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SBA September Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 12th, 2020

10:30-12:00 PM via Zoom

Special Guests: Peter Broberg, Nate Haberman-Ducey, Ana Ching (now member), Jordan Borboa (now member), Ryan Roberts, Debika Finucane, Tarun Bishop, Alexis Fisher, Amy Stinnett, Miranda Groh

Meeting Called to Order: 10:32 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:02 p.m.

Minutes are in purple

Agenda

Roll Call

1. Secretary will take attendance via Zoom
- a. Done via Zoom post meeting printout

Student Organization Activations/ Reactivations

1. Cycling Club
 - a. Nate Haberman-Ducey and Peter Broberg
 - b. Discuss and **vote**
 - i. **Goals:**
 1. Create a space for cyclists to come together to discuss rides and share knowledge (repairs), weekly group rides post-COVID for law students, etc.
 2. Exploring in the future the legality aspect re: bike law and discussing that with membership too
 3. Provide a fun, stress relieving activity; build community; provide social opportunity while COVID is keeping us apart (shared riding challenges, online community of cyclists)
 4. Resource for people who want to get into bikes for the first time, steer people to deals and good bikes
 - ii. **Funding:**
 1. Not looking for funding this term, but evaluate the need but possibly asking for spring funding (idea for money would be to provide bike rentals for folks)
 - iii. **Questions:**
 1. Mary pointed out College Outdoors and asked about CATS
 - a. Nate asked Lucy about CATS and the two clubs would be distinct (CATS is for transit/policy and this is more community/interest based)

- b. Peter would love to reach out to College Outdoors and is happy for the recommendation
 - 2. Would mountain biking be added?

. Would love to do that! Nate needs riding buddies :)

iv. **VOTE: 23 YES, 0 NOW, 0 ABSTAIN**

1. **APPROVED STUDENT ORG**

2. Students for Natural Resources Law

. Ryan Roberts & Stephanie Keys Garcia

a. Discuss and **vote**

. **Background:**

1. We activated in October 2019 with Reed West
2. Due to lack of bandwidth, lofty goals Ryan became the single member and they became inactive
3. Stephanie is the VP, Ted James is the Treasurer
4. Participated in the student org fair and had around 15 people who want to be on board
5. Want to change their name and are working on that w/ members

i. **Goals:**

1. Want to provide a platform for natural resource users to acknowledge issues that are coming up and influence sustainability in their approach; bring reservation and conservation minded individuals together
2. Realized some brands/approaches of environmental law were not represented and thinks this group fills a gap where students with a different strategy/mindset on resource use, management, and sustainability can connect; this will help students get access to this info too when the clinic itself (WLC) can only accept 5 or so students yearly

ii. **Funding:**

1. Submitted an application for funding
2. Want funding for recruitment and promotional items and lecture series

iii. **Questions:**

1. What are yall planning to do this term?

. Lecture series with WLC and other attorney of interest (2-3 during the semester)

a. We're trying to get a feel of what the issues are near and dear to member's hearts and focus from there

iv. **VOTE: 21 YES, 1 NO, 0 ABSTAIN**

1. **APPROVED STUDENT ORG**

3. South Asian Law Students Association

. Akriti Bhargava, Saira Qureshi, Ritma Aftab, Aisha N. Ahmad, Amreen Bhasin (**Akriti speaking and present**)

a. Discuss and **vote**

. **Goals:**

1. Will provides its members with tools and support to excel
2. Provide a space for inclusion and solidarity for South Asian folks
3. Will work with South Asian Bar Association of Oregon (SABA)

