

APALSA/SALSA Executive Meeting

10/14/07

Next general meeting – Election meeting at 7:30 pm. Swathi will get Rm. for the meeting from the main office. We are thinking of Chinese food for about \$200. Try China Palace on the north side with beef, chicken, vegetarian (Schezuan eggplant) dishes. Sansun will write up the agenda

Nominations for board - Peach says there are a few nominations

At least 1 for grad student, Nancy Wang and possibly another
1L rep – Dan Allen and Kenneth Chung
Community service – Swathi G. and Nhu T.

William Rosales wants to talk at 7:30 pm about why APALSA/SALSA members should apply to the Remington clinics; Maya will contact the other clinics to see if they want to give announcement as well

PAST month stuff

South Asian Conference recap – There were enough volunteers, mostly consisting of 1Ls. There was a recap of the meeting.

Pandemonium – \$140 dollars made

Maria (Bellini owner) commented the staff said it was a good event and everyone was respectful. This may be a good venue for future events for us. Everyone stayed and bought drinks (everyone was happy). Talk about having a drink special next year. Maybe re-negotiate for next year.

There was a complaint about the posters being too sexual and the issue of the posters being too sexual or offensive was discussed. If it is an issue brought up at the general meeting, then we'll try to bring it to the board first and if necessary then go to the general meeting.

SBA funding update - Payal passed out a list of the events we are going to be doing this year (ie. the list submitted to SBA). The list is pretty much the same as last year for SBA funds. Payal and Peach talked to SBA last Sunday about funding. We didn't ask for excessive amount – \$1800; last year we got \$1200 after asking for \$1400.

SEALS info panel volunteering - Grad/undergrad mentoring event

Crim Study Group Recap – it was packed and 27 people attended. Vast majority of AS members and some ILSA, LLSA, and MELSA. \$13 on snack and more on the photocopy 7 pages x 15 copies. Nathan did most of the leading of the discussion and Maya, Peach, Kanha and Sansun gave backup.

Ongoing Stuff:

LAF report – Maya – Last Friday was the last day to sign up. More LLM than JD students signed up, but there should be enough people to be matched. Talk of having an informal brown bag for all of the LAF partners.

Social with WABA

WABA has agreed to help volunteer with doing Mock interviews, if members want a mock interview. On Friday November 2, there will be a social. Peach is coordinating with Jini (she will take care of this). The funding will be \$40 dollars worth of appetizers and then everyone pay for their drinks. WABA wrote us a check to help pay for stuff last year

Grad/undergrad mentoring event

Peach went to the AAAGS meeting for 5 min. They were fired up about it and thought it was awesome. It would be a good for us to get involved

November speaking event: Tuesday November 13 6:30 pm in Helen C White Rm. 6191 Peach is working with Mytong. We need a disclaimer for this cause might be politically charged. They are trying to get biracial professor to speak about what it means to be Asian.

Purpose of the workshop is to hone the undergrads skills in activism and re-channel their energies. Planning on having two grads student lead 10 undergrads by giving them hypos about what do they do with money to get some issue out there. The goal is to have the grad student frame a productive way for them to be more effective advocates. We will support this by at least sending volunteers. Possibly making a nominal donation thus putting our name on the workshop.

Budget Issues - Payal mentioned the reimbursement needs to be more specific. We're are spending about the same as last year and the dues are less than last year.

For the Alumni Apparel sale (this Friday and Saturday) – we shelled out an extra \$1000 due to Jini's urging. Next week, we will have the school apparel sale and there will be a sign up sheet.

Food Sale – November 12 – 16???? – potentially Thursday Nov. 15

At the next meeting, we need to ask for volunteers for the food sales committees. We need to look at the surveys to see who can cook and can provide kitchen space. The head of committee will go through surveys and get the information together.

Apparel Sale

Swathi and Payal will do this weekends alumni apparel sale. There will be a sign up sheet for the school apparel sale. Nancy Vue suggested for the yoga pant that we change the font and move the slogan down the pants. This suggestion may be applied to next semester's sale.

Movie night – with MELSA October 24 Wednesday

Peach talked to Anwar about getting a movie. We'll spend about \$5-6 for popcorn and MELSA will do the same.

Peach also mentioned about going to see Kite Runner with MELSA at the theatres. The release date is Dec. 10 which is during the exam period. So there was talk about doing a one time book club where members will read the Kite Runner over the break and there will be a planning outing to see the movie after the break.

