

Student Bar Association- Lewis & Clark Law School

General Assembly Agenda

Meeting Date: September 24, 2016

Meeting Time: 9:30am-11:00pm

Meeting Location: Wood Hall, Room 7



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1. Roll Call.....9:30-9:35
 2. Vote on SBA Budget Bylaw 5.03 (a)(6) Change.....9:35-9:45
 - a. Motion to approve amendment to Bylaw Section 5.03(a)(6)
 - i. Motion passed
 3. Current Business.....9:45-10:00
 - a. New student group proposals: Student Angling Law Society & Jewish Legal Society
 - i. Student Angling Law Society:
 1. Motion to approve Student Angling Law Society as new student group
 - a. Motion passed
 - ii. Jewish Legal Society
 1. Motion to approve Jewish Legal Society as new student group
 - a. Motion passed
 - b. Halloween Party
 - i. Date: October 29, 2016
 - ii. Venue: Melody Ballroom
 - iii. Time: 8:30-1:30 (Venue rented for 5 hours-time frame is negotiable)
 - iv. Student Life Committee will meet soon to discuss specifics
 - v. Do any SBA members have connections to donations from the community?
 1. Venue fees:
 - a. \$200/case of wine
 - b. \$250/specialty cocktail
 - c. \$150/fee to tap donated keg
 - d. \$9/corkage fee for donated wine bottles
 - e. 20% service charge for food & beverages
 - vi. Open suggestions for party decorations, room layout, ideas re: glassware, etc.
 1. Plastic cups necessary this year
 2. We are a prominent non-profit in town so some wineries may help out if we cold-call; BARBRI, etc. usually will sponsor free wine or keg if asked
 3. Want to ensure no ordering of extra drinks on SBA tab
 - a. all extra drinks should be paid for by students
 4. Admission cost should be based on cost of Halloween party
 - a. want to make money back for what we spend (Budget Committee issue)
 5. Food was good last year
 6. Need better music than last year
 7. Better planning for costume award part
 8. Coat check was confusing last year
 9. Need better understanding of keg tap fees, etc.
 - a. seems way too expensive
 - b. what about cost for tapping pony kegs? Is the cost less?
 10. Donations from grocery stores

- vii. Need to have an estimate of total cost of Halloween party by Oct. 5
 - 1. don't want to have an almost \$10k party like last year
 - 2. Barrister Ball has priority of funds over Halloween party
- c. PILP Funding/Professional Head shots
 - i. Last year SBA thought there was less money than there actually was
 - ii. Dean Johnson has agreed to roll-over unspent funds from last year to this year's budget
 - a. Motion to interpret bylaws to determine if any portion of SBA funds can go to PILP for purpose of funding stipends to individual students
 - i. Motion not passed (7 abstained)
 - b. Motion to determine whether SBA can give money to PILP to co-sponsor the PILP auction
 - i. Motion passed
 - c. Motion to table decision re: amount allocated to PILP until next month when we have an exact amount of amount SBA will receive
 - i. Motion passed
- d. \$1600 charge for 16+ credits/per credit
 - i. Dean Davis sent explanatory email
 - 1. email does not justify purpose of charge – need a better explanation
 - ii. Larger incentive to take more credits in earlier semesters due to winter bar exam
 - iii. Can we expand the band to 16 and then charge \$1600 for 17+ credits?
 - 1. Andrew Cartmell will create Google Doc to open the conversation with SBA members about how to approach this issue
- e. Center of Diversity and Inclusion Forum
 - i. Will be available to undergrad, law school and grad school
 - ii. Discussing initiatives L&C is taking on to spread diversity on campus
 - iii. Next Friday – email to student body will be sent soon

