

9/10/19

Meeting commenced at 8:30pm.

Connor Cafferty: President

- Thank you Meredith for putting on a great tailgate last weekend.
- Thank you Brittany for hosting a successful service day at Waterfront Wednesday.

Imani Sowell: EVP

- 1L Representative Elections went smoothly. Congratulations Jeston and Will on winning their elections.
- 3L Composites—there is a handful of 3L students who will be graduating early, this Winter.
- New Contract for the Spring Semester: I'm meeting with Jon Paul next week

Dru Childress: VP Communications

- Important upcoming dates: Public Interest Fair - Sept. 19, LBA Lawlapooza - Oct. 18, Decedents - Nov. 1, and Mock Interviews - Jan. 19.
- We had an executive meeting:
 - o voted to send out the survey regarding online courses. We've had great results with 152 responses so far.
 - o considered options moving forward against mandatory online courses: KBA & LBA support, petition, SGA, provost, etc.
- It seems we were able to compromise with Dean Crawford, but he doesn't want it public yet. He has to reach out to find a professor, so he doesn't want to get hopes up if he can't. As long as he follows through, it'll be as follows:
 - o He will provide an in-person class option *and* the hybrid class for 1Ls
 - He just has to find a professor
 - o We will host an information session with Abrams and McNeal to educate students about online courses
 - o We will host events with students to help relations with the administration
 - o He seemed to be receptive and wanting to work together
- Mackenzie Sanders: It looks like there is support from SGA in favor of coming up with a solution to mandatory online classes.
- Kalyann & Connor: Tremendous support from SGA meeting earlier, and we received numerous questions and feedback from students afterward who were concerned with this policy. They want to be updated with result.

- Lauren North: Our position is being discredited because some faculty are now saying we're being pushed by or aligned with other professors, so we're not being taken seriously and overlooked. This had nothing to do about Professor Abrams, but it's being made to look that way.
- Connor Cafferty: Any issues within our facility is not a conflict we want to be involved in as SBA [all members agreed]. We are just concerned with these mandatory online courses for BAR topics. Whatever is going on with faculty or with the professors is not our concern.
- Michael Mann: If they backtrack again, we should arrange for them to hear from all students we don't want these.
- (a few quick comments from other members about how admin should have to hear from the large number of students opposed)
- Matt Bunnell: I know we are talking about having the student forum. We've tried to have student forums in the past. We need to make sure we have students show up to the forums and voice opinions—otherwise, it won't be successful. They've already heard from us.
- Peyton Griffee: Is there a way to poll students currently in the hybrid class?
- Connor Cafferty: There is going to be a mid-semester evaluation of the current hybrid class.
- Dru Childress: From the way Dean Crawford explained it, there will be additional opportunities to review these courses for feedback.
- Kalynn Walls: I think we should put the evaluations on the daily docket.
- Imani: I think you have to be in the course.

Matthew Bunnell: VP Finance

- Current balances:
 - o The current balance for the 10546 account (SGA) is \$9,742.87 and the other account (Y1136) has a current balance of \$12,527.04.
- Note that last time we met, the Y account had about \$16,000 and the SGA account had \$18,100. Since last month, Jon Paul has deducted expenses incurred over the summer (e.g., ABA Convention), during orientation, and tailgating from our SGA budget. Moreover, roughly \$7,000 was deducted from the Y account as a result of a deficit from last year's Assembly and back taxes that were owed.
- Additionally, it appears that the amounts from the reconciliation spreadsheets that I have been provided for FY 2020 are not consistent with our current

balance. Thus, I will be working with Jon Paul in the coming days to resolve this discrepancy.

- This appears to be an issue because we do not have control of an independent bank account like other organizations.
- Lastly, SBA presented the FY 2019 reconciliation to SGA earlier tonight to inform them of past expenses. Last year we received roughly 22,000 from SGA. Hopefully, our presentation and advocacy will encourage the Appropriations committee to allocate more funding in the coming years instead of cutting our budget by \$4,000 like they did this fiscal year.

Meredith Ellis: Social Chair

- Thank you to everyone who came to the tailgate.
- In the future, it would be great if someone could let us their speaker.
- Next tailgate will be Clemson game.
- The university has told us that any weekend with a home football game is to be considered off limits for events because ULPD will be working the games. We are also looking into holding a tailgate with the LBA for homecoming week.
- Ticket price for decedents is \$200. I'm looking to sell 100-150 tickets

- Connor: The policy in years past is that if you're on SBA, you're expected to work social events. If you're planning on going to decedents not just to work but to enjoy the event, you need to buy a ticket.

