

Student Bar Association- Lewis & Clark Law School

General Assembly Agenda

Meeting Date: October 6, 2013

Meeting Time: 3:00 PM

Meeting Location: Wood Hall, Room 8



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1. Welcome 3:00-3:05
 - Called to order at 3:02 by 3:03
 2. SBA Treasurer Resignation & Appointment of Charles Malmsten.....3:05-3:20
 - §2.11(b) requires a General Assembly vote after an appointment
 - Moved by Anna
 - Seconded by Sam
 - **Direct vote: PASS**
 3. Announcement of New 1L Reps
 - Derek Bradley— Orange Pod
 - Adrew Bogle—Blue Pod
 - Justin Curtis- Purple Pod
 - Philip Ard—Green pod
 - Allen—Red pod
 - Royce Williams—Transfer Rep
 4. Evening Student Complaints to the Dean3:20-3:35
 - Concerns about lack of activities catering to evening students
 - Debate about possible options
 - o Holding an event for the evening students to invite tenure faculty and provide some sort of refreshments
 - Phillip Ard:
 - o Possibly after 4:00PM
 - o Monday, Tuesday or Thursday
 - Alex Tinker:
 - o Move to approve to doing something and we delegate to come up with something that works
 - o Seconded by Kyle Johnson
 - o Direct Vote: PASS
 - Victor Mercado:
 - o Refer to him after the meeting to touch base
 - Sam Valdovinos
 - o It would be beneficial to have other students be able to attend as well
 - Budget?
 - o Motion for amount that should be approved
 - o Motion to inquiry: can it be included in the original motion?
 - o Phillip Ard: without sitting down and looking at it, there's no way to come up with a set amount
 - o Ashley McDonald: can the pod reps send us an email with what they're looking at
 - o Alex Tinker: Move to leave the amount up to President's discretion
 - Move to: amend the amendment—Kyle: point of order: amendment to an amendment to call for objections, if there are none, it passes.
 - Amendment to delegate with the budget considerations
 - Objections?

- Main motion: delegate to VP of programming, SBA President and the 1L evening pod rep as well as the transfer rep to plan an evening and transfer student welcome event. This event will have a funding amount that is to the discretion of the SBA President with the agreement of the members of the IBC, with the amount of funding coming out of the SBA general funds.
 - **Direct Vote: PASS**
 - Abstention: Victor Mercado

5. The Fine Print4:05-4:20
Necessary?

- Kyle Johnson: to move suspend fine print activities for the rest of the academic year
 - Amendment to motion made by Kyle: move to remove the position
 - Nathan Morales: can a brief description be given about the purpose of the Fine Print?
 - Linli Pao: Description given
- Wynn Heh: creating some sort of blog to replace it as an alternative
- **Direct Vote: PASS**
- Abstention: Alan, John, Sam
- Wynn Heh: Should SBA have a blog that allows for discussion and updates
 - Sam: Move to create an SBA blog that works in conjunction with the VP of Communications and a subcommittee
 - Seconded by Andrea Herman
 - Discussion: Sam: creating a subcommittee that is dedicated to updating the content of the blog
- Alex Tinker: Do we need to have a discussion about delegating the task?
 - If we need a subcommittee, then we need to pass that here?
- Kyle Johnson: Example: a member wants to send out a suggestion but not to the entire general assembly—issues concerning announcement
- Nathan Morales: in a situation similar to what Kyle mentioned, we need to be careful. Issues come up with document retention.
 - Kyle: can we have some information about to what extent is SBA limited to public conversations on sites like Facebook and whether or not a blog would be a good alternative.
 - Victor Mercado: if there is no interest in a body creating actual content, then we should suspend it
- Andrea Herman: amendment to the motion to not have a subcommittee
 - Direct Vote: PASS
 - Abstentions: Natalia, Jagjit, Anna
- Chelsea: is the content going to be edited and screened?
 - Andrea: if there is no content to begin with, then it's not going to be a problem
- Andrea: is it possible to leave room for the SBA blog to have the discretion of the students ?
- Motion seconded
- **Direct Vote: PASS**
- One no
- Two abstentions
- Question: Sam: should we be checking with someone before posting things on Facebook
- Kyle: move to delegate to the VP of communications to research these questions and report back at the November meeting
 - Seconded
 - **Direct Vote: PASS**
 - Three abstentions

6. ABA Student Representative4:20-4:35
Necessary?

Linli Pao: ABA is sending promotional materials to Jagjit (ABA Representative). What is the best way to disseminate information about the SBA?

