

NTSO Meeting

March 29th, 2006

Call to Order:

Meeting began at 11:45

Introductions of Guest Speaker: Dr. James Gibson

New Business:

- We will be having our next information booth on April 19th, 10a.m.-1p.m. in the LSC mall area. Volunteers should send an email to stdalw13@shsu.edu.
- Our elections will be coming up soon for next year's officers, and we need more people to run for an office.
- If anyone is interested in running for an office, then just send an email to the listserv at ntso@shsu.edu with a short biography.

Old Business:

- The Sammy Awards Ceremony will be coming up on April 12th at 6p.m., and we have been nominated for several different awards.

Guest Speaker: Dr. James Gibson from Legal and Mediation Services

- Dr. James Gibson, SHSU legal advisor since 1991, is a new guest speaker for NTSO and he has shown interest in supporting the organization.
- Student legal and mediation services is located in the Lee Drain Building Annex, just across from the new writing center at the Farrington Building.
- The service provides free legal advice and lawyer referrals to students, but Dr. Gibson and the legal advisors do not represent students in court.
- All matters that are discussed between the legal advisor and the student are kept confidential, even the fact that the student has visited legal services.
 1. Dr. Gibson explained that legal services handles many different areas of the law including landlord/tenant issues, consumer protection, insurance, family law, traffic tickets, automobile wrecks, employee rights, and criminal law.
 2. He explained that it is important for a student to seek legal advice immediately in any situation that involves the law.
 3. The advisor from legal services often helps the students who are experiencing legal problems by guiding them through a self help procedure and distributing literature regarding the legal issues.
 4. Legal services guides the students through the law procedures; with this help it is expected that the students will be able to handle the legal problems independently in the future.
 5. If a student visits legal services then he or she can find information on all avenues of the law; there is also information about studying law for those students who are interested in attending law school.
 6. Dr. Gibson gave plenty of legal examples at the meeting and he even answered some confidential questions by the students.
 7. For info. visit www.shsu.edu/~org_ntso/meetings2004_2006.html.

Next Meeting: April 26th, 11:45 – 1:00 @ LSC Rm 319