- Meredith:
- At Decedents, there will be a cash bar that will also take cards, along with a food truck.
- You can bring as many guests as you want as long as they buy tickets.
- It is important that we have a large turnout because not having to buy a drink package (for a higher price) was contingent on us having a large turnout for the cash bar.

- Donovan Gibbs: Maybe advertise increased pricing if you buy tickets at the door to incentivize people buying tickets before.

- Meredith:
- I would love to cut off ticket sales the Monday or Wednesday before so I can have a printed list made. People will have the option of buying tickets at the door, though.

- For Barristers, I have a venue picked that would not charge us as a potential option. The more tickets we sell, the more we'll have for barristers.

Melvi Cifuentes-Paul: Diversity Chair

- We're planning a movie screening of *Love v. KY* with commentary from Professor Canon and Laura Ladenwisch about the Kentucky Plaintiffs in *Obergefell*.
- We're brainstorming upcoming events for Hispanic Heritage Month, as well.
- The diversity committee has a fund. Since we are at a budget deficit, though, we will likely not be able to give money to events we're co-sponsoring.
- Mackenzie: We could potentially try to use SGA funding for diversity chair events.
- Kalyann: You can get CPC funding from SGA if you apply as an RSO (any club at Brandeis) but the deadline is September 15th! SBA doesn't qualify as an RSO so it would have to be through BLSA, Lambda, Women's Law etc.
- Matt Bunnell: Despite what we currently have in our budget, we shouldn't let these events be neglected.
- Connor Cafferty: Where is the funding going for the events, such as the *Obergefell* event?
- Melvi: The funding will be going toward food for the events.
- Brittany Greenwell: We can get a number to you for Lambda.... We've just started planning the event.

Brittany Greenwell: Public Service Chair

- August Waterfront Wednesday event was a success!
- We will be volunteering at the Waterfront again on Sept. 25th. Free food, free drinks, & free tees are provided to people serving these events.
- I'm going to try to have monthly volunteer opportunities.
- Public service Groupme - let me know if you want to be added.
- Taking suggestions for October service opportunity.
- November: We are volunteering at alternative Thanksgiving—thanksgiving for members of LGBTQ+ community. This will be co-sponsored by Lambda, as well.
- Paige Ezell: Louisville public library puts on events for people whose second language is English and it helps them prepare for their citizenship tests. This could be an October event.
- Meredith Ellis: The Kentucky and West Virginia chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has asked the members of the community to try to raise \$2,500 by November 7th. Maybe we could set up a table to help them collect donations

to go toward that goal or a collection for comfort items like blankets, stuffed animals, coloring books, etc. for children who end up being hospitalized during the cold and flu season. Would you like to see if we can plan some kind of campaign and whatever is raised can be donated to the foundation in the name of SBA?

- Lauren North: Women's Law Caucus would be interested in helping out with events.
- Brittany: More people show up if we have more groups involved. Sustainability Council has been really helpful, along with JAEL. A lot of people at the Waterfront Wednesday event were from these organizations.

Jo Rupp: Fundraising Chair

- We made money off of the Volleyball tournament, so that is good.
- Second order of shirts from orientation has been put in.
- We're looking at ordering a fall style, long-sleeved shirt.

Mackenzie Sanders: Professional Development

- Public Interest Fair is next week, Sept. 19th. It's really important that 1L reps talk about the public interest fair on their respective Facebook groups. These events are really important for 1Ls
- Dean Hajek wants to put on an informational event regarding the importance of networking with an emphasis on linkedin.
- Last year the programs focused on application and interview etiquette. We need more networking events.
- Dean Hajek liked idea of SBA purchasing equipment for headshots
- Connor Cafferty: SBA is going to buy a backdrop that can be used in the future, as well. Be ready to sign up to work shifts aiding the headshot process.
- Melvi: This is a great idea because I know of people at other schools who have headshots provided by their schools every year.
- Kalynn: Students have voiced that we would like a forum to give anonymous feedback to OPD.

Kalynn Walls: SGA Senator

- CPC funding request deadline is Sept. 15th!
- SGA has travel funds available to RSOs at Brandeis! Apply using the forms on Engage.

Connor Cafferty: Motion to adjourn. Motion granted. Meeting adjourned at 10:02pm.