- Ashley: you should update the class Facebook pages whenever we have the information
 - o Andrea: not possible, no access given
- Amend: have someone else who access add to that
- Wynn: we should speak with Dean Spence about having more access
 - o Moved by Ashley McDonald
 - Seconded
 - Debate?
 - Move to direct vote
 - PASS
 - Two oppositions
 - Two abstentions
- Victor: ABA is seen as an outside vendor so it's similar to Wolters and Westalw and Lexis
 - o Do we want to work to grant them greater access and giving preference to ABA?
 - Anna: the ABA is a different entity, they don't sell books or researching entities
 - Ron: what is the incentive?
 - Discounts at Brookstone and Hertz, subscription to periodicals
 - Victor: the accreditation is going to be present regardless of us selling membership
 - If it's just about selling membership, then we shouldn't do it
 - Jagjit: the whole idea is to provide a legal community for students to tap into
 - o Linli: what instructions should this body give to Jagjit about what to do with this?
 - Motion to utilize the points we've made to allow the ABA representatives to use to recommendations to communicate, and send emails, and table.
 - Moved by Kyle:
 - Seconded
 - Direct vote: 15 abstentions
 - Motion carries

7. Dan Kappes4:35- 4:50

Discussion on the Emphasis of Faculty Casebook Editing

Linli Pao: He was hoping that someone in SBA would take on the issue of asking the SBA to edit their own casebooks so that students don't have to buy them.

- Is there anyone here he would like to take up this issue by either drafting an advisory letter or writing a ballot measure?
 - o Andrea: was the request to have more teachers do that or to abolish textbooks all together?
 - Linli: it varies depending on which student weighed in on the discussions
 - o Andrea: it seems unreasonable
 - o Alex: delegate this task to Dan
 - o Anna: Should SBA be in the business of mandating what textbooks faculties should use?
 - o Kya: we can still make a suggestion
 - o Wynn: we'll be stuck with a lot more reading if we have full cases—so there are trade-offs
- Motion to do anything with this topic?
 - o Ashley: move to discuss this when Dan comes up with a solution
 - o Seconded
 - o **Direct Vote: PASSES**

UNRELATED NOTE: Linli asks that you let her know when you're not going to make it to external committee meetings

8. Committee Updates4:50-5:05

External Committee meetings:

- Anna: Alumni network: interested in getting alumni to donate money

- Sarah: event coming up on November 15th
- Rhylee: Health and Wellness: new, they don't have much planned
- Alex: budget committee: short on the budget for this year, because of lowering the standard for keeping scholarships and lower student count, giant hole—anticipating a lower entering class
 - o Base tuition and you'd either pay a little more or a little less depending on where you're at
 - o The part-time program will have a similar thing
 - o Discussion about moving from a banded tuition system to a more system where no one would ever pay more than the current amount.
 - o Tuition changes haven't really started but the negotiation is from 0-3%
- Kyle Johnson: the way that tuition is charges, there is also an option being considered for a per credit hour counting system
- Noel: Diversity working group: this year they have three main things: awareness and visibility, student awareness and faculty awareness
 - o Budgetary concerns of being a diversity organization on campus
 - o Faculty is looking to be creative and support this
- Kya: back to budget—there was a deficit because of the scholarship requirement reduction
 - o We should, at least by word of mouth, let students know that they're going to be less lenient in the upcoming semesters
- John: Curriculum committee: do we want 13 or 14 a semester?
 - o General agreement is 13 weeks
 - o Maybe changing the credit hours available for classes that have more of a writing component
 - o Justin: there are a few professors who are willing to do this but ABA requirements will come in the way
 - Kya: any time that any student can give in a way that is beneficial to them, it's unfortunate that they have to do a 5 credit deal at least
- Kyle Johnson: Indian Law program being removed
 - o This is up to the delegation of the curriculum committee
 - Would the committee like to discuss that?
- Justin: it was discussed in terms of summer programs
 - o There was a brief mention of doing away with it entirely
 - o The Board of Trustees is discussing the cutting, the committee is just looking at enrollment in the summer program
- Linli: the board of trustees doesn't make any curriculum decisions
 - o The discussion there was that there was about the financial state of the school
 - o That does, however, tip in favor of making the Indian law program shaky because the program may generate less money
- Kyle Johnson: he will be looking more closely at the fiscal aspect of this. It looks like the fiscal argument of scrapping it isn't very strong. If there is anyone who is particularly concerned about this, bring it to someone's attention to bring it up at the next meeting.
- Noel: why is Klonoff comparing the Indian Law program to the biggest programs on campus?
 - o Linli: he's not. He's looking at a lot of programs and he's focusing more on growing the environmental law and international environmental law and the animal law committee
- Sam: Who will Kyle be reporting to?
 - o Kyle: the external budget committee
 - o It's not a simple question of if the program makes money or not, it's a question of how valuable the program is to the students
- Linli: maybe 1L reps can poll their classmates and see who is interested
- Kya: people came here because they wanted to study Indian Law—it's reliance issue
 - o When Miller left, students were told that they program would remain and the window of opportunity for transferring has passed
- Faculty appointment committee: Nathan and Victor Reuther: told that they wouldn't be doing much this year