. Already have events lined up with them too

i. **Funding:**

1. Not seeking any funding this year

ii. **Questions:**

1. None

iii. **VOTE: 24 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN**

1. **APPROVED AFFINITY ORG**

Committee/General Assembly Updates

1. Updates shared at this time
 - a. Amanda bylaws update
 - i. Just going over expectations for everyone including SBA mission and where members can find their duties
 - ii. Attendance
 1. Mandatory provision to remove members with absences over the 2 excused and 1 unexcused
 - a. This is harsh
 - b. Amanda believes this should be revised
 - iii. Service Hours
 1. Amanda wants to expand these hours to what they include; more than just working an SBA event like Barristers
 - . EX: Working/Staffing the SBA Zoom room during an event, etc.
 - a. We're focusing on flexibility given the current state of the world!
 2. Email SBA, CC Natalie to share your service hours
 - b. Vacant Positions
 - . We currently have positions that are vacant per the bylaws:
 1. Transfer Student Rep
 2. LLM Rep
 3. 1L Reps
 - i. These will be filled in fall elections Sage is organizing
2. Budget Committee- Stephanie Keys Garcia
- . Still hasn't met, trying to set up the time but hasn't happened yet
- a. Still don't know what is going on yet and haven't been invited to know yet....
3. Faculty Committee- Stephanie Keys Garcia
- . Election Programming
- . Faculty are really interested in providing election programming
- i. Could SBA provide insight on what students would want to see?
 1. Examples:
 - . Non partisan
 - a. Forums on debate issues
 - b. Debate watch parties
 - c. Contested results
 - d. Cole asked Stephanie to email Programming
 - a. DALSA requested transcripts out of every class be available
 - . This turned into an extended conversation at the faculty meeting with fairly inequitable results
 1. Ultimately decided profs could decide personally how and whom to disseminate Otter.ai transcripts to
 2. Problematic and not equitable
 - i. Profs were a little weird/hesitant about students being able to copy and paste the class transcript
- ii. DALSA member clarified DALSA's request was for remote students to be able to access transcripts due to sound, hearing, remote concerns
4. Faculty Appts Committee -Lexi Slotterback and Clarens Emrich
- . Hiring two new faculty and going through lots of apps (200+)
- a. Did a school-provided DEI training prior to reviewing candidates
- b. Hiring for:

- . Con Law Candidates
- i. Crim Law Candidates
- c. Polling
- . Clarens has an idea to poll students on what is important to them in a candidate especially given that these are tenure track positions that would primarily be teaching first year students
- i. Important students have their voices heard
- d. Akriti could work to make a poll and release with Faculty Appts Committee
- 5. Parking Committee - Kuranda Kasatka
- . Feels like the parking situation is sort of like "Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain"
- a. Several issues now
- . Buying a parking pass for the whole term (refunds, etc.)
- i. PIO Shuttle night time (A survey went out and Kuranda will follow up)
- b. Currently issues with parking and refunds are being directed via email to Heidi Locke and Andrea Dooley
- c. Reach out to Kuranda with any issues, questions, concerns- she is here to help!
- 6. Board of Trustees Rep- Eliza Silverman
- . Working with Amanda to discuss tuition with BOT
- . Was left out at meetings and in the "chat"

Student Org's

1. DALSA would like to speak to SBA about current issues and efforts of their org
 - a. Debika Finucane, Emily Fox, Tarun Bishop, Maggie Powers, Natalie Hollabaugh, Alexis Fisher, Amanda Pham Haines, Queen Rynders
 - i. Mission:
 1. Main aim is to help improve the relationship between differently abled students and all students on campus and we aim to improve equity and inclusion on our campus
 - ii. Background:
 1. We've been dealing with a lot of issues concerning remote learning this semester but out overall aim is to give students a safe place
 2. DALSA started because students were dealing with unreasonable accommodations and access issues on campus
 3. Advocacy work and policy work- trying to catch the school up since they are sorely behind in this area
 4. Sent a request letter to admin July 2nd- they have not responded
 - iii. Issues/Initiatives:
 1. Note Taking- The school eliminated student note takers and instead their substitute is Otter. Ai transcripts
 - a. These are unclear, incomplete, etc.
 - b. These should be supplements to student note taking NOT replacements which is what DALSA said originally
 2. Ableist Language - Provide training for faculty and administrators to identify and modify this language; teach them how to address it in classes
 - iv. SBA Curriculum Committee:
 1. DALSA met with this committee and appreciated their willingness to work together and their support, look forward to this being ongoing
 - v. Support:

