

## APALSA/SALSA meeting 04/29/07

In Attendance: Peach, Mia, Emily, Payal, Maya, Nathan, Swathi, Garfield, Sansun

Events Position Issue – Emily is going to Vietnam for the fall semester. After discussion of the possible ways to deal with this issue, it was decided that Swathi would be the temporary events point person for the fall while Emily is gone. Swathi will also take on the advertising duties for APALSA/SALSA.

1<sup>st</sup> event for the fall - 1L reception – The suggestion of On Top (rooftop bar of the Parthenon restaurant) was accepted. The logistics of reserving On Top will be looked into closer to the date.

APALSA/SALSA Website – Payal will be in charge of the site. She will gather photos for the site and take some from Facebook. The site will also include general meeting minutes, agendas and other miscellaneous information. She will also set up an online outline bank where it will be accessible with a password.

Executive Board members should send their information (interest in law, hometown, year) and summer contact information to Sansun.

Incoming Students – Mike Hall has asked APALSA/SALSA members to contact admitted LEO students to establish contact and to confirm attendance to UW. Peach will get the list and distribute to the executive board members. The list of students will be divvied up between the members after some pre-selection is made based on common background. The contact will be established this summer

Admitted students discussion board – Swathi has volunteered to monitor the discussion board for threads on diversity groups and to put out a pitch for joining APALSA/SALSA. She will also post announcements as deemed necessary.

Benefits of joining APALSA/SALSA speech - Payal volunteered to inform the IL's about the advantages of being a dues paying member (i.e. apparel sale discount, eat first at meetings, voting rights).

Yellow Pages - This summer, APALSA/SALSA will put together the yellow pages and send them to the incoming admitted student by late July. There will be no major changes except for the board member information. Nancy has the e-version and will send it to Maya. Garfield will send suggestions on how to revise the yellow pages and make it more useable for the international students.

Absence of Nancy – This past year, Nancy has been more than just the LEO rep. She was responsible for LAF, orientation, LEO meetings, professional development week, and grad student issues (to name a few). Nancy will not be available as a resource next year and will be some reallocating of her duties. Maya has agreed to continue most of Nancy's duties including organizing the LAF program.

Treasurer issues – Emily brought up the issue of obtaining LEO funds and the possibility of getting money up front for events instead of paying out of pocket first and then getting reimbursed with a receipt. The example of getting funding for the NAPABA conference, which will come up soon in the fall semester was brought up. Emily will talk to Payal about this separately.

Scholarships – The talk of funding also brought up the issue of scholarships. Dean Davis gives 4000 dollars to APALSA/SALSA each year. In the past, this money has been used to fund the attendance of NAPABA and NSALSA conferences as well as Thomas Tang. As well, many scholarships were given away this year and the process may have been haphazard. Emily brought up the idea of having a more systematic approach to giving away scholarships. It was decided that APALSA/SALSA would commit 1500 dollars to send 4 members to each conference. The scholarship would cover airfare and possibly part of the accommodations. It was hoped that attending members would try to find alternative cheaper accommodations instead of booking an expensive hotel right away. Jini and career services would be resources for finding alumni or other law students in the area of the conference.

Service Hours Requirements - Other LEO groups have a service hours requirement for scholarships and there was talk of having this type of requirement for our scholarship recipients. Members would get service credits for activities such as volunteering for the food and apparel sales, helping with community service, being the Panda, and attending the meetings. The logistics of keeping attendance and track of the credits would be worked out later. Payal and Maya will talk to other LEO groups about their service credits requirement.

Thomas Tang – Nathan will continue discussions with Kanha as well as possibly other LEO groups about the logistics of running the moot court competition. As previous years did not take this competition seriously, there was suggestions of making this year's competition more official (with rules and a possible application process) and having more deadlines. The suggestion of having a professor involved and getting directed reading credit was discussed. Presently, dues paying students who compete can sign up for 3 credits. Next month, Nathan will send a message to the group about Thomas Tang and determine who is interested in competing.

Graduate students – Garfield will give Emily the email addresses of the returning grad students to keep them in the fold

### **Ideas for next year**

Midnight rendezvous and Taj MaBall – Because of the success of these events this year, these two events will be held again next year.

Collaboration with other LEO groups – It was suggested that Nathan look into coordinating with the other LEO groups about combining academic activities and resources, like the criminal and civ pro study session. Also, there was discussion on sharing more events with other LEO groups.

Other events during Pandemonium week – Little events during the week of Pandemonium were suggested as a way of getting more people interested in the event. Suggestions included origami

and/or samosa demonstrations and/or sales. Swathi volunteered to organize and lead the samosa event. We need to reserve a Bar Review for Pandemonium through SBA. Last year, APALSA/SALSA did not ask for a cover charge but raised money through a negotiated drink special.

Professor Evaluation Bank – There was a suggestion of having an end of year Professor evaluation bank to help other students in finding out information about the Professor. The logistics of this bank were not completely specified.

APALSA/SALSA T-shirts – Some interest in T-shirts was raised. Troy Vosler's (sp?) name was mentioned as a good person to talk to about getting inexpensive T-shirts.

**Next meeting** - ???