

Student Bar Association- Lewis & Clark Law School

General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 22, 2018

Meeting Time: 10:30am-12:00pm

Meeting Location: Wood Hall, Classroom 8



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1. Roll Call10:30-10:35
 2. New Members Introduction.....10:35-10:40
 - Welcome ☺
 3. Student Group Recognition See SBA bylaws § 7.....10:40-10:50
 - a. Trail Running Group
 - Group runs in Tryon every Thursday
 - Faculty advisor: Craig Johnston
 - Motion to recognize
 - motion seconded
 - motion passed
 - b. Students for Eliminating Environmental Discrimination (SEED) (formally EJA)
 - Issue on campus with addressing intersectionality with environmental law
 - Faculty advisor: Erica Lyman
 - Round table approach for board members – less of a hierarchy structure
 - Working with minority groups on campus
 - Motion to recognize
 - motion seconded
 - motion passed
 4. VP Diversity & Inclusion Update.....10:50-11:00
 - a. Proposed event series (Rachel Wolfard)
 - Orientation – justice Nelson
 - looking for feedback – sending out survey to peer mentors and 1Ls
 - First Opt In Workshop – send feedback if you have any
 - Second one Oct 31
 - Trystan Reese coming back for Allyship Training
 - Spiritual Life Coordinator reached out about “Awakening to Whiteness” workshop
 - Want SBA to co-sponsor
 - 5 courses throughout the semester – 2 ½ hours each
 - no gut-check, gives white people a lot of authority to speak on issues that aren’t there’s
 - based off a program the SLC did, wants to bring it to our campus
 - good to work with other campuses, intent with that is good
 - concern about the optics – “all white diversity workshop” sounds bad
 - we don’t seclude any sect of people ever within workshops and student groups
 - meditation/reflection aspects too
 - faculty support on campus for this
 - want more information on why it has to be secluded
 - would be a different discussion if it weren’t “white only” – overall out biggest issue
 - Rachel – send out itinerary so we can look at it more, invite SLC to the next meeting

5. Secretary Update.....11:00-11:05
- a. Attendance (§ 1.04)
 - Non-discretionary motion to expel if you hit your absence
 - Internal committee meetings are important as well – not mandatory but
 - b. Mandatory 2-Hour Volunteer Requirement per Semester (§ 1.08)
 - 2 hours per semester
 - With SBA – not as part of your internal committee, but anything else counts OR hold yourself out as an SBA member volunteering in the greater Portland community (be smart about election stuff please!)
 - c. Bylaws Update
6. Treasurer Update.....11:05-11:10
- Britt Ryan – going to write up a report in an email with a budget update
7. Reminders/Updates.....11:10-11:15
- a. President’s Office Hours – Mondays & Tuesdays, 8-10am
 - internal committee meetings, study space
 - b. OAAP Office Hours – Every other Thursday (starting September 6)
 - First time we’ve had counseling services on our law campuses
 - c. ABA Report (Attached via Email)
 - One of our students was featured!
 - Get involved, it’s free, makes the school look great
8. Honor Code Update.....11:15-11:25
- a. Background
 - Thank you to everyone who provided feedback ☺
 - Stacie met with Dean Davis & Dean Parry – since last year, bad timing with finals/summer/etc., so finally coming out now
 - Gave SBA comment period, got deadline pushed back (thanks Kate!) so now we have more time for getting student feedback
 - b. Plan/Strategy – Informational sessions w/ Deans Davis & Parry present for beginning portion; procure student feedback; President to appoint committee? (Kate Flannagan)
 - Really want students to participate in the change in vein of the cooperation by which it was created – why we should create a real dialogue about it to get better feedback and more participation
 - Appoint Committee to take this on?
 - Kate: in favor, this would allow for more authority and efficiency
 - Changes: have a “conduct code” in addition to just an honor code
 - Note: if we don’t approve it, that does not mean the faculty will not pass it and alternatively this leaves the punishment at the discretion of the Dean
 - Ideally, there are some changes due to the feedback and we will vote at the Oct. meeting
 - Impression from faculty – not trying to rush, really do want our feedback, just getting frustrated that
 - Motion to start committee
 - motion seconded
 - motion passed
 - Kate appointed as chair
 - Contact Stacie indicating interest (2-3 sentences as to why) ****ASAP**** deadline MONDAY
 - 5-6 people, keep it relatively small
 - Faculty could possibly come to informational sessions
 - Committee will meet with deans