Ideas for other cultural sides/movies

Harold and Kumar II – APALSA/SALSA MELSA issues

The Namesake

Racial stereotypes

American Desi

Water

Fire

Earth

East is east – comedy in Britain

Mississippi Marsala – with BLSA

NAPABA conference – At least 5 people are going to be representing UW

Nancy Wang (grad student being sponsored by East Asian Studies), Gloria G. and Stacy Hsiao are going and they bought their tickets (we're paying for the 3 grad students registration fees only). \$375 is paid for the others while the plane tickets are paid by East Asian or themselves.

2 JDs are going for sure - Samira Guio (plane ticket and registration paid by us), and Matt (we'll give him \$300 for plane ticket and registration for the conference)
The 3rd JD spot is unclear – Eugene had interest but declined because of contracts study group commitments. Sai wanted to go but wanted to do cite checking. Amasia is interested but has not replied back.

It had been decided that if dues paying members want to go to the conference, then AS will pay for registration. The goal of the scholarship is to subsidize so that it is affordable for AS member to go to the conference. We are not paying for everything but will pay for some of it. We want to send more people instead of just sending one person having the conference totally paid for. The opportunity is special and we have to be careful about who we send because some may abuse the scholarship and not go to the conference. In the future, we will try to send 3 JD and 1 grad Student to both the fall and spring conferences. Travel and registration grant money will be provided with some out of pocket expenses. Even if there is less than the number we want to send, we will not spend the remaining money on the ones going.

Budget: \$ 750 on Thomas Tang reimbursed for registration; \$3300 for conferences or other conferences that members petition to go to.

We need to set up a policy and goals of scholarship so there will be no confusion in the future. We need to know what happens with the money, keep money available for events as needed, have an approval policy for attending conferences other than fall and spring

ones, know who votes on these issues, know if it is unlimited or is there a list. Overall, we need integrity and we need to treat the members fairly. We're not trying to be cheap.

LEO social – Peach thought it would be neat to do pre-Malpractice ball party at Adair's (beside Best Western) 1 hr before the ball on November 9 or 16 (9-12 pm).

We're the only group to consistently inviting other LEO groups to come to our events. An example is the minority clerkship informational session last spring. We'll make this a Pan LEO social thing, but everyone is welcome. Advertising to the other LEO group and listserv. Maya will contact the LEO groups.

AAAGS – fall speaking event

cultural speaking event – Asian American Prof
AAAGS – fall potluck

Civ pro study session with LLSA (with Cynthia) but no date - Nathan

Professional development week - February

1L briefs, job search and stuff – 1L rep will be more intoned with the planning so we can wait to plan until after 1L rep is elected.

Plan for the grad student rep to meet with Nathan to set up a grad student study session. Maybe we can enlist Stacy's help if she doesn't run for grad student rep.

Taj Maball – Emily will be back and plan it

Mini conference in April – there was discussion of having 2 speakers with a lunch provided. May is technically Asian month but there are exams so the campus changed it to April. This mini conference can be used as a reason to get more money.

Payal's SALT (South Asian Leaders of Tomorrow) cousin will be here to speak then and she can possibly speak to us as well (immigration rights). Peach mentioned that for a theme we could do Asian American and affirmative action. In other parts of the country, some students lie about being white so that they can get into different programs. The Univ. of Michigan, law school admissions and affirmative action case was mentioned.

We could try to find an expert speaker in WI and then have a student led Q and A. This may be a good issue for networking within the Asian community. We may want to have a proper networking skills class (may be more a part of professional responsibility week).

There is a Professor who teaches Con Law II and is on the academic freedom committee. He is the token liberal on the committee and a voice of tempering. He maybe be interested in talking about con law II/affirmative action/minority rights. Also, about the constitutional basis for not discriminating within minorities, for having affirmative action and having the Asians falling within it.

There are 3000 faculty on campus and we could start by looking for someone who can talk about Asian Americans and affirmative action. There was a UW Milwaukee professor who spoke in the spring. Also, a senior lecturer at the UW involved with the RESPECT program. She teaches Asian American 101 and also constitutional issues.

WABA will give us money for a mini conference; we can also get money from East Asian Legal program

Website – Payal will continue to update with outlines and electron form of the crim study group answer

Course selection guide – Nathan says the website is continuing being shut down so it is not consistent