is chosen so that there is more indoor space in the case of rain
      * law school will have the entire building rented out – only law students and their guests will be allowed
   5. Senator Contact Information
      * Informational Boards/ SBA Email
      * Centralized email should be started – potentially [umsbasenators@gmail.com](mailto:umsbasenators@gmail.com) that all senators have login credentials to
      * Putting this information on the SBA website, listing blurb for each senator/officer
      * Please update your description for the website if you wish to include your contact info on the website
   6. Facebook/ GroupMe Posts
      * SBA facebook page – we should begin posting senator updates, events, etc. here
   7. Informational Boards
   8. Yearbooks
      * Issue re: having to order 100 yearbooks @ $35 each, never able to sell all of them so losing a good deal of $
      * Last year, switched to pre-sale but still failed to meet quota and were given a one-time exception
      * Dean used to purchase a yearbook for each faculty member, which used to put us over the quota, but these have now been classified as gifts. UM cannot give gifts because of tax status, so this safety net of meeting the yearbook quota has been taken away.
      * Potential solutions:
        1. class composites?
        2. Moving to the larger, UM yearbook?
        3. Allocate certain pages in our yearbook for ads, potentially seeking firm sponsors. Also seeking personal ads from families.
      * Issue re: yearbook committee, and who is willing to run it? Recently, around six people have reached out about helping out if we are able to fund them.
      * 2L’s and 3L’s will be able to retake a photo when the 1L’s take theirs during orientation. Perhaps we need a second opportunity for this as well?
      * You can ask Christine Steube for an updated professional headshot at any time
      * Email at the end of the year soliciting photos of students for consideration to be published in the yearbook. Social media drop box type setup.
      * **Senate has expressed a general consensus to keep the yearbook by selling ads or other financial means.**
      * Potentially tying yearbook orders into SBA dues? Giving members a tangible thing from their membership.
      * SBA executive board potentially setting up a yearbook committee of volunteers under their supervision. Ask for limited # of volunteers like social committee in the past.
   9. \*Book Share Database
      * Potential platform connecting students where they can post info on a book they have and want to get rid of, where other students can reach out to them about purchasing/borrowing that particular book
      * Permanent link on Facebook page or SBA website – easily accessible location where students can post about and look for books
      * Using google drive as a bulletin board where books can be posted
      * Making students aware of this page before classes begin
      * Potentially tying the book share database to SBA membership – allowing 1L’s access, but requiring 2L’s and 3L’s to pay dues in order to use the
   10. Communication/ Emails
2. **SBA Constitutional Meeting Requirements** 
   1. Article II Requirements
      * Must meet numerically once a month for each month of classes
      * Such rule requires a meeting for November, option to meet twice in October instead of meeting again in the first week of November
      * **Senate has decided to meet the last Monday of October, the 28th @ 6pm**
      * Meeting for January will be the first Monday when classes resume
3. **New Business** 
   1. Senators
      * Parking – it’s impossible
        1. potentially moving the motorcycle slots to back by the loading dock
        2. Faculty lots which aren’t used? Need lots of facts, but the faculty lots by the law school seem half empty a lot of the time. Super difficult in dealing with parking services and presenting evidence.
        3. Potentially sharing parking secrets?
        4. Can we get a few empty spots in the Law faculty lot reserved for those with interviews so that they don’t have to walk across campus in their nice clothes? Or potentially give out temporary passes allowing those with interviews to park in faculty lot so they can still look professional for interviews.
        5. Potentially getting rid of some grass?
      * There will be another fall apparel order coming out soon
4. **Next Senate Meeting**
5. **Adjournment**
   1. **Adjouned at 7:14 pm**