Dear Students,

On Wednesday, you have a rare opportunity to vote on changes to the Student Senate constitution and electing 1L and LL.M./J.S.D class representatives. Elections information, including the proposed amendments and candidate statements are available from the Senate website at http://www.columbia.edu/cu/law/senate/elections.html.

Polls will be open Wednesday, Sept. 10th, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. outside JG 104.

With its last significant revision almost 20 years ago, the Senate constitution served a different purpose for a different law school in a different time. The Senate endorsed the attached changes by a two-thirds vote during a special meeting last Tuesday. These changes would provide for, among other things, (1) a smaller Senate, (2) representation of transfer students, and (3) a number of corrections and modifications to bring the Senate into the 21st century.

We encourage you to contact current Senators with your questions so that you can make informed decisions on Sept. 10th. Most of all, we invite you to play a role in shaping our school by participating in this historic vote.

Sincerely,
Max M. Miller
Student Senate President

On Friday, September 5, over 800 students, faculty, and administrators attended the first annual CLS B(law)ck Party. The event included a live band, a dunk tank, food, prizes, as well as various activities provided by over 50 CLS student organizations. Funding for the event was provided by the Student Senate and Student Services. The Senate would like to thank Craig Greiwe and Meredith Uhl for their hard work in organizing the event. Thank you as well to everyone who was able to attend and make the B(law)ck Party a huge success!
Your 2008-2009 Student Senate

Executive Board
Max Miller, President
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Email us at senate@law.columbia.edu

Visit the CLS Student Senate webpage at http://www.columbia.edu/cu/law/senate.

Elections for 1L and LL.M./J.S.D. Senators will be held on Wednesday, September 10th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1Ls will be able to vote for 15 candidates and LL.M./J.S.D.s will be able to vote for 5 candidates. Voters can also write-in candidates. Candidacy statements are posted on the Student Senate Bulletin Board. The candidates are as follows:

LL.M./J.S.D. Candidates
Peter Lochore
Mathias Oleskow
Patryk Labuda
Hiram Pagano Filho

1L Candidates
Mike Anderson
Kevin Baroumand
Lauren Bragin
Aditi Chatterjee
Rex Chatterjee
Michelle Ghaznavi Collins
Peter D’Angelo

Lisa Giunta
Gillian Horton
Kathleen Hunker
Matt James
Gregory K. Johnson
Christina Kim
Erik Lindemann
Oscar Loui
Andrew McCormick
Celia Muller
David Parkinson
Ellen Presley
Brittany J. Schoepp
Kristine VanHamersveld
Kahlil Williams
Charles Wolf
Official Senate Announcements

ServiceNation Presidential Candidates Forum this Thursday
Senators McCain and Obama to speak on campus

Columbia University is hosting the ServiceNation Presidential Candidates Forum. This Thursday, September 11, both Senator John McCain and Senator Barack Obama will be on campus for a nationally broadcast conversation in Alfred Lerner Hall about the future of national service moderated by TIME Magazine editor Richard Stengel and PBS NewsHour anchor Judy Woodruff. Governor David Paterson is scheduled to provide a welcome to the event. The conversation is part of the ServiceNation Summit taking place in New York City on September 11-12.

Limited available seating will be open to Columbia University students through a lottery system. Enter the lottery to attend by Monday at noon at: https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=25241.

The forum will be broadcast at very places on campus.

Student Organization Leader Training

The Student Organization Leader Training was held on Monday, September 8th at 12:10 p.m. in JG 106. Every recognized student organization was required to send two representatives (including the Treasurer or equivalent). During the meeting, Student Services representatives and administrators walked student leaders through the Student Organization Handbook and basics of the new Room Reservation Policy. The main change is that student groups need to check with Room Reservations before scheduling Wednesday lunch events due to “black-out” dates for administrative events.

Important Contact Info for Student Organizations:
Audio-Visual Requests:
avrequest@law.columbia.edu
Building Events:
buildingevents@law.columbia.edu
Room Reservations:
room_reservations@law.columbia.edu

If you have a news item that everyone should know about, please email senate@law.columbia.edu.

Deadline for Student Group Recognition

For new student group organizations and groups that amended their constitutions last year, the deadline for recognition is Sunday, September 14th.

Prepare (1) a completed Recognition Application and Petition (http://www.columbia.edu/cu/law/senate/docs/recognitionapplication.pdf), (2) a constitution that includes specific provisions listed in the Application and (3) a roster of at least seven current members, including at least two organization leaders, their positions and contact information.

Submit an electronic copy to Benjamin.brickner@law.columbia.edu and a signed hard copy to the Student Senate mailbox in the Info Center across from JG 101.

Your application will be reviewed by the Student Senate Recognition Committee. Once the Senate votes to recognize your organization you will be eligible to apply for student group funding.
This Week at CLS
September 8-14, 2008

Monday
- **First Monday of classes!**
- Student Organization Leader Training. 12:10-1:00 p.m. in JG 106.
- InSITE (Entrepreneurship/Venture Capital) Info Session. 5:45 p.m. in Big Warren 311.

Tuesday
- Moot Court Information Session—come here representatives from the Moot Court Executive Board and coordinators of the external moot court programs speak about how to fulfill the First Year Moot Court requirement. 12:00-2:00 p.m. in JG 104 and JG 106.
- High School Law Institute/Harlem Tutorial Training. 12:00-2:00 p.m. in JG 103.
- Christian Legal Society Opening Fellowship Group Meeting. 4:00-6:00 p.m. in JG 546.
- Civil Rights Law Society/Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights Dinner. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Lenfest Café.
- American Constitution Society—Quizzo. 7:00-9:00 p.m. Lenfest Café.

Wednesday
- Student Senate Constitutional Referendum and 1L/LLM Elections. Come Vote! 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. outside JG 104.

Thursday
- Federalist Society First General Meeting and 1L Elections. 12:10-1:00 p.m. JG 107.

Friday
- Courtroom Advocates Training. 1:00-4:00 p.m. JG 102.
- California Society Dinner. 6:00-9:00 p.m. JG Annex.
- Law Revue House Party & Karaoke. 10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. 415 West 115th Street, Apt. 61B.

Sunday
- Qanum—Trip to Brooklyn’s Middle East. 1:00-7:00 p.m. Atlantic Avenue.

Event information is taken from the Student Services Event Calendar 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