Student Senate Committee Reports

Executive Board.  On Tuesday, the E-Board met with Tony Pallone (Director of Building Services) and Garrett Bergen (Building Manager) to discuss various building services issues. If you ever have any problems that building services could remedy, remember to email fix-it@law.columbia.edu. Specific Topics of discussion included: Climate control in classrooms, slowness of elevators during peak periods, cleanliness of JGH bathrooms, lighting problems late at night on ninth floor, and water pressure problems in drinking fountains. We also discussed the future of the staplers in the 3rd Floor Computer Lab. In the next week, students should notice a change as a spot will be cleared to the right of the printers for an electric stapler (20-30 page capacity), a heavy-duty stapler (80+ page capacity), and a three-hole punch. The color printer, which is now in that spot, will move to the right of the release station and one computer along that wall will be removed and placed somewhere else in the school.

Our next Senate meeting will be Tuesday at 8:30PM in JG 107. Dean for Administration and Finance, Ed Moroni, will be stopping by to discuss the potential impacts of the economic downturn on the school operating budget. We will also be approving Senate budget allocations for the semester and considering a resolution: "Urging Publication of the Final Exam Schedule Before the First Day of Classes."

Budget Committee. The budget committee met in a marathon session this weekend to determine spring 2009 student group allocations. The budget will be submitted to the full senate on Tuesday night. The full budget will be sent out to the student body by Wednesday, and information on the appeals process will be sent out to treasurers in the near future. For questions, please contact the treasurer: david.peters@law.columbia.edu

Parliamentarian. Best plans have been laid for the orderly operation of Tuesday's special budget meeting. These include unsolicited advice on agenda items and a thorough review of Robert's Rules, ch. XX. Contact: Ben Brickner at benjamin.brickner@law.columbia.edu

Recognition Committee. The Committee stands adjourned to the call of the chair. Contact: Ben Brickner at benjamin.brickner@law.columbia.edu

Housing and Facilities Committee. The Housing and Facilities Committee is continuing the same investigations as last week, in addition to following up on some comments that were submitted regarding the last update. The main issue that we are currently looking into is the placement of additional vending machines around the CLS amenities.

Graduation Committee. This Thursday, 2/12, the Graduation Committee is counting on ALL students to enjoy cupcakes and champagne while bidding on some of the most eligible 3Ls and LLMs at Sweet Treats of New York 2009 (2/12, 7pm, Drapkin). Further, nominations on Superlatives will begin this week – stay tuned for details! This past weekend, the Committee kicked off its Ciao! New York program with a guided tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which was exceedingly well attended. The program features a line of New York-y activities that graduating students may not have taken the time to enjoy during their time here.
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Social Committee. Social Committee is teaming up with the Bar Czars to bring CLS Valentine's Day Karaoke on Thursday at 420 (80th and Amsterdam) at 9:30, and teaming up with area law schools to put on the Heartbreakers' Ball at Hudson Terrace (46th and 11th) at 10:30. Additionally, we've circulated a MeetSheet to the student to fill out prior to Thursday's festivities, and will award free tickets to Barristers' Ball to a couple randomly selected persons who purchase their results. Finally, Columbia's athletic department has instituted a one-game pilot program to offer graduate students--the game is this Friday. We'll be having a tailgate at Lion's Head from 5 to 7. Stay tuned for more details.

Computers and Library. The Computers and Library committee had a productive meeting last week. We discussed the upcoming library expansion, library shelving protocol, exam software, the ongoing development of a law school wiki/blog site, and the possibility of a new daily events email that would be sent to the entire Columbia community. We discussed our priorities for the semester and have set goals as to what we hope to get rolled out this semester.

Community Action Committee. Last semester close to one hundred students donated blood at the CLS Blood Drive and we hope to host an equally successful blood drive this semester. If you're interested in helping to plan the event (date TBD), please contact Jessica Isokawa. The Student Senate clothing drive is ongoing. Donation bins are set up at the back of the east JG hallway. Remember, Columbia Community Outreach (CCO) will be held on March 28, 2009. In this organized day of community volunteers will engage in pre-arranged service projects throughout New York and then will meet back on campus for a celebration.

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The Spring 2009 Student Senate Roster

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Comments? E-mail: senate@law.columbia.edu
Senate Meeting Agenda—February 10, 2009

I. Call to Order and Roll

II. Anne Fiero, Development Coordinator
   Information on the Irell and Manella Prize, awarded to a first-year law student demonstrating outstanding leadership, academic excellence, and good citizenship in the community. (5 min.)

III. Ed Moroni, Associate Dean for Administration and Finance
   Presentation and Discussion on the Law School budget and financial condition. (25 min.)

IV. Officer Reports

V. Committee Reports

VI. Approval of Fall 2008 Student Group Allocations
   Introduction by David Peters, Treasurer.

VII. Exam Schedule Resolution
   Introduction by Dan Y. Shin, Dustin Crawford, Yael Fischer and Hiram Pagano.

VIII. Goals Sheet Follow-up
   Presentation of specific objectives for spring semester and call for volunteers. (10 min.)

IX. Student Refrigerator Access
   Presentation by Brittany Schoepp. (10 min.)

X. New Business

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjourn
Events Calendar, February 9-16, 2009

Monday, February 9
- CGLP: Christian Barry & Sanjay G. Reddy, “World Trade as if People Matter.” 12:00 - 1:00 PM; WJW 103. Pizza.
- Careers in Law Teaching Lunchtime Workshop: “From Public Interest Practice to Teaching” 12:10 - 1:00 PM; JG 940. Pizza.

Tuesday, February 10
- “Clerkship Breakfast” 8:45 AM; Drapkin Lounge. Breakfast.
- HRI Lunch Speaker Series: “On The Frontlines: A Conversation with International Aid Worker Tara Newell” 12:00 - 1:00 PM; JG 105. Lunch served.
- “Non-Legal Careers Panel Discussion” 12:10 - 1:00 PM; JG Annex.
- “Columbia Seminars on International Commercial Arbitration” 4:15 - 6:15 PM; JG 103
- “CIAA Roundtable with Mr. Renaud Sorieul” 6:30 - 8:00 PM; JG 940. Limited seating, RSVP.

Wednesday, February 11
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund: “Spring Semester Meeting” 12:05 - 1:00 PM; JG 722. Vegan lunch.
- “Constitutionalism by other Means? The Rebuilding of the Legislative Leviathan in China” 12:10 - 1:10 PM; WJW L104.

Thursday, February 12
- “Applying for a Clerkship: The Nuts and Bolts” 12:10 - 1:00 PM; JG 103. Lunch Provided.
- “Law Firm Delayed Start Dates” 12:10 - 1:00 PM; JG 101. Info for 3Ls.
- “Sweet Treats of New York & Date Auction” 7:30 - 10:00 PM; Lenfest Cafe. Pizza and Beer served.
- “Karaoke Night” 9:30 - 11:00 PM; Lounge 420

Friday, February 13
- “A Symposium Honoring the Contributions of Prof. Martha Nussbaum to the Scholarship and Practice of Gender and Sexuality Law” 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM; JG 104
- “Development Without Borders: Is Migration "Good" for Development?” 12:00 - 8:00 PM; JG 106 (conference) and JG Annex (reception)
- “CUPID Annual Conference” 12:30 - 5:30 PM; JG 106

Event information is taken from the Advisor, a Student Services e-publication. To have your event listed, follow the link below and submit the on-line form. These must be submitted by 10am on Thursday, the week BEFORE your event. http://www.law.columbia.edu/current_student/studentorgs_abc/studentorgevent/eventform.