

# Sept. 21 General Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2009  
9:12 PM

- I. Call to Order and Roll (9:17 pm)
  - a. Attendance: 49 present, 49 voting.
  - b. Welcome Message by President Isokawa.
  
- II. Orientation
  - a. Senate Duties and Policies
    - i. Talked about overall responsibilities and goals. Interface with the administration and foster a good community and friendly environment.
    - ii. Talked about goals accomplished last year. Meetings with faculty and administration regarding law school policies.
    - iii. Unless a chair, serve on two student committees and one faculty committee.
    - iv. Attendance policy.
  - b. Overview of Parliamentary Procedure.
    - i. Parliamentarian Gradman talked about the importance of rules (two illuminating quotes!).
    - ii. Run-through of sample resolution and procedure.
    - iii. Wild applause.
  
- III. Officer Reports
  - a. President Isokawa talked about the e-board's work during the summer. Met with Dean Schizer, worked on technology improvements, requested feedback on the e-mail policy change.
  - b. VP McCormick spoke about the Social Committee, various activities throughout the year.
  - c. Treasurer Horton spoke about the Budget Committee and gave an overview of the funding process for student groups.
  - d. Secretary Loui talked about the Community Action committee and the various CLS IT changes, regarding the new Lawnet portal and Senate website.
  - e. Parliamentarian Gradman talked about the Recognition Committee and the new G-Drive and [clsenate.org](http://clsenate.org).
  
- IV. Committee Reports
  - a. Diversity Council. Senator Williams talked about his prior experience on the Council, getting underrepresented groups involved.
  - b. Orientation Committee. Senator Uhl talked about the success of B(law)ck Party. Came in under budget and extended thank-yous.
  - c. Graduation Committee. Senator Brickner gave a brief overview of the committee, responsible for planning graduation events throughout the school year for 3Ls and LLMs. Gave examples of events last year.
  - d. Computers and Library Committee. Senator Wolkoff spoke about technology at the law school. Talked about the color printer in the computer lab, library scanner, and new e-mail program. Talked about potential goals for this year: more Mac-friendly support, exam software that runs natively on Macs. Because of budgetary concerns, can't implement this year, but will try to get a test pilot program going.
  - e. University Senate report by Senator Fischer. Discusses the three various committees. Reported on Executive Committee meeting, about starting initiatives between at least three or more schools in the university. Potential grad school mentoring. Open position available on the Advisory Committee for Socially Responsible Investing.
  - f. Student Amenities Committee report by Senator Fischer. Talked about Lenfest Café improvements, replacing the coffee and machines in the Café.

Break (5 minutes)

V. Committee Reports (continued)

- a. Housing and Facilities Committee. Senator Wolf spoke about past accomplishments, working on searches for housing and also with creating a site where 3Ls that need housing for the bar can search for them.
- b. Discussed the Faculty Committees. Meet with the administration and faculty, discussing transparency and communication between students and professors. Good opportunity for students to advocate.

VI. Election of 2009-2010 Budget Committee

- a. Call for nominations.
- b. Senator Chen nominated.
- c. Senator Chang nominated.
- d. Senator Loui nominated.
- e. Senator Mia White nominated.
- f. Senator Gradman nominated.
- g. Senator Fogam nominated.
- h. Call for consent, no objections. Budget Committee elected.  
Senators Bang, Cachola, Cavazos, Chang, Chen, Fogam, Gradman, Khader, Loui, Mazor, Moscow, Pinjani, Tikum, A. White, and M. White.

VII. Approval of 2009-2010 Budget Guidelines

- a. Treasurer Horton presented the guidelines for this year.
- b. Senator Brickner asked about whether the tight timeline would afford the Committee enough time to hear appeals. Horton responded that the traditional appeals process is one week long, which is being followed this year.
- c. Senator Cavazos asked whether there would be enough time for new senators to familiarize themselves with the budget process. Horton responded that she would be available to answer any questions that new budget liaisons and student group treasurers might have.
- d. Horton talked about holding two meetings with student treasurers and being in touch personally with treasurers, and should be ready to begin the liaison process.
- e. Call for debate -- no comments.
- f. Call for a hand raising vote -- vast majority approves, and the budget guidelines pass.

VIII. New Business

- a. No new business. Isokawa talked briefly about the opportunity to get new resolutions or issues heard.
- b. Senator Cavazos asked whether we could ask the administration to get vaccine dates moved up.
- c. Senator Farahnik said that the vaccine is available, but can't be administered on the law school campus until early November. The Senate could send out an e-mail to the student body notifying interested students in getting vaccines early.
- d. Gradman asked everyone to get a Gmail address and sign up for the Senate group.

IX. Announcements

- a. Isokawa asked senators to drop off their committee preference sheets.

X. Adjournment at 11:04 pm.