- Natural resource committee: Tristan: further opportunities for 1Ls
 - Linli
 - o Global Law committee:
 - Issue we are voting on: Whether students cannot spend an entire semester studying at a foreign institution that has no memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the school.
 - This probably won't be allowed. One factor is that the school will lose tuition because the student would pay the foreign institution without an MOU.
 - o Board of Trustees
 - Three days of meetings
 - Law school submitted a report which gave them all an idea of where we stand
 - Financially, we need to tighten our belt
 - Based on Klonoff's travels, the Japanese ABA wants to have sort of joint exchange program
 - Board of Trustees voted to support beginning this program.
 - Numbers for jobs: 41% of the class of 2013 are employed; it is unknown what kind of employment it is.
 - The incoming class is the most diverse
 - o Dean's discretionary funds subcommittee
 - An application for discretionary travel reimbursement funds has been created
 - Has not yet been approved by Dean Klonoff
 - Students must first apply to SBA funds, then to the Discretionary fund.
9. Halloween Party.....5:05-5:10
- Victor Mercado: Student Life Committee
 - o Last year's budget for the party came out to \$3,161
 - o This year: \$4500 (moving target)
 - o Venue: Bossanova Ballroom
 - Rental: \$3100, includes all permits, cash bar, pinball machines, photo-booth
 - School is providing cab vouchers
 - o Last year's attendance: \$1600 for ticker revenue
 - o We've already reserved tabling space for the next three weeks
 - At lunch and between 4:30-6:00 for evening students
 - o We've also have at-door tickets
 - o We are looking to secure donations for alcohol and food
 - o Date: October 25th
 - We have created promotional materials and we'll have them up by tomorrow
 - Questions:
 - o Kya: what will ticket include?
 - Free alcohol, taxi cab reduction, food
 - o Linli: grant for four kegs was put in
 - Discounted kegs from HopWorks
 - Allison Cantor is also looking at donating cases of wine
 - o Ashley: is there going to be a shuttle going there?
 - We had it before because Oaks Park was very hard to get to
 - It's really easy to get to this new location via public transport
 - o Kyle: is there a DJ? Is the music going to be skipping and stopping?
 - There's going to be an AV system and we're working to put together a standard playlist
10. Oregon New Lawyer's Division Event.....5:10-5:15
- Linli: we need people there to see if this is a relationship we want to continue
 - Originally, Linli proposed that we'd set aside \$200
 - Libby said that there would be free alcohol and \$100 from career services

- ONLD committed \$100
- Total, it's \$400 we have for catering
- Questions:
 - o Do we want to pump up the amount that SBA pledges?
 - o Do we want to go with an outside vendor?
 - o Can someone come and be there?
 - Nikoo, Andrea, Sam
 - o Can someone email professors?
 - Sam
 - Sarah
- Future suggestions: other societies would like to collaborate on as well
 - o Maybe other groups can co-sponsor as well
- Wynn will send an email to the announce account

New business:

- Kyle: some members of the GA have not received all of the emails
- Move to have the secretary compile/forms a group listserv
- Wynn: why are we not using the SBA listserv?
 - o Sam: the lists have not been updated
 - o Wynn: this is something that needs to be fixed
 - o Sam: we're working on it
- Rescind the motion
- Move that the concerned individual works with the responsible parties (ITSAC rep) to work on this issue on behalf of the SBA
 - o Direct Vote: PASS
 - o Two abstentions
- Nathan Morales: updates from the IBC and the Rules Committee
 - o Updates given by Nikoo
- Motion to move the meeting to an earlier time
 - o 11:00AM
 - o Debate:
 - Kyle: withdrawal
 - Ron: disagree, if it's only one time a month, why can't we do it later in the afternoon
 - Kya: same, we had this similar discussion last meeting
 - o Direct Vote: Failed
 - o Abstentions: 6
- Masters of Legal Studies
 - o Wants petition this group to have a rep
 - o Kyle: they should have a representative to be here and make their case
 - Linli: the student doesn't want to be the MLS representative, but wants to set up the program for representation.
 - Student has appointed Lucy Brehm to work with SBA to do this
 - o Alex: move to decide that a group of 4 people shouldn't have a rep in SBA and then we deny their request
 - No seconded
 - o Sarah:
 - Is the rep similar to the 1L reps?
 - Yes
 - The student is Laura Stewart, she doesn't want to be the rep but she wants the SBA to add the position
 - o Motion that Linli has too much* shit * to do already

- Seconded
- Victor:
 - They have to have the critical mass to have this moving or have an actual rep ready to do this
- Natalia:
 - Agrees. If they don't bring anyone, then they don't have a rep. if they do, then we'll deal with it
 - She knows Laura so she'll take the responsibility
- Noel:
 - Maybe the rest of the groups should join together and have one rep
 - It's really about getting someone in here to be a representative
- Derek:
 - We delegate this to the "reps" and have them come up with a solution. Kyle volunteered to help.
 - Direct vote: Passed
 - Two abstentions

11. Adjourn.....6:00