4. Updates10:00-10:30

- a. MPRE Transparency issue (President)
 - i. Dean Davis said the issue was in the control of the LSAC and they had authority to hold off on relaying the information because they were conducting an internal investigation and students from other schools outside L&C were impacted
- b. Changing of Course Designations w/ Foundational Courses (President)
 - i. Dean Davis said the administration worked with any students who talked to her about how the change in course designations affected them directly and made necessary adjustments to the student's schedule
- c. Parking & Shuttle bus pass issue (Transportation & Parking Committee)
 - i. TPAC meeting was last week
 - 1. law school is at capacity and the problem is being worked on
 - 2. encourage park & ride specifically for 1Ls who don't have night class
 - 3. bus pass issue: now allowed to obtain 3 free packs/per month along with L&C parking permit
 - ii. Issues to discuss at next TPAC meeting
 - 1. Need a page on L&C website explaining specific function of each permit because there is too much confusion and students are purchasing wrong passes
 - 2. Encouragement of carpooling would be better
 - a. perhaps a forum where people can go who want to carpool
 - iii. Send all suggestions/complaints to Tessa
 - iv. There will be Winter/Spring construction on Terwilliger
- d. Credit/Pay for Externships (VP of Student Affairs/VP of Communication)

- i. Dean and administration is moving forward with this and figuring out ways to implement this with employers because employers have to meet certain requirements – it is being forwarded to the faculty for a vote
- e. Call for outlines (VP of Communications)
 - i. James will send email soon
- f. Fulfillment of Transfer Student Rep; Diversity Committee; Curriculum Committee positions
 - i. Appointments of officers have been filled other than LLM Rep
 - ii. President made selection based on statement of interest/resume
- g. Officer webpage/bylaws (VP of Communications)
 - i. Has been updated-1Ls will be added soon
- h. Faculty meeting (Faculty Committee)
 - i. ABA has been stripped of ability to accredit law schools by Government Education Board
 - 1. new rule that 75% of students have to pass bar within 2 years in order to remain accredited as a law school (this did not happen this year at L&C or anywhere in Oregon)
 - ii. ABA last spring had some small complaints
 - 1. issue with the way L&C library run because library is not well-funded and budget on library was not spent
 - a. 1L push to get in the library
 - 2. glowing report about the professors
 - iii. Looking into space planning and architectural bids
 - iv. Breaking even on budget this year for the first time in a while
 - v. Goals of faculty was to shrink it back down
 - 1. want to decrease students and not hire tenure track professors which is why schedule is limited this year
- i. Alumni meeting
 - i. Bar passage was an issue brought up (58%)
 - ii. Looking to build alumni basis in Bend

5. Current Tasks.....10:30-10:40

- a. Committees
 - i. Most people have signed up for committees with the exception of a few remaining SBA members who need to sign up

6. Future Business.....10:40-10:55

- a. Townhall Meeting ideas
 - i. Dean and administration to address individual student concerns
 - 1. many law schools already do this
 - ii. Maybe online submissions and grouping concerns so not overwhelming
 - iii. Want to do in November (we will talk about this next meeting)
- b. Professional Development (CPDC), Community Service (Bar Sections), & Mental Health
 - i. Professional Development:
 - 1. Need to focus on student to attorney transition
 - 2. Need students to be more connected with bar sections – Bar Prowl only had 15 of 60+ Bar Sections
 - ii. Community Service:
 - 1. We should do more community service
 - 2. We have legal clinics but we need to do things within the city
 - 3. We could do community service with the bar sections
 - 4. President planning on 1 day of community service for L&C Law students and faculty
 - a. OR Food Bank or Hands on Portland

- b. Need help planning for any SBA members interested
 - iii. Mental Health:
 - 1. Too much drug/alcohol abuse here on campus
 - 2. Want to network outside of drinking
 - 3. Community service/activity day is going to be planned during ABA Mental Health Awareness Week
 - a. ideas: meditation and yoga/basketball tournament/softball or kickball game
- 7. Plan Future Meeting Date..... 10:55-11:00
 - a. October 22, 2016 (9:30 a.m.)
- 8. Adjourn.....11:00