

Student Bar Association- Lewis & Clark Law School

Closed Working Session

Meeting Date: September 15, 2013

Meeting Time: 3:00 PM

Meeting Location: Wood Hall, Room 8



1. Introductions 3:00-3:05
Executive Board
2. Timing & Comment Card Instructions 3:05-3:15
Victor Mercado
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3. Debate 3:15-
In order of received comments (Noel, Jon, Ron, Ashley, Kya, Wynn, Samantha, + additional comments
 - Quorum in session
 - o Preamble
 - **Passed/approved**
 - o Section 1.01
 - Notice be changed to 24 hours ahead of time—proposed by Ron Cheng
 - **Vote: Passed/approved**
 - Jon: suggests that the name section be changed to the way it was before
 - Change the “name” back to the way it was—have it stand alone and turn the definition section
 - Section 1.01 should be “Name”
 - Section 1.01 (b) should be moved to 1.04 (attendance)
 - o **Passed/approved**
 - o Section 1.02
 - Comment by Kya
 - To keep “honor board” in section 1.02 under membership (v) as it was before
 - **Vote: Passed/approved**
 - o Section 1.03
 - Approve as written?
 - **Vote: Passed/approved**
 - o Section 1.04
 - Approve as written?
 - Jon: strike out “non-voting member” under 1.04 (a)
 - Change “unexcused meeting” to “absence” in 1.04 (a); reading “ has two unexcused absences per year then...”
 - o **Passed/approved**
 - Change rule to require notice to member before the SBA starts the removal process
 - o Already in the bylaws in 1.06
 - o Withdraw: Ron
 - o **Withdrawn**
 - Vote to approve as written
 - o **Passed/approved**
 - o Section 1.05
 - Vote to approve as written
 - o **Passed/approved**
 - o Section 1.06
 - (iii) removal of “by”—superfluous word
 - Vote to approve as written
 - o **Passed/approved**
 - o Section 1.07

- Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 2.01
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 2.02
 - Comment: LLM students and representatives
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 2.03
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 2.04
 - Removal of superfluous comma in (a)
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 2.05
 - Comment from Ron: (a)(i)
 - Eliminate “online” from “online editor to SBA”
 - Jon: Change title to spring election procedures
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 2.06
 - Jon: if there are fewer than 5 votes, do we eliminate the delegate?
 - Remove the 5 vote minimum threshold?
 - In favor: 2 votes (one proxy)
 - **Failed**
- Section 2.07
 - Comment by Ron
 - (b)(iii) suggested that specific penalties per sanction are written out.
 - Ron withdraws suggestion
 - Comment from Sam
 - (b)(iii)
 - Kya: should be clarified, however, there is a difference between what email account they are sent from
 - Linli: sending to your official listservs maintained by the school is inappropriate but sending them on your own (manually typing in email addresses) should be allowed
 - Being able to send from the listserv requires that you have SBA access.
 - Noel: if you’re in the pod, you have access to the listserv
 - Changed to: “via listservs maintained by the school...”
 - Also changed to: take out “unsolicited”
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 2.08
 - Comment by Ron: 48 hours required for giving notice under (a)
 - Interest in adding additional penalties
 - **Fail**
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 2.09
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 2.10
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 2.11

- Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 2.12
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 3.01
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 3.02
 - Comment from Sam: It should include that the President should have the discretion to appoint others to chair the SBA meetings under (b)
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 3.03
 - Victor suggests to remove this portion
 - Vote to eliminate it as is:
 - ~~Removal of (e)~~
 - Adding “and the Resources and Allocations Committee are”
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 3.04
 - Comment by Sam: overlaps with Wynn
 - Wynn has submitted comments about her specific role
 - There is an overlap but we just need to figure out how we want to change that
 - Do we want to keep both positions—ITSAC and the editor?
 - Jump to 3.24
 - Wynn’s comment for this section:
 - To change to: the difference being that Andrea is maintaining a website and Wynn is not—ITSAC Is just a liaison
 - Title changed to “Technology Student Representative”
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
 - This committee will defer to Wynn Heh to define the role of the Technology Student Representative.
 - Vote to have Wynn recommend on this?
 - **Passed**
- Section 3.04
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 3.05
 - Comment from Sam: change specific sections?
 - Change to “representatives by maintaining communications between each student on the SBA sitting on an external committee, summarizing the most salient points of each external committee meeting. The vice president of Student Affairs shall report back to the General Assembly a summary of these reports?”
 - No, (c) removed all together
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
 - Linli: what does (e/the old f) mean?
 - When honor board rep isn’t available, then the SBA president of student affairs will serve on that board.
 - Tabled 3.05 (e) for later because it is unclear whether or not the SBA can change the “What’s What,” which provides the President will sit on the Honor Board in the absence of the student Honor Board Representative.
- Section 3.06 – 5.00
 - Vote to approve as written

