

An issue came up about the size of board last semester because 2 of the members were abroad. Maya got a complaint from someone about being asked to help out with the student orgs table during orientation week. Board is the same size as year before so even though 2 less, not a big deal. Services were no less than before.

Updates:

LEO pres and reps met with Carstensen and exchanged info with him. He shed some light about the contract study group.

Maya and Peach met again today. This Friday, Prof. Carstensen said they (Student leaders) should meet with faculty (at their meeting) and give them some advice. There will be a question/answer period at the meeting with the faculty.

Outline of what they are going to talk about:

- brief introduction and 1 min spiel from each president about their groups needs
- importance of diversity at law school
  - Ohio State modeled their program on WI and rocketed up the rankings
- new faculty – how LEO programs have changed over the years

Peach will talk about specific things that we are looking in support from the faculty. She wants to address what happened with the Kaplan situation last year. Peach is going to tell faculty that if they think there is something in the news that our group might be interested in, they should let us know (Mitchell does this with BLSA and LLSA). We want to encourage faculty to get involved if it affects LEO group and get more involved with helping students. Faculty going to LEO banquet will help show new students that they care.

NASALSA convention update – from Payal

The convention is Feb 16-17. There was initially only 1 application for the travel money (1 grad student). East Asian studies will cover their transportation. No JD student applied even though there is \$500 allotted for the conference. A JD student asked to extend the deadline for the application. Matthew will be going to this conference (he had gone to NAPABA last semester). So 2 people are going to the conference. Payal is concerned about the lack of interest in going to conferences since there were no applications. Emily mentioned that with other groups, the whole conference cost is covered. Payal talked about changing the travel grant.

We'll have leftover money from Dean's money (since not many are going to this conference). There was discussion about bringing in speakers with the extra money and also to create a better policy about the amount of travel grant awarded. Also, there was talk about funding students to other conferences. A policy would be needed that discusses how members would apply for money to attend these other conferences. Payal will look into what we can spend our Deans money on. Maya will write the rules on how to award the money and will get help from Emily and Mia. Peach thought people should pay \$100 out of their own pocket for the conference if they are awarded the travel award

scholarship. Payal mentioned students can get ASM money for travel if they can't afford \$100.

NAPABA conference summary - Nancy gave overview of the conference and said it was good. She met people who were willing to provide help to the grad students.

### Professional Development Week

We did one last year but it coincided with 1L LRW deadline so it wasn't well attended. Foley will do lawyer talk panel again this year. Not sure about the fake networking opportunity for this year. There was something on BAR/BRI for the grad students. The week was open to all LEO group last year. Dan will get on the ball for figuring out when the best dates would be possibly the week of Feb. 11 with the Foley event on Feb. 15. The Tuesday will be the extracurricular info meeting, maybe at 5 pm. Nathan will be in charge of professional development week. He will coordinate with Payal, Dan and Swathi, and Nancy to determine dates.

Community service event – Swathi G. – Feb. 9 will be the first event – food pantry of St. Vincent de Paul; Last year was fun

First meeting of the 2008 - This Tuesday 7:30 pm with Korean food; Emily will get the room booked

Food Sale – none this semester but thinking about future ways of having food sales; Peach is thinking about selling commercially made food for profit (advertising/tax write off); Maybe only one a year as only 5 slots for food sales

Taj Maball in two weeks – Feb 16 - This will be the first one; planning on Cover charge being \$3 before 10 pm and then \$5 afterwards. Emily will email other LEO groups about date. She is looking at venues – one possibility is the Blue Velvet Lounge (although it is not that big and holds only 75) and another is Chautara (we could get the entire restaurant but need a license).

Chautara – upstairs dancing and downstairs chill. Emily needs to negotiate renting price. Talk about \$ 10 per person and getting appetizers. The question is how important is it to make money at this event. We could spend \$200 for appetizers and get \$500 from the cover charge. DJ Laurie was paid \$250 at Pandemonium so that may be the going rate for DJs. We will try to get a DJ from Mercury. We may try to bargain by saying that our last bar tab was this much. Or bargain by saying that we'll give you \$200 and if we don't make out minimum, we'll pay more. Try Mercury as back up but it will be small.

Promotional ideas at Taj Maball – Swathi G. will help. Emily needs help in designing posters.

Planning Committee – Payal, Swathis and Maya

Budget : \$250 for DJ, 25 for posters, venue rental (\$500?) – last semester we made \$2000 from the food and apparel sales

LEO/LAF update – Maya wants to schedule a LAF dinner, brownbag or bowling get together for the MLIs and JDs  
She has 2 more JD students who can participate in LAF

Mentor/Mentees - Maya will contact mentors to make contact mentee to see how they are doing

Grad student stuff – Nancy thought they may need tutors this semester  
There are 6 students in property and they may need a separate study group from the ones offered by Church; she'll tell the students to contact Nancy to determine if one is needed

APALSA/SALSA Locker – Payal made a chart/diagram about where everything is in the cupboard to make it more organized

AAAGS meeting – Peach discussed how a coalition with them is a good thing. Our contribution to their symposium last semester was good. We did 5-10% of the total work and we are a major contributor. We can latch on and do minimal work. This semester we may get involved with campus wide Asian awareness week. We can just show up and help as opposed to helping to organize. We can contribute money to AAAGS conference this spring or bring in speaker (Payal's cousin). We should try to do other educational/cultural event that does not involve intoxication.

No more movie night at the law school – Movie night has been a bust. Instead, the plan is to go see Kite Runner on Feb. 2, which is playing at Westgate. Peach will try to get a reduced rate. Book club idea is dropped.

Apparel Sale - Payal, Nathan, Matthew Surrage, Swathis, Peach, Maya, Dan, and Emily will help. We need the guys input because last semester some of them commented that they did not like the script. Talk about recruiting Amesia to be on the committee. Meeting will be later on Feb. 20 to design stuff, with the plan to sell in mid march and then distribute clothes in mid April.

1L event – Payal will get info to Dan about high ropes. He may email other LEO reps to coordinate with them.

#### Miscellaneous:

Prof. Irish is having Chinese New Years on the Feb. 2 and the board is invited; Mia is going to talk to him about the details

We may buy a t-shirt that has a panda with its head under arm for Mike Hall.

Scholarship this year – financially speaking we have about \$1800 to do stuff this year. We will have to wait and see how much money we have at the end of the semester. We will have an apparel sale this semester and may make money from the Taj MaBall.