

Student Bar Association- Lewis & Clark Law School

General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Saturday, March 16

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

Meeting Location: Wood Hall, Room 8



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1. Roll Call10:30-10:35
 2. IBC/Budget Update.....10:35-10:50
 - a. Budget status update (Joe and Sara)
 - student group budgets allocated, pretty much done – allocated does not = spent
 - probably will have some leftover
 - event budgets over ~\$6,000
 - probably pulling extra from travel budget
 - doesn't include revenue from Barrister's (per Theresa this is about \$4200)
 - per Rachel ~ \$1600 left in diversity fund
 - shout-out Cole & Joe for doing a great job!!
 - b. Travel Funds: Findings & Recommendations
 - HLS, ISG each granted the max allowed per group for group trips (\$700)
 - Total travel budget = \$10K, allocated \$6K
 - Recommending we approve \$2400 for final travel budget
 - Motion to approve
 - Motion passed
 3. Current Business.....10:50-11:10
 - a. Bylaw Revision Proposal (Sara)
 - i. See attached
 - Semester budget instead of monthly budget
 - Include yearly budget to see big picture with groups who tend to spend more money in a particular semester because of events – want to be able to plan for this
 - Trying to make the treasurer position and IBC function because it's a lot of work
 - Acknowledging & deferring to the judgement of Joe, Cole, & Sara in creating the amendments as they have worked through the problems and actively solved many of them – created this document reflecting that
 - Putting together internal guidelines
 - Motion to approve amendments
 - Motion seconded
 - Motion passed – amendments to IBC approved
 - b. External Committee Reports
 - i. Academic Enhancement Committee (Leanna Erickson & Stephen Thorpe)
 - ii. Admissions Committee (Jon Bui & Vanessa Aaron)
 - Admissions deadline was yesterday
 - iii. Alumni Association Board of Directors (Max Yoklic & Benjamin Whistler)
 - No updates since last meeting
 - Potentially trying to create alumni post-grad event
 - iv. American Bar Association (Caroline Brinster)
 - Email ~ a week ago – ABA has public interest awards for students and schools

- v. Board of Trustees (Seamus O'Connor)
- vi. Faculty Committee (Anne Cox & Reed West)
 - Post-grad employment weighed heavily in rankings, ours affecting our ranking
 - Quality of applicants higher, higher median LSAT score
 - Dropped in rankings from 95 to 104
- vii. Faculty Appointments Committee (David Sorensen & Chloe Johnson)
 - Hiring a lot of people right now – highly encourage students to show up to the faculty talks
- viii. Natural Resources Committee (Jesse Miles & Carleigh McMahon)
- ix. Transportation and Parking Committee (Natalie Barringer)
- x. Board of Visitors (Nick Greenfield)
 - They are concerned that our rankings are dropping
 - Don't have a lot of environmental/public interest perspective on the board
 - Environmental program is attractive and what many people come for, having issues with those graduates trying to pursue those careers, we should have people with those perspectives making the decisions on how to fix these issues
 - Important to focus
 - Fix this?
 - Get involved with appointments/elections
 - Look into the candidate and voice support
 - Write to school "these are the values and representation we would like to see"
 - Potentially the bigger issue is Career Services – potentially create an SBA position rep that works with Career Services to express student needs
 - Job of Board of Visitors (+Trustees) – job is to go out and make money
 - Not enough jobs for the public interest/environmental jobs for the amount of those students the school attracts

4. Upcoming Business.....11:10-11:20
 - a. Spring Elections (Sara)
 - Elections on Tuesday – speeches at lunch
 - Ballots go out Tuesday afternoon and close Friday before Spring Break
 - Heather will be in charge of counting ballots
 - b. Shamrock Run (Carolyn)
 - i. Post-run gathering?
 - Finish Line: Natio x Yamhill at the waterfront
 - Meeting at Paddy's after ~ 11:30-12:00
 - Open invite to come hang out!!
5. Feedback.....11:20-11:30
 - Want to create some system to pass on to the next SBA to make them aware of changes that have happened, what still needs to be done, etc.
 - Creating SBA Google Drive – gather documents or anything else that may be useful
6. April Meeting.....11:30-11:35
 - Going to have incoming members – one on one discussions **PLEASE SHOW UP !!!! this is the next person's opportunity to see SBA and your opportunity to pass on your position well!**
 - **Stacie's bringing food and coffee**
7. Internal Committee Check-Ins.....11:35-12:00
 - a. Transitional Documents/Checklists
8. Adjourn.....12:00