- 1. Please email dalsa@lclark.edu to join and offer support- students are facing more and more access issues and we need the whole LC community on board to work alongside us- allies welcome!
- vi. Launch Party
 - 1. So-Craft-It Method! Please register to join and craft!
- 2. If any orgs want to share about their Virtual Org Fair experience let SBA know- we welcome feedback
 - a. Please share feedback with SBA email

Student Concerns

- 1. Hybrid Learning Concerns
 - a. Revisit what DALSA wrote above....
 - i. Tech, sounds, note taking, equity among remote vs. non remote
 - b. Equity is obviously an incredible issue
 - c. Classrooms with 1Ls have the most consistent complaint re: audio failures
 - d. Professors are othering remote students by saying things like "thank you for those who are physically here..."
 - e. The concerns coming in are numerous
 - f. Grading structure
 - . People have a lot of feelings about grades
 - i. BUT there is conversation over how to make the grading system more equitable
 - 1. Credit no credit?
 - 2. No curve?
 - 3. Other solutions?
 - ii. Expect this conversation to be ongoing
 - iii. 1L's appear incredibly stressed about grades
 - 1. Multiple people second/third this
 - iv. Suggestion for 1Ls to be credit no credit or opt in system
 - g. Solutions/Brainstorms
 - . Is there any potential for a Zoom call with at least the SBA exec board and Libby? Seems like email gives too much room to avoid addressing any of these issues directly...
 - i. Emergency "Levels"
 - 1. Right now there is basically a new crisis every month and maybe the school needs to operate under an emergency status (like red, yellow, orange) and the status had improved conditions (automatic attendance relaxers, automatic podcast access, etc.)
 - 2. Would eliminate some of the conversations and onus on SB instead would just need to establish/advocate for a specific level
 - 3. Some mentioned making this a student body vote not out of touch admin/faculty
 - 4. Maybe make emergency committee to explore this idea
 - h. Amanda Libby emails daily
 - . Supporting students who want to share or students who have gotten lackluster replies from admin
 - i. How can you help?
 - . When you email admin CC or BCC SBA to help with documentation/ paper trail
- 2. "Reasonable Accommodations"

- . Weren't reasonable before and aren't now still!
- 3. Air Quality/ Wildfire/ Safety Concerns
 - . Not sure how to address this yet but this is on student's minds and hasn't been formally addressed by admin
- 4. Health Reporting & Lack of Transparency with Reopening
 - . This was an issue and SBA fielded many complaints in this arena
 - a. This is an ongoing issue we need to address
- 5. Externship Costs
 - . Amanda will connect this student issue with Academics Committee reps
- 6. Other Issues (All raised by same student)
 - . Outline Bank
 - . Needs to be updated to be brought "up to snuff"
 - i. A project SBA will work on
 - a. Professor Ratings
 - . We don't have those like other schools (like Rate My Professor)
 - i. Cole points out cool ratings thing we can access
 - 1. <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/0B7-svWlgPdo9OEIVV1gwMzNwV28>
 - b. Past Exams
 - . Aren't updated
 - i. Can SBA control this? Seems to be prof preference
 - c. Bar Exam Resources
 - . Student believes these are lacking

Executive Board Updates

1. President- Amanda
 - a. Are your needs met?
 - i. Checked-in with SBA members to discuss needs, express understanding, encourages folks to reach out if they have issues
 - b. Wellness Rep Position
 - . Discuss and **vote on candidate**
 1. Decided this position was necessary as these types of resources are lacking/ need a supportive person to share with students.
 2. Executive Board used their authority to create this position based on seeing a need over the past few years
 3. Ana Ching introduced themselves. She was part of creating a wellness student org but quickly realised there were a lot of issues that an org can't handle on their own and a rep with a bit more institutional support and flexibility could.
 4. **VOTE: 22 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN**
 - a. **APPROVED, Ana Ching is Wellness Rep**
 - c. Career Services Liaison
 - . This position was proposed by Career Services, voted on to approve in August and the candidate, Jordan Borboa introduced themselves.
 - i. Jordan Borboa is a 2L transfer student and wants to be that helpful middle man to ease stress. Has a unique understanding of the stress as a first gen student.
 - ii. **VOTE: 22 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN**
 1. **APPROVED, Jordan Borboa is Career Services Liaison**
2. VP of Programming-Cole
 - . Halloween Scavenger Hunt

. Exciting event! This will be city wide with teams of 2-5 people and include around 30-50 different locations within a sorta small area in SE/SW!

