

Student Affairs Student Advisory Board (SASA-B)

December 1, 2017

LAW 520, 1:00-2:15pm

AGENDA

1. Lunch and Hellos
2. Student Affairs Topics
 - a. Affinity events: calendaring; moving the 5K (Jill Collins)
 - b. Report backs:
 - i. Students Participation in the Dean Search
 - ii. Mental Health Professionals in the School of Law
 - iii. Name Plates
 - iv. Pinning Ceremony
3. Board Member Topics
 - a. Nap Room / Lounge Area (Tim)
 - b. Temperature Settings in the School of Law (Tim)
 - c. Building Hours (Tim)
 - d. Extension cord issues for 3rd floor carrels (Tim)
 - e. Critical Conversations / Casual Conversations – fostering student community and discourse (Jessica)
 - f. Professor engagement in student group/activities (Peter)
4. Additional topics
5. Final thoughts...

“On the whole, tho’ I never arrived at the Perfection I had been so ambitious of obtaining, but fell far short of it, yet I was, by the Endeavor, a better and a happier Man than I otherwise should have been, if I had not attempted it.”

—BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

MINUTES for November 3, 2017

Members Present: Peter Lubershane, Jessica Lujan, Michael Torruella, Jonathan Allen, Phoebe Dantoin, Timothy Nykamp, Mel Tokatlioglu, Associate Dean Gerry Muir
Proxies: Catherine Fauver (Rosie Loring) and Rebecca Gottesdiener (Matt Atha)
Absent: Katie Sapp

After welcoming the new committee members, the Board discussed the following topics:

Diverse student roles in the Dean Search Committee

Dean Muir shared the [University policy on the Appointment of Deans](#). The Board discussed creating student forums to contribute to the search process and the possibility of participation on the Dean Selection Committee. Further information will be available after Provost Jean Morrison meets with the faculty to outline the process for creating the committee and implementing the search.

Pinning ceremony

Jonathan Allen suggested the creation of a pinning ceremony, similar to a coat ceremony in medical schools that can provide a forum for sharing the values of BU Law, creating a shared identity, and having tangible markers that will allow BU Law students and alumni identify each other when in professional events and/or forums. This could be part of Continuing Orientation or done with or after Career Conference.

Professional Name Tags for 2L/3L Students

Students shared an interest in providing professional nametags with 2L and 3L students.

Mental Health Professionals in the School of Law

Mental health and wellness are on-going areas of significant need. Dean Muir shared the difficulties in bringing mental health professionals into the school of law, while noting the resources available at the University and through Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers. Peter shared past efforts by SGA to have mental health professionals added to the School of Law, and noted that it was a complex issue. Other options explored is providing coupons to uber to appointments; find phone-based resources (such as hotlines), and requesting counselors with diverse backgrounds.

Bar Prep and bar support

Postponed due to time.