



SBA October Meeting Agenda

Sunday, October 10th, 2021

10:30-12:00 PM via Zoom

Special Guests: Leah Samelson, Meredith Mathis

Meeting Called to Order: 10:35am PST

Meeting Adjourned: 11:49am PST

Agenda

Roll Call (Zach)

1. Secretary will take attendance via Zoom

Welcome and Housekeeping (Akriti)

1. Welcome and Happy October!
2. Appointment + Vote (s. 2.11(c))
 - a. Student Health Advisory Board Rep: Leah Samelson
 - i. **The GA approved Leah's appointment with a majority vote of quorum. Appointed!**
 - b. Wellness Committee Rep: Meredith Mathis
 - i. **The GA approved Meredith's appointment with a majority vote of quorum. Appointed!**

Student Organization Activations/Reactivations?

Executive Board Updates

1. President - Akriti
 - a. SBA Outline Bank - use as you need, flag this resource for your classmates
 - i. We updated the warning that outlines are not peer-reviewed for accuracy, and that they are uploaded as submitted.
 - b. Meeting with Deans

i. Covid Concerns:

1. Numbers in Oregon are looking slightly better, no anticipated change in campus COVID policies one way or another for the rest of the semester at least
2. Tents and heaters being looked into, coming soon - behind library, base of the amphitheater
3. Admin is going to ask the executive board whether law students can be notified about someone in their class testing positive (following the format of school-wide email that comes out upon a positive case, instead of the format used for close contacts emails) and get back to us.
4. **Clarified that the format of emails and decision to email only close contacts is a school policy that can be modified if approved by the Executive Council.**

ii. Tailored Equity Plan for Law School: Akriti and Sonya will be leading the development of a law-school wide E&I focused plan. Vision is to roll it out late next semester

1. Will be fashioned within the limitations on resources, interest, time, etc. of the admin and faculty
2. Background: separation and diversity of law students from undergrad students warrants tailored equity plan
3. Admin is supportive! Starting core team will be Ethan Snyder, Dean Davis, Prof. Buschele, Sonya, and Akriti, to set the scope of the project and plan, and then expand outward.

2. VP of Student Affairs - Nicky

a. Committee Workstream #1: Course Evaluations (Nicky, Emily, Jess & Leah)

- i. Evaluation Timeline
- ii. Evaluation Components
- iii. **Nicky noted that they have a roadmap for success, and they are soliciting feedback from the GA probably via Google form, then**

next month there will be a full proposal presentation to the GA next month. The idea is that since 2Ls and 3Ls have taken so many classes that hopefully the bank can be flooded right from the get go.

iv. **Emily is working on turning the results into a nice pretty chart so that it's easy to view all of the information.**

b. Committee Workstream #2: Soliciting Student Feedback (Nicky, Leah & Zoe)

i. SBA Open Forum in Amphitheatre

ii. Surveying

iii. **SBA is looking for ideas on how to improve this! How do we expand outside the usual participants of students?**

c. Committee Workstream #3: Law Review Reform (Nicky & Matt)

i. Process

ii. Proposals

iii. **Matt is working on this project with the support of Nicky. There have been many meetings, and ideas thrown around. Drafts being put together for proposals so that folks can vote on the proposed changes. More to come!**

iv. **If you are on law review and have feedback or are curious about the proposals, reach out to Matt Constantino.**

3. VP of Programming - Annamarie

a. SBA Halloween Happy Hour

i. Sign up to volunteer!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10ugFCToZz-aNBqbxZpBTb_C99US-M1tM5vXZG2jOvnY/edit?usp=sharing

1. **We need volunteers! Sign up with the above Google Form if you can make it and help out! Ticket sellers tabling in the LRC. Also volunteering at the event itself. This also satisfies SBA volunteer hour requirements.**

ii. Brief explanation of what the volunteer tasks will likely be

iii. **This is a bit of a smaller gathering than normal due to the pandemic, but tons of awesome plans in place for keeping folks safe at the event. Negative covid tests or vax cards will be required.**

iv. Email with details about the event will come this week.

4. VP of Equity and Inclusion - Sonya

a. Foundations listening session/feedback form update

- i. 56 responses on [Google Form](#) so far; 7 people at first Foundations listening session, 12 at second.
- ii. Majority of 1L student voice needed - please share the form with your 1L friends (Akriti)
- iii. Akriti, Sonya, and Nicky will be meeting with Dean Parry and Dean Davis next week to talk about next steps after we review responses to the form.
- iv. Matt Constantino and Caroline Lewis continuing conversation on Curriculum Committee, Sonya (VP E&I) overseeing collaboration between SBA and Admin on this - direct questions to them
- v. **These listening sessions were great, very productive, and it was nice to give the space to talk without the admin so that students felt more comfortable.**
- vi. **Deans and Sonya and others will be meeting to go over the feedback and to talk this over.**

b. Additions to multicultural calendar?