1. Reach out individually to Cole if you want to help

a. Mystery Dinners

. Annamarie is setting these up! Exciting event to drop in during a set time, share a meal via Zoom, and maybe with a small activity to help break the ice/help with small talk

i. Just a way to connect folks and replicate an on campus type experience

ii. Amanda, Eden, and Annamarie are advertising this!

b. How to Host an Event Guide

. Cole is still working on this and how to help student orgs hosting events

1. Sage is helping with this

c. Headshots

. Working on this with Bridget Baker

1. Nudging that forward

2. Cole knows how important and valuable this service is!

3. VP of Student Affairs- Sage

. Fall Elections

. Email is all set to go out to 1Ls with a time table as well

1. Monday morning announcement

2. Waited a bit to send out to get a better idea of what 1L's would be doing this year since no Barristers and no Halloween dance

i. Applications:

1. In lieu of speeches they will be asked to submit a photo and a little more additional information about what they would bring to SBA

ii. Goal:

1. To have 1Ls elected in time for October meeting

iii. Questions:

1. Someone asked about video but Sage doesn't want to overload the 1Ls since they have a lot on their plate

4. VP of Equity and Inclusion- Akriti

. Community Standards Project update

. So far 49 responses have been received but would like 100

i. Please fill it out!

ii. Akriti will focus on outreach this week- share with your friends!

5. VP of Communications- Eden

. Update

. As committees get rolling, please reach out to Eden with any communication or tech needs.

i. If you want something on SBA socials or to go out via email, Eden is the Queen

6. Treasurer- Mary

. Update

. Giving people some leeway with Covid regarding the budget rules- let's get creative together yall! Not looking to reject folks.

a. Discussing Budgets after this meeting!

. Budget Allocation Meeting is today!

1. Closed to public

i. Sign up for IBC Committee to join Mary with budget things!

- b. Thank you Eden for re-doing the reimbursement form, everyone tell Eden she is awesome!!!
- . We all agree, Eden is awesome
- 7. Secretary- Natalie
- . Bylaws
- . Need to be updated. Please have feedback to Natalie by 09/25 for voting in the October meeting
 - 1. They're a little old and a little outdated, always helpful to read through them and offer feedback
- a. Community Standards/ Guidelines (Zoom SBA Meeting Norms) Proposal
- . Rules Committee and Student Affairs worked on these
 - 1. Meant to help guide our meetings in an online world
 - 2. Specific things to note: Meetings would only be recorded under extenuating circumstances
 - 3. Transcripts might be able to be made available
- i. Discuss and **vote on the proposal**
 - 1. VOTE: 22 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN
- . **APPROVED, adopt these into bylaws for Online/Remote Meetings**

Roberts Rules of Evidence

- 1. Review before meeting: [Robert's Rules Cheat Sheet](#)
- 2. Check these out but know that we don't have to follow them perfectly because to do so rigidly would extend the length of meetings extensively and nobody has time for that!
- 3. We will try to use these as appropriate even in the online environment

SBA Website

- 1. How can it be improved?
- 2. Please review and send suggestions to sba@lclark.edu
- a. Eden is taking the lead on this!

Committees

- 1. Per the bylaws, you can only sign up for one committee each so we have enough room for everyone to be on a committee.
- a. Once everyone is on a committee, we can revisit this.
- b. Natalie reminds everyone to sign up please and remove themselves from committees if they are on multiple
- 2. If you are on multiple committees now please delete yourself from others so you are signed up for just one.
- 3. If you have not signed up please do so today
- 4. **Deadline is 9/13/20.**

New Business

- 1. Any new business?

Notes

- This meeting was not formally transcribed. Ideally future meetings will be.

Action Items

- SBA Drop In Hours Sign Ups

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Tuition Petition Update
- Further Discussion on Student Concerns
- Approve and Vote on Bylaws