

Executive Meeting Minutes 10/26

Member in attendance: Payal Khandhar Adriaens, Dan Allen, Nhu Tran, Chih-Ming Liang (Chris), DK Kim, Matt Jalandoni, Manish Jain, Swathi Dhoma, Amesia Ngialah

I. Next meeting

a. *date and time*

The November meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 P.M. It seems like Tuesdays and Wednesdays work better than Mondays for our group. Since November 4th is election day and there are still midterms it seems that the second week of November is the best time.

b. *food for meeting*

Food is getting more expensive and we need to cut down on costs to prepare for the LEO banquet this year. We'll be looking to spend between \$175 - \$200. We'll get one meat and one vegetarian option and more rice and noodle options. We could do Vietnamese (Saigon Noodles) or Indian Food (Maharani) for the next meeting

II. Guest Speakers

a. *Past speakers*

So far this semester we have had Professor Tai, Professor Sharafi, Niles, representative from AAGS, the GMC, and from the Remington center and clinical programs.

b. *future speakers*

We could ask Professor Irish, Ghosh, and Ohnesorge to come to the next meetings. We also want to have someone speak about moot court in the following meetings.

III. Tenure Letters

In the past we have written tenure letters for professors. Last year we wrote a letter for professor Desai. Maya Ganguly has contacted us about writing pre-tenure letters for Professor Tai and Professor Sharafi. Both Professors have been heavily active in supporting APALSA / SALSALSA. Professor Sharafi has annually hosted a southeast asian conference and invited APALSA / SALSALSA members, and Professor Tai helps with book scholarships and travel grants. The letters would come from the executive board. Usually these letters are about 1-2 to two pages. The letters discuss what APALSA / SALSALSA does as a group and how the individual has worked with and helped APALSA / SALSALSA achieve those goals.

The e-board will write a letter for each professor. Swathi, Dan and Megha will write the two letters and have them ready by the end of November and have them emailed to Maya.

IV. Service Credits

Some of the other LEO organizations require service credits. APALSA / SALSALSA has talked about the possibility of service credits for the last two years but has not voted on it. This year we have three different options to be voted on. We will send the three different options by email to the general body so we can vote on this at the next meeting. Megha will email the service

credit literature to the general body a week before the next meeting so they will have adequate time to read through the options.

V. Marquette APALSA / SALSA

Payal received an email from a Professor at Marquette who used to be a president of our APALSA / SALSA. There is not an APALSA/SALSA at Marquette and they are in the process of starting a group. She was wondering if we would be interested in mentoring them. They found out about us through the APALSA/SALSA website. The e-board decided that this would be a great thing to participate in, because it would foster a relationship between UW and Marquette, and helps with networking resources in Milwaukee. All around it seems like a good idea. We have already given them permission to use our bylaws. We will figure out what the mentorship will entail as the semester progresses.

VI. Speakers

a. Flavia Agnes

Payal received an email from Professor Sharafi about Flavia Agnes, who is an expert on women's legal issues in India. Professor Sharafi was wondering if we could do fliers and maybe muster up some people to go see her speak on November 4th.

b. Sumudu Atapattu

Sumudu also has a speaker coming in who is an expert on legal issues in the middle east. She is coming November 4. They want to have an informal event at Lubar commons from 4-5 on that Tuesday. They will pay for cookies and coffee. They would like it if we could do advertising, which would include fliers and sending an email to the listserv, and they would also like someone to walk her from the Lowell Center to law school on Wednesday morning at 11:30. We should also contact the International Law Journal and WILSA to see if they would be interested in helping or just to get some of their members to come to the event.

Dan volunteered to do the advertising for the event, and Swathi will walk the speaker from the Lowell center to the law school. We will also send this to the SBA listserv.

VII. Networking event with WABA

In the fall semester we have usually done a networking event. Do we want to do one again this semester. Dan will be meeting with the WABA members soon. They will be getting coffee together. Last year we had our networking event at Café Montemarte, and there were about 7 WABA members and 10 APALSA / SALSA members, so it was a pretty good turnout. Dan will find out what the schedule is like for the WABA members when he meets with them. If we can't do it in the fall we can do it in the Spring, maybe with career development week

VIII. Apparel Sale

It seemed to go well this week. We also kept it open on Saturday for homecoming weekend. We made about an additional \$300 in sales, so that was pretty good. We will also sell some on the spot merchandise before Christmas break, so people can get last minute Christmas items. Jini also told

us that we could sell apparel at the LEO banquet, which would help us with our fundraising. WE took a hit at the alumni sale this year, they just didn't buy anything.