- **Passed/approved**
 - **Skipped**
- Section 5.01
 - “external salaried position”
 - As a point of clarification, did we find out from Dean Klonoff? Yes, it was delegated to Dean Spence and Libby Davis who delegated to SBA
 - NEDC records all funds received as “income” and reports to the IRS.
 - Ryan: amends that we strike any external salaries positions
 - **Passed**
 - Nathan: motion to have the Internal Budget Committee and Rules Committee Chair get together and come up with a process for awarding clerkship funds within a joint committee
 - Second
 - **Passed**
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 5.02
 - Ties into Article VII
 - Jon: instead of 7.01- put “this article”
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 5.03
 - Proposal means student groups will petition the Internal Budget Committee for travel funds **prior** to travel incurred at the IBC monthly meetings for travel.
 - Problems - Generally
 - This seems like a blunt instrument that takes away the ability of students to plan their funds
 - In terms of allocating the funding, there wasn’t a whole lot of accountability
 - The general assembly will make an up or down vote after they run it by the IBC to insure accountability
 - Internal Budget Committee should lay out the criteria for travel funding in the first meeting.
 - Vote on whether we want to make substantive changes to the already existing in the bylaw revisions for the travel committee section?
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 5.03 2(b)
 - Amended to have the minimum threshold for a group to get funding as two executive board members.
 - Vote to approve as amended
 - **Passed/approved**
- 5.04
 - (c)(1)(x)
 - Any other relevant factors included in section 5.04(a)
 - Move to bring this into travel
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Move to have 18 proxies to count towards quorum
 - Vote to approve
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 5.04
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 5.05
 - Move to vote as is
 - Seconded
 - Vote to approve as written

- **Passed/approved**
- Section 5.06
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Section 5.07
 - (c)(i)
 - The IBC may reallocate funds between various student groups on a good cause basis based on the audit
 - What's the good cause?
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
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 - To add a section (c)(iii)—comment by Jon
 - Any student group that has received notice of losing funding during a reallocation has a right to explain to the internal budget committee any peculiarities or inconsistencies in its budget. The student group shall be informed of this right at the time it receives notice of the IBC's intentions to cut its funding. No funding shall be cut until the student group has had an opportunity to present its case before the committee.
 - Do we even need this?
 - No
 - Moved to eliminate Jon's suggestion
 - Move to strike out 5.07—there is no longer a fund reallocation
 - Not voted on
 - Move to keep section 5.07 but change the name to "Spring Financial Audit"
 - Move to change name to "Audit"
 - Move to delete anything that refers to reallocations, keep audits
 - Kya: move to amend "a copy of their SBA form balance sheet"
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved as amended**
- Section 6.04
 - (a)(i)
 - Moved to 24 hours, not 48
 - "a motion approved"
- Section 6.05
 - Move to add this section
 - Title: Notice of Meeting Agenda and Materials
 - Students must submit items to be considered on the agenda by the third Sunday of each month
 - For each monthly SBA general assembly meeting, the agenda and all supplemental materials to be discussed at the general meeting shall be distributed to each SBA member at least 24 hours in advance
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Article 7.01
 - Motion to strike (iii)
 - Motion to strike the first sentence of (iv)
 - Motion to strike "the student group's law student members or a board of directors elected by the student group" –(v)
 - Add: "the student group's executive board" –(v)
 - Vote to approve as written
 - **Passed/approved**
- Article 7.02
 - (a)

- Add: “excuse the presenter, who will be notified via email, by the President, of the general assembly’s decision”
- Strike: ask the presenter to step out of the room to allow the members of SBA to discuss and vote to either grant recognition or deny recognition to the student group.

4. Adjourn