

Student Bar Association — Lewis & Clark Law School

General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 7, 2017

Meeting Time: 9:30am — 11:00pm

Meeting Location: LRC, Room 5



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1. Roll Call9:30-9:35
 2. Introduction of 1L Pod Representatives.....9:35-9:40
 3. Student Group Recognition of the Food & Agricultural Law Society9:40-9:55
 - Reviving/revamping “Food & Wine” — focus more on agriculture
 - Motion to recognize
 - Motion passed
 4. Icebreaker/Introductions9:55-10:20
 5. Updates10:20-10:40
 - a. Mental Health Workshop — Recap
 - 3 attorneys & Brian Welsh — talked about mental health, validating the overwhelming feelings of 1L, & highlighting the resources available if school is overwhelming
 - Looking to do more — suggest topics for future workshops (Contact Chelsea & Tanya)
 - Mindfulness
 - Sangye still working on mediation & prayer room — yoga too?
 - b. Professional Development Diversity Workshop — Recap, Debriefing Sessions?
 - SBA has link to the podcast
 - Remember this is only step one, keep advertising within your other student groups & pals!
 - October 31 & November 15 = next two installments — recommend you watch the first one
 - Debriefing sessions?
 - Steverson does it in contracts at beginning of class
 - Red pod has mentioned a debriefing session would be nice — jumping right from this talk into the next class was difficult
 - How to encourage attendance from those who opted out of the first one?
 - Need to make events like this more accessible to the evening students (1L Pod Reps, continue pointing this out throughout the year)
 - Saturdays?
 - Play the podcasts/have a screening party with a discussion after
 - Diane working with administration on weekend or evening event — send Diane & Rachel any questions/concerns you’d like brought up in the faculty meeting
 - Sending out registration for the next one to show interest to administration
 - Pushing to get this required during orientation or legal methods (Rachel)
 - c. Call for Outlines
 - Only had a handful of responses — need more, especially for smaller classes
 - Michael — send out another email blast — be more specific on which ones are needed

- d. Honor Code Review
 - Updating Honor Code & Policy — executive board has to go over it first, then it will get sent out to everyone — will discuss & send back approval
 - Law School Progressives issue — email sent to Caitlin about their first meeting that they were promoting civil disobedience & illegal activities through protests — 1Ls felt uncomfortable with a student group promoting this
 - Lawrence let them know this is not supported/approved by the SBA or law school — Not in the bylaws that a student group can be removed for this
 - Rules committee should update this (@Carolyn)
 - Concerns about political activities in general going on with L&C name on it — Explicitly claimed involvement with democratic party politics
 - NLG is involved in many protests — Shouldn't stifle people from sharing their political viewpoints, this is an integral part of the law school experience — shouldn't be endorsing any illegal activity, but otherwise they have the right to say/wear/do what they want — concerned with funding & wording of the bylaws if added (Johnny/Elizabeth)
 - Merely communication issue — they weren't advertising any illegal activity, no more or less than NLG talking about protesting (Taylor)
 - Foster a discussion about it rather than just shut it down, validate both sides (Quincy)
 - As long as there is no illegal activity, there shouldn't be too much of an issue with having them represent us (Michael L.)
 - Spectrum of “illegal activity” — rally w/o permits, shouldn't be too worried about this another reason to just be careful about wording if we do add it (Michaela)
- e. SBA Hikes
 - Stacie & Caroline organizing — survey response had about 100 people interested
 - Saturday, October 21 (10:00am) — check announcements this coming week
- f. Faculty Committee — New Capstone Procedure
 - Capstone requirements have not changed as of now — trying to standardize the process to cut down on the number of students that struggle with this to graduate
 - New focus: not law review-style & implement required deadlines
 - Possibly have required info-sessions so people can be more on top of it
- g. Alumni Committee
 - Email Elizabeth about any events you'd like the alumni to be involved with
 - Do more events they can encourage students to attend — informal, low-key networking, feel the lack of alumni connection (Lawrence) — Timbers/Blazers game?
- h. SBA Volunteer/Participation Hour Requirements
 - 2 hours — email to Carolyn when done to record
 - Send out in emails (i.e. “remember this will count for your SBA hours”)
- i. Parking Email
 - Jason wants to send out an email to the school updating on the situation
 - be careful not to include anything not discussed with administration
 - Brought up in the alumni meeting — didn't go over well, got a very strong reaction, Dean Johnson chilled it out, said she sent people out to check throughout the day & St. Mark's lot was never full — concern about confusion regarding St. Mark's lot (Elizabeth)
 - Should send out the email — would be good to let the student body know their positions and opinions are being heard and respected (Stacie)