IX. Academic – NHU

a. 1st academic session

It seemed like it went well. It was on this last Friday, Oct 26th. They had about 25 – 30 people. There were 6 pizzas and they all got eaten. It was a Pan – LEO event. They handed out samples of what a brief should look like. Manish thought it went really well, it seemed more helpful than the session led by the professors. He will get more feedback on Monday.

b. Future Academic Sessions

There are at least 3 more sessions planned. There are two in November and one in December. Each session is scheduled for a Sunday between 1 – 4 PM. They will be doing practice exams. On 11/16 Crim will be administered, 11/23 Torts, and 12/7 it will be Civ. Pro. The practice exams are being held in the order of the finals for 1Ls.

X. Party with BLSA

We had talked about doing a Party with BLSA this semester, as a fundraising event. Paul Bateman of BLSA was looking in to doing a party on Nov. 7th at Madison's. Madison's charges \$250 for the space and would also do drink specials. But Malpractice Ball is coming the next weekend, and the date auction is also on 11/6, so it seems like there might be too many events. We don't want to have a loss on this.

Maybe the best thing to do would to start planning a party with BLSA for next semester early. Valentine's Day is Saturday February 14th, so its early enough in the semester that people will still go out. We could have a party on 2/13 also because it would be Friday the 13th. Swathi will start looking into venues and talking to BLSA about a possible party.

XI. LEO Banquet

a. Meeting

Matt, Swathi, Dan and Payal have a LEO banquet meeting on Monday 10/27 at 3:30 with Kim Frank and Jini Rabas. We will have more details fleshed out about the banquet after that meeting.

b. Committee

Matt has a list of 10 – 15 people who signed up to participate in helping with the LEO banquet. After Monday's meeting we can start delegating tasks to the people who signed up to help out.

c. Judge Yamahiro

We are looking to have Judge Yamahiro be the keynote speaker at this year's banquet. He is a UW law graduate and is the first asian American judge in the state of Wisconsin. It would be good to have someone that graduated from the LEO program speak at the event, this being the 40th anniversary of LEO, that way he can talk about what the program meant to him. Jini is contacting him, and then we will start communicating with him.

d. Our responsibilities

The logistics like venue are on Kim and Jini. We need to worry about food choices, decoration, speaker, and the after party. If we can get started this semester then we will be in good shape. We need to have about a \$1000 in our budget for the banquet. Gary Gomez said that he would help us in trying to get FRESCO for the after party. Jini also said that we could sell apparel at the LEO banquet.

e. *Fundraising*

Dan suggests that we do something like a giftwrapping service, or sending out Christmas cards. We could also sell calenders or maybe a recipe book compiling recipes from APALSA / SALSA members.

XII. LAF

Bowling on 10/26 went really well. The LAF pairings are finally done. Chris has done a very good job of getting anybody who wants to have a LAF partner involved.

The mentor – mentee pairings are also complete. WE don't have as many of those pairings as we do LAF. With the graduate students we try to encourage that they be members of APALSA / SALSA in order to participate in the program. We can do this because professor Irish pays their dues, so we are not really taking anything out of their pocket. Do we also want to tell APALSA / SALSA member that they have to be a dues paying member in order to have a mentor. For now the e-board thinks that it would be good to encourage but we don't want to force anyone since it would be an out of pocket expense for the J.D. students.

XIII. 1L Rep

a. *1L event*

Manish is the new 1L rep. It's the 1L Reps responsibility to plan an event for the 1Ls. It does not have to be this semester necessarily and we usually allocate about \$100 for it. Last year Dan had a Karaoke event, where they had 2 drinks each and 12 songs. Manish is looking in to dinners and things like ice skating at Camp Randall. Manish will ask the 1LS and see if they would like to do something this semester and see where they are at.

b. *1L concerns*

Right now it seems like 1Ls are mostly concerned with academics.

c. *Course selection guide*

We could discuss course options at the next APALSA / SALSA meeting or email suggestions.

XIV. Community Service

DK is looking for places and events that we could have for community service. He has talked to Paul Manrique. Nhu has suggested volunteering at an elderly home that she volunteers at on Park and Olin.

We've also talked about trying to do volunteer work for Asian Americans. There is only one group that we know of in Madison, and they do work for refugees. An attorney heads it up and he is looking for help with Hmong translation, but it would have to be an ongoing service. 1L year we raised money for the group United Asians for Wisconsin.

We could possibly do something with SEALS (students for Equal Access to Law School). It's for students of color. We could use the AAGS listserv. Community Service will be looking to put something on in November. Also if anyone has old LSAT books SEALS was wondering if we could donate them to help build their library.

XV. Graduate Students

Chris says that the graduate students will have at least 4 parties. They have already had 1 in september, and they will have another one in November for Thanksgiving. Professor Irish also hosts the Lunar New Year Party. Usually it is just e-board members that are invited. Maybe we can do a potluck party for the graduate students next semester.

XVI. Miscellaneous

a. Informal events

We used to do more informal events. What can we do that doesn't necessarily cost money but helps gel the group? Movie nights, maybe athletic events, watching sporting events, cooking parties. Maybe if we have a variety of events we'll attract different crowds of people instead of just catering to one group. AAGS does informal events, they have done the cornmaze.