9. Current Business.....11:25-11:50

- a. Proposed Bylaw Changes (Carolyn Griffin)
 - i. Faculty Advisor
 - passes
 - ii. Email votes for internal committees and closed meetings
 - passes
 - iii. Staggered elections
 - passes
 - iv. Executive Attendance
 - passes
 - v. Diversity Committee Representatives
 - passes
- b. Headshots (Sara Densmore)
 - photographer coming in October – free headshots
 - google sign-up sheet
 - Not Oct 8-11 for mental health week
- c. Halloween Party (Theresa Davis)
 - THANK YOU Theresa & planning committee ☺ ☺
 - Venue: Ecotrust
 - Still looking for bartender and DJ
 - Any ideas for decorations – contact Theresa
 - Crime Scene decoration theme
 - 21+
 - Need people for break down/cleanup (committee handling set up)
 - i. Venue Disclaimer (Stacie)
 - ii. Day-Of Sign Ups
 - iii. Ticket Sales Plan
 - Wristband system (BUDGET PENDING) – instead of drink tickets, get a wristband for open bar (saving lots of money on venue, this is very possible!)
 - EventBrite system
 - Create spreadsheet for volunteers
 - iv. Advertising Plan
 - Weekly email
 - Crime scene theme
 - Theresa’s husband going to help with poster designs
 - Send out a save the date
 - Maia – can connect from website to advertise on TVs
- d. Networking 101 – Tuesday, Sept. 18, 12:10-1:10pm
 - Good feedback!
- e. Pastries & Professors – Thursday, Sept. 27, 8-9:30am
 - 39 RSVPs so far
 - Faculty members are super excited about it – advertise it to friends!

10. Upcoming Business.....11:50-11:55

- a. President’s Inauguration – October 5
 - New president of L&C as a whole
- b. Mental Health Week – October 8-11
 - i. Monday: Fruit & Water Bottles
 - ii. Tuesday: Walk in Tryon (8-8:45)
 - iii. Wednesday: OOAP lunch; Pod v. Pod Kickball
 - Carolyn – email Sharon and ask about indoor space

- iv. Thursday: Lessons from the Addicted Lawyer (Brian Cuban)
 - very well-known as an addiction recovery spokesperson
 - has tons of experience with mental health issues
 - lots of sponsorships, no SBA funding used, OSB, OOAP, etc.
 - please spread the word about this!!
- c. Professionalism 101 – Tuesday, Oct. 16, 12:10-1:10pm
 - i. Judge Stacie Beckerman; Kate Acosta; Shayda Le; Dorianna Phillips
 - lots of different, valuable perspectives
- d. MBA YLS Event: The Grape Escape – Wednesday, Oct. 17, 5-7pm at the University Club (\$10 admission for students – includes hors d’oeuvres, dessert, and one drink or 3 wine tastings)
 - Going to email information out
 - \$10 for students – get food & a drink
- e. Speed Career Workshop/Resume Review
 - Speed-dating style resume review
 - Geared to 1Ls & 2Ls, but all are welcome
 - i. November 8?
 - Breakfast with judges – would be a long day
 - This event wouldn’t start until 5:30
 - Look for different dates – typically held on Thursday nights

- 11. Next GA Meeting11:55-12:00
 - a. Saturday, October 20 @ 10:30am – Wood Hall, Classroom 8
- 12. Adjourn12:00