

Student Bar Association- Lewis & Clark Law School

General Assembly Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: October 20, 2018

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

Meeting Location: Wood Hall, Classroom 8



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1. Roll Call & Call for Feedback10:30-10:35
 2. Welcome Awakening to Whiteness Organizers10:35-10:50
 - a. -People of color are welcome to attend but they will be in a different group
 - b. -5 sessions, 2.5 hours each, meet every two weeks
 - c. -Reading one credit class, reading homework with required and optional reading
 - d. -Lots of student questions about the appropriateness of having this event on campus
 - e. -Starting in January, 6 months long
 - f. -General consensus is that students feel uncomfortable with the program
 - g. -Good intentions and come from a good place
 - h. -Motion to vote
 - i. -Motion seconded
 - ii. -Voted not to support the program
 3. Reminders.....10:50-10:50
 - a. President's Office Hours – Mondays & Tuesdays, 8-10am
 - b. OAAP Office Hours – November 1, 15, 29
 4. Updates.....10:50-11:05
 - a. October Events Review
 - i. Mental Health Week
 1. The programming went well and was well-received
 - ii. Professionalism 101
 1. The programming went well, we had about 20-25 students in attendance
 - iii. Headshots (Sara Densmore)
 - b. ABA Tabling Report (Caroline Brinster)
 - i. I hung up fliers on campus advertising ABA membership. The fliers were provided to me by the ABA. They are in Gantenbein and outside McCarty Rooms 1-4.
 - ii. ABA membership has been increasing. I am ranked 9th in the country for getting students this year to sign up! You cannot sign people up if they have already signed up in the years past. So I am focusing on signing up 1Ls, and any other upperclassmen who may have not signed up during their first year of law school.
 - iii. I have tabled 3 times this semester in the LRC. I will table two more times mid Nov (14 and 16).
 - iv. I have sent one email to the student body about the ABA with an attachment to links about competitions and scholarships. Dean Davis and I have talked about waiting to send another email out later in the semester because we do not want to send too much "spam" to students.
 - c. Academic Enhancement Committee Update (Leanna Erickson & Stephen Thorpe)
 - i. Training for newest members is scheduled for 10/30/18.
 - d. Admissions Committee Update (Jon Bui & Vanessa Aaron)
 - i. Report missing

- e. Alumni Association Board of Directors Update (Max Yoklic & Benjamin Whistler)
 - i. At the last Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting, the Dean and alumni gave updates on:
 - 1. **New Programing**: The Dean announced that the law school will be offering a new Energy Law Certificate, as well as an online LLM program. Along with the availaibilty of an online LLM program, the faculty are considering increasing the number of online credits JD students may take from 6 to 12 units.
 - 2. **Entering Class**: Admissions rose 9%, the entering class has 166 JD students, and 16 LLM students.
 - 3. **Alumni Board Objectives**: This year, the Alumni Board hopes to increase alumni fundraising, promote alumni-student support during law school and for job placement, and facilitate more events. In connection with the fundraising campaign, the law school's Development Office is spearheading a new student group, the Student Philanthropy Council, to raise student awareness about the importance of donations. Additionally, the board brought my attention to the fact that there may be scholarships, bar association opportunities, and alumni events that students are not taking advantage of. It may be beneficial for the SBA to start an alumni-student engagement committee to promote those opportunities.
- f. Curriculum Committee Update (Kellen Brockman)
 - i. Our update is pretty short. The committee has been reviewing new courses for future semesters (Spring and next year), as well as reviewing and approving the summer school curriculum. The committee is very open to student input and thought on curriculum changes or concerns, if anyone has anything they would like addressed they should reach out to me or Carmen.
- g. Faculty Committee Report (Anne Cox & Reed West)
 - i. The faculty is focusing on the decreasing size of the law school and what that means for the 3 year plan as well as what teacher responsibilities will be. They are still focusing on hiring a new professor and the hiring committee can fill in on that and the recent trip to DC. They briefly addressed the honor code. Following yesterday's meeting I'm guessing that much more focus on that topic will occur at the next meeting.
- h. Faculty Appointments Committee Report (David Sorensen & Chloe Johnson)
 - i. Currently the school is bringing back three candidates for one new, entry-level faculty position. While each of their specialties and backgrounds is unique, if one of them is approved they will be primarily be teaching a combination of Administrative and Environmental law courses.

There will be chances in November for the student body to attend a job talk, which is intended to be structured as a sort of faux-class by the candidate, and an opportunity for students to sit down and talk with each of the candidates. At the moment it doesn't appear that we have any finished dates, but as everything is finalized I will keep SBA updated. This is an incredible opportunity to help ensure the school continues to retain a reputation for engaged and talented professors.

As a brief overview of how we reached this point: Early in the year we began reviewing applicant resumes and related materials, narrowing down to a smaller list that the committee believed fulfilled our requirements and met our standards. We invited this list to Washington, D.C., where we sat down over the course of two days and interviewed them in person. After discussion and reflection, we narrowed these interviewees further to the current slate of candidates we have invited back to the school.

