



SBA Council Meeting Agenda

November 16, 2021 12:05 pm- 12:55 pm

- I. Call to Order -- Melvin**
- II. Roll Call -- Parker**
 - A. Absent - Leanne McAbee
 - B. 19 voting members total -- 18 present -- Quorum met
- III. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes**
 - A. Motion - Harsh
 - B. Second - Brian
 - C. Vote: passed unanimously
- IV. Special Orders**
 - A. Student Life -- Lillie (she has to leave early for Trial Ad)
 1. Family day (\$)

Family Day

- Likely April 2, 2022
- This is a time for families to come to the law school, have a fake class, and see mock trial/moot court demonstrations
 - Cancelled in 2020 because of COVID, Virtual event in 2021
- The banquet is held at night and includes a dinner
 - Book awards for 2021 are recognized as well as the awards students vote on for other students and faculty
 - Students are also recognized for SBA, Law Review, any of the competition teams, etc
- Attendees will purchase tickets for this event, so money will be made back
 - Likely \$20, then \$25 after a certain date
 - Ex. 350 attendees, \$20 each = \$7,000 back

Family Day Request

- **Requesting \$15,000**
- Looking to have this at the Marriott
 - Waiting to confirm date with them, but all other options are around the same amount
 - Food and Drink Minimum there is \$12,500 (same as barristers)
 - Food will be slightly more because it will be a buffet dinner versus hors d'oeuvres and desserts

- a) Motion - Sydney
- b) Second - Harsh
- c) Vote: passed unanimously



2. Golf Tournament (\$)

Golf Tournament

- Likely April 1, 2022
- This event is to raise money for the pro bono clinics
- Law firms can sponsor the event
 - 6 levels in 2019 ranging from \$500-\$5,00
- Looking at Lochmere (2019) or Lonnie Poole at NC State

Golf Tournament Request

- **Requesting \$10,000**
 - Still trying to figure out what this event looks like, but want to request enough money now
 - Some of the sponsorship money can likely help cut this cost
- a) Comes from spring SBA funds
 - b) We would like to go ahead and appropriate the money so the committee can start planning over break
 - c) Look in sba blackboard page for minutes past
 - d) Motion: Lillie
 - e) Second: Jaden
 - f) One vote against (Asia)
 - g) Vote: 1 against, 17 for → passed by majority

B. Director Byrne

1. Early Saturday morning, November 20th is the Christmas parade in downtown Raleigh
2. Participants will be riding community bike and walking alongside it
3. Participants should wear Campbell orange
4. They need at least 10 students, but right now about 3 or 4 are signed up
5. Parker Lucas asked if there was a way students can enter the building to watch the parade
 - a) Director Byrne answered that she will look into this



6. If you are interested in participating, please email Director Byrne or Caroline Lonon to sign up

V. Committee Reports

- A. Appropriations -- Christina
- B. Diversity -- Niayai
 1. Review of Lunch and Learn #1
 - a) About 60-65 students came, which was a great turnout
 - b) Professor fields could not attend because he had a minor car accident and another panelist had a family emergency and could not be there
 - c) This caused them to host a discussion instead regarding the topic of the panel
 2. Upcoming Lunch and Learn Ideas
 - a) The committee plans on hosting similar type of discussion in the future because it was so successful, at least two or three more
 - b) They plan to have a different staff member moderate each event - Director Fonville moderated the recent one
 - c) Caroline Lonon made a suggestion to have administrators present to at least hear what is being discussed
 - d) Niaya and the committee will talk about inviting administrators to listen to the discussions
 3. Upcoming Native American Heritage Month Statement
 - a) Be on the lookout for the upcoming statement regarding the Native American Heritage month!
- C. Elections -- Harsh
- D. Graduation -- Taylor
 1. Updates on Graduation
 - a) Last week, Taylor met with Director Byrne to discuss venues and budget
 - b) Currently, graduation will likely be at the Duke Center
 - (1) Indoor area
 - c) The graduation committee is usually responsible for the reception of the rehearsal
 - d) They are discussing having a banquet for 3Ls that guests can probably attend depending on the size of the venue
 - e) Taylor will be doing tours over Christmas break and will likely have a contract signed with the venue



