

LLSA Executive Board Meeting-Transitional Meeting: May 21, 2009

Carlos-President

- Members expressed concern that non-dues paying members voted in the 2009 Executive Board election.
 - Discussed the possibility of restricting election meeting to exclusively dues paying members
- All members expressed concerned over last year's poor social programming and want to create better social events for the upcoming year. Ideas include:
 - A "ride together" to Deans Cup
 - Mentor-buddy system for 1Ls
 - Pre-games before sporting events and other events
 - Academic talks/lectures
 - Academic activity advice meetings; Advice on what classes to take etc or whether someone should do law review, etc.
 - Public interest law activities, info sessions, forums, etc
 - book club (fun reading)
 - bowling/karaoke events
- Also want to try and strengthen cultural awareness aspects of LLSA's mission
 - Organize events for National Hispanic month in September-will require a strong commitment by all members of the executive board to organize such events
 - Do more faculty outreach and collaborate with them to develop cultural programming
 - Make more contacts with Latina/o alumni
 - Organize movie screenings about Latino/a culture
 - At general meetings, do a brief 3-5 minute presentations on issues currently affecting Latino/a culture
 - Do more collaboration/outreach with other Latino/a groups on campus
 - Egg-hunt
- Update an immigration clinical
 - Now called the Community Immigration Law clinic (CILC)
 - Housed off campus
 - Will use about 2-3 volunteers, maybe more volunteers from LLSA to staff clinic about 6 hours a month
 - Could be used towards fulfilling community service hours
 - Kate will be taking over the Advocacy committee but Carlos will likely take over the Immigration clinic portion of it.
- Alumni Relations Committee Goals:
 - Mentorship
 - Networking
 - Fundraising
 - Construct alumni database
 - Host an Alumni event at least during the year

- Create an newsletter

Aaron-V.P. Academic Affairs

- Form study groups for 1Ls-other than just for one class but as many as needed
- Develop and implement “workshops” and combine as a social event but discuss things like “advice on professors”
 - Host workshops that focus on more “personal attention” like topics such as “figuring out your own study style” or “what kind of academic activity is right for you?”
- Encourage more academic participation in academic activities like law review, moot court, and mock trial.
- Host mock interviews for professional interviewing
- Have fund study break activities during finals
 - Ordering and delivering bakery items, food to people’s homes as a study break

Brendan-V.P community Affairs-

- Not present
- Will be working with CILC

Crystal-Treasurer

- Needs to do a calculation and go over current funds
- Get greater visibility
- Have more community service activities for non-Spanish Speakers
- Do cohesive team building, community events like community clean ups
- School and SBA funding
 - Do other student groups get more? What is it based on
- Have 2 big fundraising events, one in the fall and one in the spring and make it a tradition. Ideas:
 - Taco contest like PILF’s chili cook-off
 - Trivia night
 - Making empanadas and selling them off campus
- Encourages all executive board members to think of one event to do for the year
- Get more member impute on events and programming

Kate-Legal Community Liaison

- Attend/connect with Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association
- Crystal will now be coaching the moot court team
- Create attorney-mentor database
- Get ICE visits scheduled and planned before the semester starts
- Better “know your rights” trainings

Khrissy-LEO Rep

- Do grad school, undergrad outreach to LEO groups
- Have a LEO table to create more visibility and ensure that people know what LEO is
- Host a LEO social event/LEO-specific social activity

- LEO service project and maybe match up with LEXIS to get more visibility/funding
- LEO-only study groups
- Put phone # and emails on website so that it's easier to get a hold of LLSA members

Melissa Brown-Webmaster

- Not present
- Will be re-designing the website to make it awesome

Melissa Nepomiachi-Secretary

- Work with other executive board members on a newsletter
- Coordinate with other e-board members to send out emails from one person (Secretary) to not flood inboxes with LLSA messages

Back to Carlos

- Will be creating an web course with Lexis
- Facebook page
- Website improvement that will feature links to housing, info about Madison, etc.
- Get a roster of current dues paying/non dues paying members
- Individualized emails from current membership