**SBA Meeting**

02/20/18

1. Welcome
2. Motion to Approve Last Week’s Minutes
   1. (Kevin) Can I get a motion to approve last week’s minutes?
      1. Motion by: Logan
      2. Second by: Kathryn
      3. Favor and Pass: Pass
3. Attendance

\*\*Need 14 people for quorum\*\*

**Attendance Presence: 17/20.  
Quorum is met.**

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| **Name** | **Position** | **Yes/No** |
| Kevin Imhof | President | Yes |
| Katie Skeens | EVP | Yes |
| Rebecca Adams | VP Communications | Absent |
| Matthew Purdom | VP Finance | Yes |
| Seth Todd | ABA Rep | Absent |
| Logan Wood | Social Chair | Yes |
| Jackie Ha | Tech Chair | Yes |
| Joey Wilkerson | Public Service | Yes |
| Kathryn Waller | Fundraising Chair | Yes |
| Corey Thomas | Historian | Yes |
| Tabitha Buchanan | Public Relations | Absent |
| Emily Wessel | Career Services Chair | Yes |
| Samantha Sullivan | SGA Rep | Yes |
| Natalie Johnson | LBA/KBA Rep | Yes |
| Phil Pearson | 3L Rep | Yes |
| Max Allen | 3L Rep | Yes |
| Alex Muhall | 2L Rep | Yes |
| Jesse Farler | 2L Rep | Yes |
| James McSweeney | 1L Rep | Yes |
| Louis Senn | 1L Rep | Yes |