- f) Taylor is also interested in providing aesthetic decorations at graduation for those taking pictures, most likely will ask to appropriate funds for this in the spring
- 2. Future 3L Day
 - a) The committee has discussed hosting a day to honor our 3Ls
 - b) The day would include activities such as updating their headshots, taking cap and gown photos/composites, offering food trucks, and other ideas
 - c) This day would be similar to a senior day in highschool
 - d) Asia - suggestion to include underclassmen to celebrate the 3Ls with them. Some senior days in high school only invited seniors and she would like this day to be more inclusive to have a good turnout
- E. Marketing + Communications -- Parker
 - 1. Winners Apparel (\$)
 - a) The winners of the T-shirt contest have decided on the apparel they would like to purchase
 - b) One sweatshirt - \$31.75
 - c) One shirt - \$19.75
 - (1) Total = \$51.50
 - d) Motion - Niaya
 - e) Second - Joanna
 - f) Vote: approved unanimously
- F. Rules + Judiciary -- Melvin
- G. SBA Cares -- Leanne
- VI. Executive Officer Reports**
 - A. President -- Caroline Lonon
 - 1. Caroline reached out to other SBA presidents of law schools in NC about doing a networking event/social event in the spring
 - 2. So far, UNC, Elon and Central have responded and are enthusiastic about the event
 - 3. If anyone has ideas or suggestions about what they would like to see at this event, please email Caroline
 - 4. Caroline's vision for the day is a cocktail hour, but she is open to discussing other options
 - B. Vice-President -- Melvin Holland



1. After hearing concerns that students are unfamiliar with their student representatives, Melvin thinks that we should put up a poster, board, or something similar near where the keurig is in the commons.
 2. The board would contain something like..."Get to know your SBA representatives"
 3. The board could offer information regarding the name, year, committee, position, and other fun facts of the SBA council.
 4. This would raise awareness for the student body to identify their representatives since not everyone reads their emails
 5. Taylor Pulliam made a suggestion to have town hall meetings with the student body to hear complaints/concerns. Possibly could do this monthly.
 6. Melvin plans to get everyones pictures and information submitted over break, we do not want to worry about this before exams.
 7. Taylor and Caroline suggested doing a google form after exams
- C. Secretary -- Parker Watson
- D. Treasurer -- Christina Belville
1. Please tell the presidents and treasurers of organizations that she will be sending out a "snapshot" of everyone's account ledger for their organization
 2. Please make sure the balance is correct regarding your expenditures for the fall semester
 3. This email will be coming after exams, but before going into next semester
 4. Please let her know if anything is missing

VII. Virtual Suggestion Box Matters

VIII. Open Floor for SBA Council

- A. Niaya - Suggestion for a spirit week or SBA week next spring
1. This week would be jam packed with SBA activities
 2. Christina - we could spread awareness for what each committee does and ask for feedback
 3. Asia - each day could be sponsored by a committee to help spread awareness
 4. We could have a "dress like a professor day"
 5. Joanna we could make sure people are aware that the diversity committee is an ad hoc committee
- B. Jaden - on the topic of raising awareness for the committees, we could have weekly or monthly presentations about what we're doing in SBA to let people know what we're doing



1. This could be tied together with Taylor's idea for a town hall meeting
- C. Jaden - the Student life and SBA cares committees could possibly be in charge of this. Joanna and Jaden were thinking about an event for the student body which would involve a comedy night infused with some motivational speaking. We could bring in professors and/or students to tell jokes and provide much needed motivation for the semester
 1. Niaya - Last year, there was a talent show hosted by pro bono and SBA. We could incorporate these two events for a fun night for students and staff
- D. Sydney - (on behalf of Lillie who had to leave for her trial ad class) Thanksgiving is tomorrow, please spread the word and come eat!
- E. Jesse - The marketing committee could share information about representatives on the social media platforms.
 1. Parker W- We could post pictures/information about representatives on the SBA instagram highlights.
- F. Gladys - Wondering if SBA cares about doing anything on reading day?
 1. Joanna - maybe could do a mediation monday before reading day
 2. Christina - women in law normally sponsors a breakfast
 3. Caroline - professors usually provide food/snacks the last week of school for students

IX. Public Comments from Student Body

- A. Brian Hedrick
 1. Expressed concerns about the Constitution
 2. Currently, there are 44 misspelled words and or grammatical errors in the Constitution and there are contradictions and vagueness concerns
 3. Asia responded that the student body voted on amending the constitution last year to improve it
 4. He also stated that we need more participation in SBA from the student body
 5. He was concerned that if someone has a critique or concern, most of the student body does not know what's going on in SBA to address those issues.
 6. He asked the council: Are we giving the best effort that we can possibly give?
 7. He asked the council to do a better job of raising awareness
 8. Jaden responded that we are a representative democracy and therefore, students should come to their representatives for questions and concerns
- B. Jordan Turner



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1. She agrees that students need to be more involved and also students should talk to their representatives
2. She has put suggestions in the suggestion box but has not received anything back.
3. She is wondering if there is a way for people to respond to suggestions in the box so that people know their concerns are addressed
4. Caroline responded that most of the suggestions in the box she is working on and has not gotten clarifications from higher sources about whether she can fix them or not. She is working on this and will let people know about their concerns when she hears answers.

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

XII. Adjournment

- A. Motion - Parker L
- B. Second - Taylor
- C. Vote: passed unanimously