- Advertise St. Mark’s better — fix danger issues with lack of lighting and crosswalks (Sarah) — why is this not free like it used to be, this frustrates people
- How do we get everyone on the same page? — this email could help with that
- Can** park there after 6pm now

6. Current Business10:40-10:50

- a. Halloween Party — October 27th
 - 45 East is having a party already, going to combine with them — selling for \$10 with a drink ticket — bought 150, after that students have to buy through the venue (\$30)
 - No food provided as of now, planning committee looking into possibly doing something before
- a. Tasks needed to be completed?
 - Advertising happening relatively soon — looking for sponsorship options to make it more cost effective for us — @Lawrence says hurry up
- b. SBA Football Tailgate
 - Elias — homecoming is October 21st (?)
- c. Health Law Society
 - Any mental/physical health concerns to address for upcoming meeting with all 3 campuses contact Tanya

7. Current Tasks10:50-10:55

- a. Update SBA Bylaws
 - Lawrence needs to send updated bylaws to Secretary
- b. Update SBA Facebook Page
 - Lawrence and Mike will work on updating the page

8. Future Business10:55-11:00

- a. Community Building
- b. Profession Development — Communication Skills, Elevator Speech, What to do if not in Top 10%, Discussions on Professions which require Legal Degrees that are not Law
 - Effectively sending emails
 - Concerns about the “top 10%” topic — makes it seem like you’re screwed if you’re not in it (Rachel & Britt) — Support for it: most of us aren’t in it, focus on what avenues to take into the world outside of “big law” that the top 10% usually goes for
 - Potential workshop ideas:
 - Etiquette — eating in public (Anne)
 - Practical skills (Stephen) — Michael L = possible connection with lawyers for this
 - Common problems with Interviews — talking points about job (Elizabeth)
 - “Professionalism 101” — combine many of these ideas into one thing (Stacie)
 - Interviewing, this ties into the “not in the top 10%” subject because interviewing is important because this is important when you don’t have the grades (Cecilia)
 - When? — this semester & after grades come out
- c. Community Service (Local Organizations) — Oregon Food Bank Volunteering, Oct. or Nov.; Earthquake Preparedness Kits (OWLS)
 - Food bank — next Saturday, too soon. Thanksgiving break Saturday (25th)?
 - Earthquake Preparedness Kits — for ourselves, make this a networking event with OWLS

- d. Mental Health (softball/kickball/flag football team etc.)
 - No access to softball field — other sports options on turf in the works, suggestions welcomed
 - Spooky Halloween things! Email @SBA with any suggestions (corn mazes, haunted houses, etc.) — 1Ls want to spearhead this?
 - e. Expand access to Competitions, Conferences, Scholarships, and Publishing Opportunities
 - ABA — Nick T., forward any opportunities to the SBA account so Lawrence can blast them out — need to be more involved with this
 - f. Involvement with Portland Based Universities (OHSU, UofO, PSU etc.)
 - Want to chill/hang out/make friends — current connection is poor and Lawrence says be better
 - Grad school campus looking to integrate events with us because they don't have much going on (Quincy)
9. Next Meeting Date11:00
- a. Next meeting — Saturday November 4th, 9:30am — Classroom 7
 - MPRE is this day — don't want to bombard people so we're changing it to **SUNDAY NOV 5 @ 1pm**
10. Adjourn11:00