

Student Bar Association- Lewis & Clark Law School

General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Saturday, January 12

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

Meeting Location: Wood Hall, Room 8



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1. Roll Call10:30-10:35
 2. Group Recognitions.....10:35-10:50
 - a. See SBA bylaws § 7.02
 - b. Law and Science Society (new group)
 - Goals: bring science/evidence-based thinking & connect to law and policy; bring conversations to campus about how this type of thinking is vital to the law; broad range of topics
 - Advisor Dan Rohlf
 - Motion to recognize
 - Motion seconded
 - Motion passed ☺
 - c. Women's Law Caucus (reactivation)
 - Partnership with OWLS – use group as a platform to connect
 - Motion to recognize
 - Motion seconded
 - Motion passed ☺
 3. President's Update.....10:50-11:00
 - a. Office hours discontinued
 - b. Mandatory Commitment hours
 - Didn't complete them – complete them + 1 (total of 5 this semester)
 - Attn: Carolyn – amend Bylaws for next time
 - c. Elections – position descriptions
 - Edit position descriptions – time commitment, what position entails
 - Add position if it isn't listed
 4. IBC/Budget Update.....11:00-11:10
 - Treasurer resigned
 - IBC meeting at the end of this meeting to decide next steps
 - \$6000 under budget from last semester
 - Allocate to Barrister's + travel
 - Student groups – email/forward emails to the general SBA account
 - IBC send out meeting dates Monday – transparency/clear plan moving forward
 - Send to student body
 5. Current Business.....11:10-11:30
 - a. Bylaws Amendments: §§ 2.05, 6.04
 - Motion to approve § 2.05
 - Motion seconded
 - Motion passed
 - Motion to approve § 6.04
 - Motion seconded
 - Motion passed

- b. Bylaw Amendment Discussion: Group Funding Timeline
 - Current: student group who request recognition cannot get funding for the greater of three months or next semester
 - Do we want to change this? Discussion:
 - Want to make sure they're going to stay around – don't want to waste money on a group that's going to be around on semester / not going to be active – how can you tell if they're going to be active if they don't have funding – have to balance this
 - Other places to get funding (bar preps, etc.) – frustrating
 - If we're going to vote for them to be recognized – why make them wait? If you're hesitant about giving funding, think twice about saying yes/approving
 - Making them wait/get their events organized and gain a following
 - IBC: don't know how active groups are – don't take this into consideration when given funding – should potentially start keeping track and give funding based on attendance showing
 - Best next step may be to just have IBC talk about this and present a procedure to the rules committee
 - Possibly have exemption in waiting period for people who are ready to present at the beginning/first week of the year
 - End Discussion: IBC needs to talk about this and work with Rules Committee on solutions
 - Motion to make exception and give Law & Science Society funding per the three month rule dated back to November reading when they were ready to present
 - Motion seconded
 - Motion passed

6. Upcoming Business.....11:30-11:40

a. Events

- i. Welcome Back Happy Hour
- ii. RBG Movie Screening – February 8
 - Co-host with WLC
 - Waiting to make room reservation until after add/drop – location on campus TBD
 - Promoting soon / providing food /inviting local legal community
- iii. 2/14 OTLA Event (Bill Barton)
- iv. Oral Argument Tips: Q&A w/ Past Best Advocates
- v. Barristers Ball – March 8
 - Based on comment from last year – different DJ/not have DJ, just have playlist
 - Location: Left Bank Annex
 - Food: changing food & ran out of wine
 - Let Theresa know if any other concerns/comments from last year
 - Going to have lounging/quiet area
- vi. Quality of Life event w/ OSB
 - OSB reached out – want to do an event focused on work/life management
- vii. SBA (organized by Nick Ball) – April 1
 - Health Law Society not co-sponsoring
 - On undergrad campus
 - Red Cross provides everything
- viii. Elections

b. Next Meeting

- i. Saturday, February 16 @ 10:30am-12:00pm

7. Internal Committee Check-Ins.....11:40-12:00

8. Adjourn.....12:00