- i. **This is being worked on once more! They are working on not just getting things setup, but also refreshing it so that the calendar includes everyone on campus, not just the ones involved in orgs as there are likely dates that are important to some that we might be missing.**
- ii. **Things are moving on this, conversations are ongoing! E&I Cmte to collaborate with Student Affairs cmte to include questions about holidays and events celebrated by general student body, in general survey coming out of SA cmte.**

c. Update on affinity orgs survey?

5. VP of Communications - Frank

- a. Newsletter/Social Media - please email me regarding any SBA-related activities/events that you would like to share with the community at large

- i. **If anyone has any SBA activities or events you'd like on the newsletter or social media reach out to Frank!**
- 6. Treasurer - Mary
 - a. Nothing to report on, we've had no travel funds requested so might redirect funds at the end of the semester to social
 - i. Will loop IBC in
 - b. **Next semester budget allocation will pick up speed.**
- 7. Secretary - Zach
 - a. Rules Committee meeting next week for the first time (Hopefully!)
 - i. Feedback on bylaws is welcome and encouraged from anyone in the GA!
 - ii. **Just starting to figure out our first meeting date. Hoping to meet twice this semester so that we can figure out how we want to change the bylaws, and next semester we will figure out how we want them to be changed!**

Committee/General Assembly Updates

- 1. Updates shared at this time
 - a. **Faculty Committee - Micah and Jordan**
 - i. **The first meeting was about exams. Professors do not prefer open book and remote. Most professors wanted closed book and in person.**
 - ii. **Last year the school dropped in Bar passage significantly and the faculty feels that closed book may make people successful at taking the Bar (UO had a 90% bar passage rate, not sure what UOs exams were like).**
 - iii. **Issues weren't voted on, but it was basically decided that it's the professor's discretion to choose how they want to handle their exams.**
 - iv. **There is a rule that prevents professors from proctoring exams, and a number of professors want to proctor exams now, previously it was honor code reliant. No conclusions had been made yet, they asked our SBA reps their opinions, but they wanted to check with the GA first. Other professors said that**

they need to trust students as we are going into the same profession as professors and honor code works.

- V. One GA member finds a lot of equity issues in the honor code, and would be okay with a professor walking in on the exams, and doesn't like that the student in a room with another student is expected to turn in other students when you might not know whether the other students exam is open or closed book, etc. They were concerned about cheating, and thought that professors walking in on exam takers would make the cheating happen less.

b. The Natural Resources Committee - Kai

- i. Has an opportunity to collaborate, but we are seeking ideas on how, hit up Kai Sunstone if you have ideas or want to ask more questions.

c. Faculty Hiring Committee - Radhika

- i. Lawyering Hiring Committee has 2 job talks this coming week! See Radhika if you have any questions about these two opportunities.
- ii. Also, if you do attend PLEASE fill out the feedback forms as that is how your voice is heard once you get a sense of the candidate.

d. Curriculum Committee - Matt

- i. The students on the committee have been working with Dean Parry who sits on the committee. They are talking about updating the writing requirements with WI and Capstone. (Reach out to Matt Constantino with any questions!)
- ii. It sounds like in using a class vs independent study for capstone, the independent study is way more intense compared to taking it in a class. In fact a student didn't even know they completed their WI meanwhile others are struggling with it. The WI requirements are all across the board and not super consistent.
- iii. 1L GA member would like to have another listening session with the whole GA and not just executive members before meeting with the admin again. To this, Akriti mentioned that once the surveys have the data compiled we should have data to present so folks can decide if the data is representative of their needs.

e. Board of Trustees - Caroline

- i. Meeting is coming up at the end of the month. If there is any strategic advocacy to bring up, let Caroline Taylor know.
- f. **Budget Committee - Jessie Gittemeier**
 - i. Just met for the first time. Committee doesn't really have data on who is getting these scholarships so no clue who they are reaching, what the needs are, etc. Email Jessie if you have any questions.
- 2. Questions for SBA as we continue charting the new academic year?
 - a. **Akriti to connect with two GA members to follow up about questions regarding faculty appointments for adjunct faculty, and the extent of SBA involvement in that.**

Student Concerns and Pandemic Check-In? (Open Floor)

- 1. Emily and Leah collecting student feedback and concerns for meeting with Student Health Advisory Board meeting at end of October
- 2. **The committee that Emily Warchot is on is working directly on the covid response on campus. Emily wants to get a spot on the agenda to voice student concerns. Wants potentially the wellness rep to go to the meeting as they feel that position falls under this umbrella, also wants to get a Google form going so it's representative.**
 - a. **Per Akriti, the SBA is not asking for any changes outright at this time, we are raising concerns, and asking questions, but are holding off on demands until we are able to really clarify our questions and concerns as being truly representative of the student body instead of just representative of SBA.**
 - b. **Sounds like the covid email that L&C has setup isn't responsive, GA member emailed them 2-3 weeks ago and hasn't had a response yet.**

Robert's Rules of Order

- 1. Just in case you need the link: [Robert's Rules Cheat Sheet](#)

SBA Website (Unchanged from last meeting, leaving it here just in case there is unfinished biz)

- 1. How can it be improved?
- 2. Please review and send suggestions to sba@lclark.edu

New Business

1. Any new business?

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Action Items

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