

Meeting Begins: 8:30

Logan Wood: Welcome

- We're not going to vote on issues tonight without quorum.
- Welcome MELissa
- Shout out to Matthew and Lindsay for Mock Interviews; they were a big success. Got great feedback from students about participating attorneys.
- Faculty Meeting updates
 - Bar prep student fee: on 12/11, Angela Leichlieter reached out about a fee to help BAR services; in order to offset costs, they want to purchase a program to assist her in teaching the BAR prep we do now. In order to pay for that, they would have to implement a fee on top of tuition. It would be \$300/ semester.
 - This will only affect the incoming 1L class and each successive class. No current students will be affected by this fee in its current form.
 - It would be a "pre-matriculation program." You take a practice test as a 1L and participate throughout your three years. *See Cash's* comments for notes on proposal.
 - Still in the early stages of planning
 - Online Classes: Dean Smith and Dean DiSanza submitted a handbook amendment in December reflecting the new ABA resolution allowing to take up to 30 hours online.
 - All surveys for Secured Transactions were very positive. Have received mixed feedback on opinions and views via emails.
 - Faculty meeting minutes not yet approved; when I get it, I will pass that along.
 - Dean Crawford: all we are talking about right now is implementing a program that is in line with what ABA resolution allows. Not suggesting to start outsourcing our classes. Looking to have our faculty teaching the classes online to allow for more flexibility. We are not suggesting you take 30% of class work online.
 - Emily: feedback I'm hearing is it's great for upper level, not so much for first years.
 - Dean Crawford: I don't understand the reluctance. This is just a different option for learning; it is not a requirement. Syracuse Law School now has a 75% online degree program. Mitchell Hamlin have a 50% program. Thirty law schools offered mixed program the day after the ABA resolution was passed. My concern is to ensure this law school continues to exist. This option will not be obligatory. This is a low threshold we're seeking.

- Paid Externships
 - Logan: Dean Crawford and exec board are on board to get specific policies from schools who currently do this and how they think this can be implemented at Brandeis.
 - 2/19- presenting a proposal with Professor Walker at the faculty meeting.
- SGA Update: since campus is closed, services on campus will be affected.
- Kaitlyn Ciddddd is our Supreme Court Justice at SGA; she is giving out information about elections. If you have any interest, reach out to her.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Bar applications due 2/1/19
 - 2/15 SAB Climb NULU Event (free admissions for law students) 7-9pm
 - 2/20/19- 3L composites; Corey THomas will be sending out sign ups

Lindsay filling in for Corey:

- Will be sending out 3L composites; Feb. 20th10:00AM-2:30PM; \$17/person
- We need to make sure we are here for 2/12 meeting for Caitlyn Kidd's presentation.

Lindsay:

- Sending out SBA February calendar
- Office hours: please maintain these
 - Will be selling Barrister's tickets during them

Emily Wessel:

- a. SBA: \$8902
- b. Y Account: \$8570

*I have not subtracted Matthew's expenses or Barristers

Candise:

No report

Addison:

First, this is a mandatory event and you must buy a ticket. Excuses to Lindsay by 2/15 at 5 pm if you can't attend.

I will send out a sign-up sheet for door shifts. If you did not work decedent's then you should be the first ones to sign up to work barristers (especially 2Ls). The people who worked decedent's are:

Lindsay, Bobby, Dru, Connor, John, Michael, Samantha, and Candise

If you plan to work the table and leave then you don't have to buy a ticket, but if you stay you must buy a ticket. We had some people do that at decedents and that's just unfair.

Beginning Monday, we will be selling tickets in the mosaic lobby during our office hour shifts. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU SHOW UP TO SELL TICKETS!

Also, while you sell tickets please make sure to let **everyone** who passes by you that tickets will only be sold up until Tuesday Feb. 19 because I have to send the total number to the caterer, so they need to purchase now.

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Tickets are \$35 because we have to charge sales tax also, please inform people that the price of the ticket covers the price per head for food, so they get food and all the other fun stuff (photo booth, awesome DJ, great venue, fantastic aesthetics) with the price of their ticket.

If people get upset that there are no drink tickets, please nicely explain that our hands are tied on this matter because the university changed the alcohol policy and we are no longer allowed to purchase alcohol in advance and that we are sorry, and we decreased the ticket price for that exact reason. Also, by not including drink tickets in the ticket price, students who do not drink do not unnecessarily purchase alcohol.

If you have any time free on Tuesdays, please sign up to work the table. We only have two slots from 10:30-11:30 and 1:30-2:30.

- Emily: the sales tax is included?
- Addison: yes
- Logan: cash bar?
- Addison: cash or card

Kathryn Waller:

- We have the new barrister's t-shirts
- \$20
- Doing an online order

Matthew (absent)

a. Mock Interviews

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help make the Mock Interview Program a success. The first-year students that I have spoken with have all said that they

received tremendous feedback and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Similarly, the attorneys I spoke with at the conclusion of the event commented that Brandeis has impressive students.

b. Etiquette Program: March 7

The next program that we will be helping sponsor is the Etiquette lunch on March 7. This program will be designed somewhat like the Wine Program in November in that there were be limited spots, a small charge to students, and financial contribution by SBA. If you have any recommendations for the program, please let me know.

Cash:

- Appropriations committee approved our audit
 - Fed Soc brought a travel proposal to go to event in Arizona
 - This is free money on the table; SRO's should reach out for them
 - APPLY FOR THE TRAVEL FUNDING!!!
- Tuition and fees committee approved a \$4 bump in SGA fee; will generate \$126,000 across campus
 - Increasing the SAC fee \$10/ student/ semester
 - Majority of that fee is going to student workers
- Senate is looking to create a Sustainability Board
- SGA Elections are coming up; it is important all law school students vote!

Dean Crawford:

- On the proposal made to the tuition and fees committee, we really want student feedback! We are looking for ways to improve student access to BAR prep materials.
 - We are not pushing this proposal, we just want to look into additional resources
- Looking for feedback
- Infrastructure improvements discussion
 - The Dean's Advisory Board:
 - Group of prominent attorneys, many alumni
 - Mark Bright believes we need to do things to improve our infrastructure
 - Went to 7 law schools in two days to examine what they're doing
 - Areas of Concern: (Reach out to Dean Crawford's office for photos of what was found at other law schools and what is being considered) What does the student body want here?! Let us know. Looking to make improvements to the following:
 - Student study/group and individual spaces
 - multi-purpose/ social spaces

- Conference spaces
- Courtroom (ABA has directed tech improvements to Allen Courtroom)
- There are aspects of our facility that are great! We have great infrastructure; we need to work on improving it.
- We came back from our trip feeling optimistic about our infrastructure; we have good bones here!
- How would the SBA like to see the Cox Lounge? How should it be used?
- What we're thinking
 - Allen Courtroom: what do students want?!
 - Seating? Lecture-style tables and chairs? Theater seating?
 - What about social/ study spaces?
 - Library plans?
- Dean Crawford: I will put out a list of what we're thinking; we also want tons of feedback from the student body

Meeting Adjourned: 9:41