1. Officer Reports
   1. **President- Kevin Imhof**
      1. Faculty Meeting Recap  
         🡪Dean Crawford’s first faculty meeting
         1. Digital Media Specialist has been hired on a full-time basis
         2. March 5th: Elder Law Awareness Day
         3. Professor Arnold on new student committee: targeting a class of 120 for next year; applications on a nationwide basis are down, specifically from underrepresented students; making efforts to supplement with scholarships, focusing on quality and diversity
         4. Faculty endowment fund potentially coming
         5. Focus on revamping law school infrastructure in the coming years
         6. Harlan scholars program needs to be revamped to use as a selling point for the law school
         7. Need for a third full-time Skills professor to benefit writing on the bar
         8. Prof. Trucios-Haynes to be nominated as faculty representative at the greater university
         9. Trying to bolster international program to sell the law school: Trinidad and Tobago and other destinations
         10. Dean Crawford suggested nationwide search for Admissions department, discussion over utilizing exception to maintain current interim Director of Admissions tabled for next meeting
      2. Tentative Fall 2018 Schedule
         1. Profs. Hall and Smith presented tentative schedule; to be reviewed by SBA members; feedback requested from SBA members and classes (from class reps)
      3. Barristers’ Ball News
         1. Faculty to be there, utilizng the free tickets offered to them
         2. Ticket sales have been great so far; TICKET SALES CLOSE ON THURSDAY, ***NOT*** FRIDAY
         3. Potential for students who cannot afford the ticket price for Dean DiSanza through an application (funded through professors donating money to pay for their tickets; $300 raised already)  
            🡪Dean DiSanza to email through OrgSync
   2. **EVP- Katie Skeens**
      1. Composites—Wednesday; 1:00pm-2:00pm range is pretty open; $9, will get mini-version of composite at graduation; business attire from waist up
      2. Elections—elections March 26-30; interest meetings March 19-23; if interested, reach out to SBA members who have held the post
   3. **VP Communications- Rebecca Adams (ABSENT)** 
      1. Thank you to everyone who brought in bottles for Ronald McDonald or else encouraged Joy Hill and others! Our gala was hugely successful. If the 2Ls ask, I am working on getting a date for catered lunch since they won! [GO 2Ls!]
      2. I am working on a letter to the faculty re: 3Ls being able to have (1) individual (parent/spouse/etc.) of their choosing to hood them versus (1) teacher agreed on by everyone. Stay tuned.
      3. My next STOPS (Presidential Search meeting) is this Friday. I will give you all an update after it!
   4. **VP Finance- Matt Purdom**
      1. Budget update
         1. Spent money for K cups
         2. Photo booth contract for Barristers
      2. Remaining funds approved by SGA
         1. Received the remaining 25% of our fund from SGA
   5. **ABA Rep- Seth Todd**
      1. No report.
   6. **Social Chair- Logan Wood**
      1. Barristers:
         1. Please be on top of your table shifts Wednesday and Thursday! If you can't make it, please text the GroupMe and we will get someone to cover for you.
         2. Exec Council and I have tickets that I am carrying with me to classes, if you would like to do the same, let me know and I will get you some.
         3. LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS **THURSDAY**!
         4. Door Shifts:
            1. 7-8 Alex and Louis
            2. 8-9 Emily and Kathryn
            3. 9-10 Jackie and James
            4. 10-11 Natalie and Sam
      2. Bar Reviews:
         1. March 29th at Garage Bar at 8 pm—potential for bowling instead; event TBD, but date should be the same
         2. April 8th UL Baseball Game at 1pm
      3. Grad Week:
         1. I am going to start planning. 3L reps if you would like to help, PLEASE do.
   7. **Technology Chair- Jackie Ha**
   8. **Public Service Chair- Joey Wilkerson**
      1. Lunar New Year event turned out great, thanks for all involved
      2. Food Frenzy details. 10 cans from each member!
         1. Dean Becker and Joey will handle promotion, just need to bring in cans
         2. Bring in before April 2nd
   9. **Fundraising Chair- Kathryn Waller**
      1. Alumni T-Shirts & Merchandise Order
         1. Barristers shirts coming in Wednesday night, to start handing out Thursday
         2. Alumni shirts to be sold, potentially at graduation, too
         3. Bigger merchandise order for end of the year/graduation week, remnants for orientation
            1. Also open to professors buying merchandise
   10. **Historian- Corey Thomas**
   11. **Public Relations- Tabitha Buchanan**
   12. **Career Services Chair- Emily Wessel**
   13. **SGA Rep- Samantha Sullivan**
       1. At last SGA meeting, Dr. Postel made a presentation
          1. Asset preservation: fixing floors, tiles, tables; applying for two-year program with funding from state for $50 million for university contingent upon raising $63 million
          2. Cultural Center new building/advancement officer to be hired
          3. Grad programs: long-term goal is to increase enrollment/offer more degrees
          4. Affiliated housing: new projects, restricting to only students, seeking to lower costs
          5. Athletics: balanced budget next year; looking to lower fee even more
          6. Dr. Postel to meet with Gov. Bevin re: education funding
          7. SGA (greater university) application for top four positions next week
   14. **LBA/KBA Rep- Natalie Johnson**
       1. CLEs coming up
       2. KBA and Keeneland events coming up in the future; LBA may help make the event bigger; looking to have transportation provided
       3. If anyone has an event idea for future social events with KBA
   15. **3L Reps- Phil Pearson & Max Allen**
   16. **2L Reps- Alex Mulhall & Jesse Farler**
       1. No report.
   17. **1L Reps- James McSweeney & Louis Senn**
       1. Louis
          1. Outdoor courtyard
             1. Great space to take advantage of in the future, maybe add benches to make it more welcoming for students
          2. Vending machines
             1. Cold they all become card-based
             2. No more water in the vending machines
       2. James
          1. Golf Scramble for Charity
             1. Cameron Rhoades proposed having a scramble during grad week for charity

Issue in the past: cost associated with securing location to host has been exorbitant in the past

James to do research for cost-efficient ways

* + - 1. Sanitation (cockroaches)
         1. Increased cockroaches, seeking guidance on that

1. Old Business
   1. Amendment to the Constitution- Diversity Chair

**STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The Diversity Chair shall be responsible for understanding and representing the needs of diverse aspects of the student body including race, age, sex, socioeconomic status, and political stance. The Officer shall be responsible for engaging other groups within the law school and bringing before the Assembly matters initiated by those groups in regard to general school atmosphere, education, and events.

