

APALSA/SALSA General Meeting

01/29/08

Guests:

Mike Hall needs volunteers to go to lunch with Admitted Students (A/S prospective with current A/S students). It's about \$10 per person and the volunteers get reimbursed. He'll also need volunteers for Admitted students weekend for tour guides, LEO Banquet, etc. He is also looking for volunteers to house admitted students that are coming into Madison.

Prof Cartensen talked achieving diversity at UW Law school. He said it was a struggle to convince students that this is a good place for diversity.

Conventions:

NAPABA conference attendees gave a recap of meeting that was in Las Vegas:

Matt (3L) - Informal networking opportunities along with the formal presentations

Gloria – MLI student – Vegas is great place, attended panels about China economic and found it very interesting (Mattel recall case)

Stacy – MLI student – great opportunity to get job if you are prepared

Nancy –MLI student – lots of seminars – she went to business and Chinese related seminars; met interesting people who helped with legal studies; great chance for anyone else to meet people

NASALSA Conference:

Matt and Nisit are being sent to the NASALSA conference this year. Travel grants are supposed to be incentive for people to go although it does not cover all of the costs. Also, if members see a conference about law or legal issues and preferably is Asian related, let board know and you may get money to attend. For members you do not go, you can use members who go to conferences as liaisons to these networks.

Community service – Swathi G.

The next opportunity is Feb. 9, which will be the food pantry (pseudo grocery store). It is easy work as volunteers walk through with “customers” and give them point to buy items. Math is not required. Please email Swathi if have questions or want to sign up.

Taj Maball – Emily

The date is planned for Feb. 16, hopefully the whole restaurant of Chautara on State St. with DJ. There will be small cover charge.

Professional development week/academics - Nathan

During Feb. 19-22, 1Ls can ask questions about different things. There will be a mock networking event, info session on job hunting (a panel with students who found jobs last

summer), and info session on extra-curricular activities, like law review, moot court, mock trial, etc. There will be a Foley and Lardner info session.

LEO – Maya and Peach

Recap, last November APALSA/SALSA leaders had a discussion with general body about LEO program. Prof. Cartensen is chair of committee of recruiting and diversity. A small group of LEO leadership is meeting with the Faculty on Friday to tell them how they could help students. Members should email Maya if they have any issues or suggestions that they want brought up to the faculty.

LAF Brown Bag – Maya

We have two new volunteers for the LAF program. If you are interested in being a part of the program, email Nancy or Maya. Also, a brown bag lunch will be planned to get JDs and MLIs to meet each other. Email Maya your class schedule so she can set up date and time.

Grad Students Study groups – Peach

Nancy mentioned property review session group. Let her know if there are any other classes you want study sessions for.

IL event – Dan

A day in February is planned. Low ropes course is suggested.

Spring speakers – Payal

In March, we are planning a little event with speakers. The founder of SALT (South Asian Leaders of Tomorrow, also Payal's cousin, can come to speak about equal rights but can also speak about a lot of other issues and topics. If anyone wants a certain speaker or has suggestions on topics, let the board know.

Desai student letter – Maya will write and people can sign.

Donations of mandarin books for Chinese prisoner

Other announcements:

Kite Runner This Sat. 1:45 pm Westgate art cinema combined with MELSA. If 25 people show up, we'll get a reduced rate. We can car pool at 1 pm at the law school, else meet at Westgate at 1:30 pm.

AAAAGS Lunar New Years Potluck Sat 6-9 pm at the Knapp House (130 E. Gilman). Email Peach for more details.

Hmong Social and political capital lecture Friday noon Ingraham Hall Rm. 206

AA Collective Friday Feb. 15 at 4 pm in the Red Gym. Undergrad Asian groups want to build up a new Asian group.

Feb 7 – Tibetan New Years. Madison has one of the largest communities in US and they are having a celebration on Feb. 9 in Eagle Heights .