

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL STUDENT SENATE

— Regular Meeting —

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

8:30 PM -- JG 105

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll
- II. Officer Reports
 - A. President
 1. Implementation of Resolution to Create Student Senate Constituencies
 - a. Each Senator will receive the members of their constituencies in the next week. There will be a school-wide e-mail introducing the larger program; each Senator should follow up with a brief individualized e-mail.
 2. End of semester wrap-up. Next semester everyone must resubmit a schedule availability form. First meeting will tentatively be on either the night of January 18 or 19.
 - B. Vice President
 1. Social Committee
 - a. Post-Final Exams Party
 - b. Preview of spring semester programming
 2. Action plan for Immigration and Asylum Clinic
 - C. Treasurer
 1. Budget committee student group allocation meeting tentatively scheduled for the last weekend of January (circa the 30th). Budget requests will be due on or around Wednesday, January 27.
 - D. Secretary
 1. Student Senate is going to send a school-wide e-mail updating the school on what we've been working on this Semester.
 - a. Contact Oscar if you'd like something included.
 - E. Parliamentarian
 1. A list of casebook orders will not be available until Fall 2010.
 2. Outline gathering was successful.
 3. Wiki Update
 - a. One dozen people have joined the Google Group to express interest in the Wiki. There will be future calls for volunteers. The self-selected group will begin working on the wiki over winter break.
 - b. The Wiki will be run by a subcommittee of the IT committee, with membership and leadership open to the student body.
 - c. The head of IT requested that we develop guidelines for how this group will be managed. Andrew Gradman will develop draft guidelines over

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break, and submit them to him, solely to satisfy his concern that we demonstrate our commitment to developing such guidelines.

- d. The full Senate will be asked to approve official guidelines when we reconvene in the spring semester.

III. Committee Reports

A. Senate Committees

1. Computers and Library
2. Graduation
 - a. Grad Ball Contract: negotiations with Capitale are finalized. Event will be Sunday, May 16, 2010.
 - b. Upcoming events next semester:
 - i. Around the World Party – January 21
 - ii. Sweet Treats Date Auction – February 11
 - iii. Kick-off Foreign Affairs (JD/LLM Buddy program)
 - iv. Ciao New York Cultural Program
3. Housing and Facilities
4. University Senate

B. Faculty-Student Committees

IV. Post-Exam Feedback Discussion

This item concerns advocating for greater post-exam feedback. To begin this discussion, the Senate is asked to consider:

- (1) What types of feedback would students find most useful (e.g., individualized written comments, model answers, etc.)?
- (2) What is the best strategy for encouraging faculty to provide this feedback (e.g., an open letter to the faculty, individual student meetings with their professors, student body petition, Senate resolution, etc.)?
- (3) Should post-exam feedback be linked to other student academic concerns (e.g., availability of course syllabuses and/or reading lists during pre-registration, earlier release of exam schedule, etc.)?

V. New Business

- A. Public Interest Umbrella Committee has expressed serious concerns about the current opt-in e-mail system. (David Parkinson)

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjourn