

SG Meeting Agenda 4/4/12
5-6:30pm

- Vote to approve last meeting's minutes
 - 8-0 vote approving release
 - Garrett release minutes upon approval
- Issues Facing Students With Disabilities (Caitlin & Lindsay)
 - Context of Cmp
 - There are no standards for students with disabilities. Folks need to work closely with Pat Kennedy re Reasonable Accommodations.
 - No actual standards - Practice at other schools.
 - School is not
 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
 - CUNY Central has a reasonable accommodations brochure
 - Students would like something made CUNY Law specific
 - Mass outreach to students and faculty and staff re policies
 - School's current policies in handbook
 - minimal
 - students have had many issues with auxiliary aids
 - Including -> Mic issues..
 - Need profs to control conversations
 - some profs are clueless to dealing with this
 - Faculty not remember that the student needs XYZ and walking in and following through
 - Met with Dean Valentine
 - DV promised to talk about it, but still no protocol
 - Test Taking Issues too
 - Noisy rooms and hall walls
 - Mostly midterm issues
 - Testing time runs over and had to notify Pat Kennedy - bumping out of different rooms
 - Breakdowns of communications btw
 - Proctor & professors
 - Note taking
 - Current system is burdensome. Students fall behind and don't upload to system.
 - Constantly need to ask Pat Kennedy to get students to provide the notes.
 - School's suggestions
 - Professional? - Denied
 - Multiple - Student resp -> too burdensome
 - Students with Disabilities in Law Schools
 - More students in future
 - School should get ahead of this

- DISCUSSION
 - What can SG do?
 - Working Group at the least - Mark
 - Admin/Faculty should be doing this - Garrett
 - Yes, but we need to make sure this goes farther than the floor. Details and implementation should not be overlooked! - Charles
 - Paula Berg specializes in this area. Reach out to her - Moira
 - Resolution or Proposal at Faculty Meeting
 - Committee on Committees over the Summer - Milo
 - Student Handbook - Charles
 - Resolution - Steven
 - Draft resolution with references to
 - Fact finding at new building - Milo/Garrett/Kunal
 - Finals this semester need to be addressed.- Patricia
 - SG needs to be involved in this & take the lead.
 - 504 is merely the floor - But shouldn't the school raise that bar at the new building.
 - How public or broad should this be? - Moira
 - CUNY central group working on this issue. May generate pressure from Central - Steven
- Constant pushback from admin. - Why? How can we stop this?
- ASK
 - Policies
 - New building
 - Dedicated room to quiet test taking?
 - Acoustics
- **SG's NEXT STEPS**
 - Academic Affairs Committee to take the lead - Charles - **Working Group Adopted by 10-0 vote**
 - Finals for this year - Patricia
 - Coordinate through Twen site
 - Solicit from Students
 - Post information from Pat Kennedy
 - Contact building committee to find out about new building - Garrett & Kunal

- Committee Reports:
 - USS Rep Carolyn Fakury (2L): to discuss faculty accountability, faculty review and post-tenure review, both CUNY-wide and at CUNY Law
 - Faculty Accountability - Nonresponsive faculty members
 - Tenured faculty do not need to be concerned with student feedbacks/reviews
 - Some folks use tenure as a shield re critique
 - Post-Tenure Review
 - e.g. University of Maryland
 - [Policy](#)
 - [Task Force](#)
 - Eventually it may happen, not within the next year or two, but still a chance
 - Process in and of itself would increase accountability
 - Discussion
 - Faculty is union and PTR would be blocked by PSC - Moira
 - Push concrete problems and solutions
 - CLE's re teaching and mandating workshops
 - Change the grade complaining procedures/process - Steven
 - These complaints have come up before and the answer has always been the same - Charles
 - Is that 100% true?
 - Could union rep come to us and talk to us about this? Verify?
 - Can polling committee gather data on this issue? Moira
 - Identify professors
 - End goal of killing tenure? is this a good end goal/strategy? - Colleen/Steven
 - **SG Next Steps**
 - Talk with two profs re their - Kunal
 - Bring in union rep for meeting - Garrett
 - Time allocated by vote of 9-0
 - Look into public records and evals - Moira
 - Grade changing procedure - Charles
 - Tenure info & USS contact - Carolyn
 - EXTERNAL
 - Faculty Meeting
 - Building Report:
 - Memorial Day weekend will be opening date.
 - Fundraising moving
 - At risk Advisement
 - ID them at 2L

- Extend, advise, slow down!?
 - Dean of Clinics
 - In the process
 - Dean Andrews
 - Leaving
 - Section 4 should guide the procedure for replacing her
 - Should try and get student on there
 - CUNY First is coming out soon
 - Admissions
 - More diverse than last year?
 - Other schools are taking some of our fellows!
 - Curriculum
 - Legal Research - 1 Credit 2 semesters changed!
 - One 2 credit course
 - Integrated with Seminar
 - Opens up library to work with folks in the second half of year
 - Workshops
 - Citi Bank
 - Tried to buy back the space!?
 - Guidelines for exam
 - Bathroom signout
 - NO Cell phones in room - Except extraordinary circumstances
 - Curriculum Committee:
 - FAMILY LAW CONCENTRATION REINSTATEMENT!
 - report-back from 4/4/12 meeting
 - Professional Responsibility recommendation
 - Flexible
 - 2 credit course (BAR ELECTIVE)
 - or 1 credit 2x times
 - Plus possible waiver for non-NY Bar folk
 - SG praised Colleen Normile for her advocacy!
Hooray! Colleen rules!!
 - Admissions Committee: - cancelled
 - Appointments Update EJP/Lawyering
 - Found candidates for both slots
 - Lawyering is a done deal
 - Two candidates re EJP
 - Interviews next week
 - Tuesday Morning btw 11-12:45pm
- INTERNAL - **TABLED**
 - Best Practices Working Group (Moira, Mark, Dana)

- Bars - Russ/Mark
- Flyers - Mark/Russ
- TWEN Push - Garrett

- Community Day! Request from Dorothy Matthew's
 - SG will push it
- Resolution re campaign finance reform
 - Email to follow
- LSA Budget Request form (who's gonna do it?)
 - Milo - Sorry, but that just happened! That just happened!!!!

- OTHER BUSINESS - **TABLED**
 - Staff Appreciation Day update (Colleen)
 - Budget - Approve allocation of funds for the rest of the year
 - CUNY Law Student Organizing 101
- REMINDERS:
 - **Community Day is April 11 (ASL) -- See Moira to help/Dorothy Matthew's call for help**
 - **Spring Student Forum is April 12 (SIT) -- See Franco to help/proposal to scrap**
 - **Staff Appreciation Day is April 18**
 - **Deans Forum is April 19 (SIT) -- See Milo to help**