Other aspects that could be included:

-This chair shall be appointed by Dean DiSanza and President of the Student Bar Association.

-Office of Admissions possibility – need for collaboration

🡪**Next in-person meeting**: March 20; whether or not to adopt

Comments

* Louis: suggested a change to the position to bring an educational role to it to plan events with diverse speakers; with weight of the SBA behind the position, more opportunities; panels to be hosted (in conjunction with other caucuses e.g. Women’s Law Caucus)
* Katie: the more structure added to the position, the more difficult it is for future people in the position; suggested it would be best to have the next SBA lead what that position is done
* Natalie: allow the future SBA delegation to decide the proper role
* Katie: appointed role, through an application; Chair to work with Office of Admissions to contact incoming students, introducing to SBA, connecting to other groups on campus, etc.
* Samantha Wright: good idea for bigger events/turnout for events like “Can You Bring Your Whole Self to Law School” etc.
* Dean DiSanza in favor of appointed; Admissions in line
* Joey: in favor of providing some concrete descriptions so there are some baseline standards moving forward
* Emily: suggesting an evaluation after a few years to see if the position should continue
* Katie: idea of having specific events be required would be in line with other positions
* Kathryn: appointing position best to establish a strong tradition for future SBA
* Connor Cafferty: question over keeping position as appointed role instead of an elected role
* Kevin: with a strong appointee first year, could help create expectations for role moving forward, even if role transitions to elected position
* Max: suggests a two-thirds confirmation of Assistant Dean for Student Life, SBA President, and potentially Director of Admissions
* Louis: suggesting that we include a provision that after the appointment of first Diversity Chair, could be elected position
* Sam: suggests that we let the future (elected or appointed) be a decision of future SBAs.
* Matt: the language about engaging other groups may make it beneficial to be an elected position
* Jackie: compromise: top three vote-getters in the general election be selected by the Assistant Dean
* Briana: question about accountability; wondering where the checks on the chair are; wants direct language of what the position is responsible for; seeking to add specificity (e.g. they hold a forum)
  + Kevin (in response): to make sure that the position is taken seriously, the appointment of the Chair would be someone that is willing to do the work, yet still allow them to make the position what it is; set the role moving forward
* Natalie: who is in position is key to how good a position is

Sam: at 9:35 Motion to limit discussion to five more minutes (seconded by Corey; unanimously approved by voice vote)

* Phil: difficult to add accountability when we don’t know what the role is yet
* Joey: appointment would make it better to craft role
* Jesus: orientation is a good time for Chair to make sure that it is known they are there for future statements; gender, sexual orientation, or religion perhaps need to be included
* Emily P: for confirmation include Assistant Dean for Student Life, SBA President, and Faculty Chair for Diversity
* Kaylee Raymer: difficult to balance it be admissions vs. a position more focused on working with diverse students within the law school and the issues they are facing
  + Samantha Wright: main role with admissions is to make sure that they have a person within SBA that they can talk to
* Louis: students are capable of picking who would fulfill their role
  + Kevin: some people may shy away from position simply because of an election

Vote on the amendment to post on OrgSync

Motion to vote on the diversity chair amendment:

Motion: Joey

Second: Phil

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

Motion to make vote public rather than secret ballot

Motion: Joey

Second: Sam

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

Vote on the amendment: all voting members in support

🡪Will be presented on OrgSync, available for view on SBA’s OrgSync page

🡪Amendments to the Constitution must be posted for ten days prior to a vote

🡪Vote on final adoption to occur at in-person meeting on March 20

Motion to vote on the position being appointed rather than elected for the first term

Motion: Phil

Second: Louis

Vote in favor of the Chair being an appointed position passes with over two-thirds approval.

1. New Business—none
2. Other Announcements—none
3. Motion to Adjourn
   1. Motion By: Kathryn
   2. Second By: Sam
   3. Favor and Pass: Yes
4. Meeting Adjourned at (time): 9:50p.m.