On a personal note, I was heartened by the emphasis that the professors and deans present at the interviews placed on ensuring that our students had the best possible experience at our school, with a genuine focus on high quality teaching. That said, the

more opinions we hear from the student body when the candidates are on campus the better.

i. Natural Resources Committee Update (Jesse Miles & Carleigh McMahon)

i. Talking Points of Committee Meeting

1. Review of summer classes
2. Faculty performance
3. Financial matters - Discussion of upcoming summer courses
4. Which courses to teach
5. Which professors to invite back - Upcoming faculty hire - Use of Bonneville Power Administration Funds
6. Status of funds
7. Where to use funds o Potential use for environmental clinics (IELC, Earthrise) - Upcoming (now passed) distinguished lecturer event - Potential for celebration of U.S. v. OR 50-year anniversary

ii. Overall Summary

1. The first meeting with the Natural Resources Committee was mainly comprised of discussion of summer courses. The committee reviewed income from and reviews of summer 2018 courses. They also discussed the possibility of what will be taught in summer of 2019, in light of a prior visiting professor expressing interest in returning to L&C. Professor Rohlf's return also opened up the possibility for specific courses which he had taught in the past.

The committee also discussed the overall budget. One main point of conversation was the use of funds received as part of a clerking agreement with Bonneville Power Administration. Although ideas were proposed (namely use in funding clinics), the conversation was tabled for a future meeting. The faculty also mentioned their "stake" who may be potentially hired this year with the new faculty position.

Finally, the committee discussed major events they had planned and are planning. These included the distinguished visitor lecture which took place in earlier in the semester, as well as proposing a potential celebration of the U.S. v. OR case's 50th anniversary.

j. TPAC Report (Natalie Barringer)

- i. The Portland Bureau of Transportation allows Lewis & Clark to offer .475 parking spaces per enrolled student in all colleges. Last year's survey found that 163 more parking spaces could be added based on 2017-2018 enrollment.
- ii. Carpool spaces have been misused so a number were removed before the current school year and converted to regular spaces.
- iii. Freshman undergrads living on campus were not allowed to bring cars to campus 2017-2018. This year, the prohibition was extended to sophomores living on campus.
- iv. Lewis & Clark attempted unsuccessfully to purchase the St. Mark's Church land when the church closed. We will continue to pay rent to utilize the spaces that are already there but won't have the opportunity we'd hoped to create more spaces on that land.
- v. The committee understands that parking is still way over capacity and is exploring outside-the-box ideas to improve the ability of students to get to campus. These ideas include working with a company such as Zipcar to make shared cars available on campus, and contracting with Lyft or Uber to offer discounted rides to and from campus. None of this is likely to be available in the current semester or necessarily in the current school year.

5. Proposed Honor & Conduct Code11:10-11:30

a. Committee Report (Kate Flanagan)

- i. Students might be mandatory reporters for other students breaking the law even off campus
 - ii. The Honor Code committee thinks we should not recommend the adoption of the Honor Code in its current form. They would like to strike gendered language and other changes (in the document).
 - iii. They have proposed changes they believe should be made and will present to the faculty
 - iv. Students are worried that faculty will cut students out of the process if we want to make too many changes
- b. Vote to 1) support, 2) support with certain recommended changes, 3) not support
 - i. Motion to support the Honor Code Committee's conclusions with one recommended change:
 - 1. *Resolved*,
That the Student Bar Association does not recommend adoption of the proposed Honor and Conduct Code in its current form.
The SBA will send the Committee's conclusions to administrators and Faculty Committee members.
The SBA will request that the Faculty Committee postpone its vote of the proposed Honor and Conduct Code, and that a small committee should be formed of faculty and SBA members to expediently revise the code, informed by the Committee's Conclusions, to then be adopted by the Faculty Committee and SBA.
 - ii. Seconded
 - iii. Motion passed: SBA supports the Honor Code Committee's document. SBA does not recommend the adoption of the Honor Code in its current form and would like to make the changes in the document they prepared.

6. Treasurer Update.....11:30-11:40

- a. Budget Update
 - i. Britt shared budget spreadsheet with SBA that includes up-to-date numbers
- b. IBC Update
- c. Travel Fund Requests – Findings & Recommendations
 - i. 1) Discuss; 2) Vote
 - 1. Recommended to update travel guidelines to accommodate group travel – there is concern that the \$750 cap is too low.
 - ii. Motion to grant travel funds to two students who went to a conference during the summer. \$350 each.
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
 - iii. Motion to grant \$750 for the Animal Law Conference
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
 - iv. Motion to grant \$350 each to 4 students going to different conferences
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion Passed
 - v. Motion to grant \$1,000 to ELC for Mushaboom
 - 1. They will not be asking for additional funding for the remainder of the year.
 - 2. Seconded
 - 3. Motion passed

7. Current Business.....11:40-11:50

- a. ABA LSD Letter to US Senate Judiciary Committee
 - i. With the majority vote of the Exec Board, Stacie signed letter on behalf of L&C Law SBA that was sent by the ABA Law Student Division prior to the Kavanaugh confirmation, requesting delay + investigation
 - ii. Discuss anticipated retaliation

- iii. Stacie to send letter to SBA
 - iv. Motion to table discussion until next meeting, at which time the GA will discuss a vote to support letter retroactively
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Motion passed
 - b. Halloween Party Update (Theresa Davis)
 - i. Sold out!
- 8. Upcoming Business.....11:50-11:55
 - a. Speed Review Workshop Cancelled
 - b. Post-Finals Event?
 - c. Professor Jones' Movie Night – Friday, November 9 @ 5:30pm
 - i. Stacie will gather more details re what movie Professor Jones plans to show
- 9. Next GA Meeting11:55-12:00
 - a. Currently: Saturday, November 17 @ 10:30am – Wood Hall, Classroom 8
 - b. Discuss rescheduling time to later in the day
 - i. Keep the time, but try to find separate location
- 10. Adjourn12:00