

Student Legal Education Committee Update 2-28-2007

All members except one were in attendance at the meeting on February 28, 2007. The following is a summary of the meeting.

1. Admissions

- a. They are reviewing applications right now.

2. CPD

- a. CPD will support our letter to the faculty to get grades in earlier. They discussed making a proposal about an earlier deadline but right now we are just going to send a letter encouraging faculty to meet the existing deadline. Dean Billionis is also looking into this issue.
- b. The Public Interest Job Fair went really well and there was a lot of participation.

3. Alumni

- a. Last month's Speed chats went well.
- b. The next event will be the distinguished alumni banquet. The committee is looking into ways for students to be more involved at this event. Next year during the 175th anniversary, there will be more room for student involvement in both planning the event and attending the event.
- c. Great speakers are scheduled next year for the anniversary and we are trying to plan how to let students interact with them.

4. APC

- a. The Committee met with Dean Watts for the 2L lawyering planning. She was amenable to possibility of changing the curriculum for the first semester and possibly revamping the client counseling portion.

5. Faculty Appointments

- a. The committee is finished meeting for the remainder of the school year, appointments will be released later in the year/summer.

6. Student Petitions

- a. No new business

7. Library and Technology

- a. We spoke to the main campus technology people, and the wireless problem has improved from last semester, though we'll continue to monitor the issue.
- b. The committee is meeting March 9, 2007 to discuss student and faculty survey results.

8. Chair Update:

- a. SLEC reps mingled with the board of visitors (an advisory board for the Dean) after their last meeting, which primarily concerned the future of the building. No final decisions have been made, but a new building is on the table and was

seemingly one of the recommendations by the university architects. Timing, location and fund raising are key considerations that will affect the ultimate decision.

- b. The semester meeting open to the student body will be from 12:30-1:15 on Wednesday April 4th in room 118.
- c. Section Advising:
 - i. Monday March 5th section advisors are meeting with the faculty to learn how to help 1Ls make strategic decisions about scheduling upper-level coursework. April 2nd is the 1L registration meeting with Charlene and Dean Watts. Section meetings will be held Monday April 9th, which will include an overview by the advisors, as well as an opportunity to work one-on-one with advisors as 1Ls prepare to register for fall classes. This topic is new to the advising program this year.
 - ii. Section advisors are volunteers. Beginning next year, we will recruit section advisors in order to continually enhance the quality of the program by ensuring a more diverse panel.
 - iii. SLEC members suggested various ways to encourage 1Ls to attend their section meetings this year, as well as improve the value of the program next year.
- d. Online scheduling
 - i. SLEC is working on a proposal to the Dean and Dean Watts to emphasize the necessity of online scheduling and hopes the administration will dedicate the necessary funds to develop an online system. The proposal will include feedback received from students, faculty, Charlene, and library & technology.

9. Constitutional Revisions:

- a. Proposal: Short descriptions of each faculty committee and the role SLEC reps play on those committees will be added to the constitution. Unanimous yes.
- b. Proposal: Vice chair must be a 2L. Unanimous yes.
- c. Proposal: Discard Robert's Rules from Constitution: Passed. However, another proposal may be presented at the next meeting to make the Rules optional for future years, to be determined by the Chair at the first meeting.
- d. 1L election procedure: Must win by majority (51%), not a plurality. All but 1 representative voted yes.
- e. Runoffs/Ties: Ideas for runoff elections and ties were discussed. Discussion will pick up at the next meeting and the group will vote on a procedure.

*The next SLEC meeting will be March 14, 2007. The semester student body meeting will be Wednesday, April 4th.