

University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law
SBA Meeting
April 2, 2019

****Meeting Start Time: 8:30 pm****

Attendance Presence: __16__ /17.

Quorum is: met.

Name	Position	Yes/No
Connor Cafferty	President	Yes
Imani Sowell	EVP	Yes
Dru Childress	VP Communications	Yes
Matthew Bunnell	VP Finance	No
Donovan Gibbs	ABA Rep	Yes
Meredith Ellis	Social Chair	Yes
Brittany Greenwell	Public Service	Yes
Jo Rupp	Fundraising Chair	Yes
Madeline Reed	Historian	Yes
Kerby Standifer	Public Relations	Yes
Mackenzie Sanders	Professional Development	Yes
Kalynn Walls	SGA Senator	Yes
Paige Ezell	LBA/KBA Rep	Yes
Anthony Johnson	3L Rep	Yes
Lauren North	3L Rep	Yes
Michael Mann	2L Rep	Yes
Peyton Griffiee	2L Rep	Yes

Motion to Approve Last Week's Minutes

- (Connor Cafferty) Can I get a motion to approve last meeting's minutes?
- Motion by: Lauren North
- Second by: Mackenzie Sanders
- Passed.

Officer Reports

• President: Connor Cafferty

Fall meeting dates are set, see the group me message from Imani

- Meeting times may need to change to the third Tuesday of every month to accommodate with SGA groups.
- Tonight's meeting will be the last meeting for the semester.
- Graduation dinner is coming up.

We had seven applications for Diversity Chair – interviews with Dean DiSanza and Robin Harris to take place later this month

- Seven people applied. Interviews will be pushed back to later this month.
- Robin Harris has suggested a “sustainability chair” position on SBA
- Students have initiated sustainability being more prevalent in our facilities.
- Keep sustainability initiatives in mind, any potential ideas.

Gerald Toner, President of LBA, is looking for LBA members to play on the LBA softball team this summer – especially women. If you're interested, it's great networking, and Gerry will buy beer.

- Contact Paige Ezell if interested.

This is our last meeting until August – however there will be an afternoon/evening where SBA gets together this summer for a “retreat”

- We will likely get together one afternoon to go over our 2019-2020 budget
- Budget has been predicted to be around \$30,000
- Retreat will likely be a Saturday afternoon in June.

Online class fee has been waived for next school year – at least two classes being taught by UL professors

- There is currently an online class fee per credit hour that students have to pay in addition to tuition.
- Online fee has been waived for the next year.
- Torts II will be taken online by all 1L students this upcoming fall.
- Need budget and Grad Dinner discussion in new business

EVP: Imani Sowell

Attendance Policy for SGA:

- Per semester = 1 unexcused absence & 1 absence with a proxy
- Includes mandatory events & monthly meetings
- Since we only have 1 meeting per month, we all need to be here.

Graduation Duties on 5/11 & Dinner 5/9

- All members should be signed up or have already sent an excuse

VP Communications: Dru Childress

GroupMe

- Everyone should be added & receiving messages

Fall Semester SBA Meetings – I will let you know as soon as we set the dates

Important dates:

- Graduation Dinner – Thursday, May 9
- The Marcus Lindsey
- Graduation – Saturday, May 11
- Student Bar Foundation Silent Auction - Friday, April 5 @ 7 pm
- Molly Malone's Highlands

Class Reps:

- Online class proposal by administration for next academic year – need student feedback
- Several students have already voiced concern about 1Ls being required to take an online core course
- Is this an issue we need to discuss?

VP Finance: Matthew Bunnell

- SBA Account -\$5,700
- Y Account \$20,700
- We have \$15,000 to spend on graduation week.
- Some of the \$15,000 will disappear because of tax so we have about \$14,000. Possible that will have donations from Alumni to put toward Grad Week.

ABA Rep: Donovan Gibbs: No report

Social Chair: Meredith Ellis

Tentative Graduation Week Schedule:

Monday: End of “Day at the Downs” RSVP’s

For Tuesday, there will be an evening activity.

- Find a bar either with arcade games or some activity like volleyball
- Venue ideas: Rec bar or Brownie’s in New Albany.
- This event will require money for appetizers and drinks.
- Drink tickets could be sold.

For Wednesday, there will be a mixer at Molly Malone’s.

- This will be the biggest budget night.
- Superlatives will be given out here
- Molly Malone’s on Bardstown Rd.
- 3Ls are free all guests/other students are \$

For Thursday:, there will be a dinner with alumni.

- We still need 5-10 volunteers.
- RSVP’s: No guests allowed due to small space.
- To get for the event:
 - Trash bags for clean up
 - Table clothes

- Plastic utensils (cups too for wine and other drinks. Beer in cans/bottles)
- Audio equipment – Zack Trinkle?
- Catering pickup

Friday: DAY AT THE DOWNS

- This is a family friendly event!_Guests are permitted and encouraged
- Attendees need to have RSVPed on that Monday.
- Type of tickets will be determined by the RSVP totals: General admission for large turn out, and box seats for small turn out.
- Buying the tickets online so would make it easier to use the law school credit card.

Saturday: GRADUATION DAY

- University merchandise will be sold

Public Service Chair: Brittany Greenwell

- I have met with Joey Wilkerson, and together we are working on a plan of action for next academic year.

Ideas about a mixer for incoming 1Ls hosted by SBA and LBA to introduce students to us -- specifically Connor, Imani, and Joey (as the LBA rep)

- Mixer would allow people to be more comfortable with SBA members and could encourage people to be more involved.
- Offering an opportunity to network with us/familiarize themselves with us so we can offer them some "tricks and tips" to law school that I wish would've known sooner in the semester.
- We could offer a semi-open tab for this event and maybe some free/reduced priced apparel?
- Joey offered to pay for mixer if LBA would not provide funding.
- Madbar or Tavern could potentially be good venues.
- Connor Cafferty: SBA has typically been involved in Orientation. A mixer is a great idea.
- Brittany: Would hosting an event without alcohol be feasible? Most law school events have alcohol, but we're constantly warned of high alcoholism rates among lawyers. Perhaps, we should put on more events without alcohol. This could also make those abstaining from alcohol feel more welcome.
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- Lauren North: A law school picnic could be a great way of hosting an alcohol-free event while utilizing our lawn space.
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- Meredith: We could provide the mocktails that have been served in the Mosaic lobby.
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- Mackenzie Sanders: I am friends with Mocktail vendor, and he is very easy contact. Is public service chair who organizes public service days? Everyone in SBA should try to volunteer for one. It's a great way to meet 1Ls.
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- Lauren North: Continued events catered to helping 1Ls socialize is a good idea, because 1Ls typically only get to know people in their section.
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- Connor Cafferty: The ratio to SBA members to other students is increasingly high.
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- Brittany Greenwell: I would like to learn more about how to organize the volunteering day for 1L orientation, would like to see more people present.

Fundraising Chair: Jo Rupp:

I have been Working with Kathryn on the alumni shirt for 3Ls.

- I Recommend making a bulk online order
- SBA purchase the remainder of the 36 minimum to sell at graduation
- Should cost around \$400 with a chance to make \$120

Volleyball tournament

- Venue last year was free, SBA made \$700 off of the event.
- Last year there was a conflict with Central volunteer orientation. We need to pay attention to not repeat this scheduling conflict.

Historian: Madeline Reed

- No Report

Public Relations: Kerby Standifer

Please share any ideas to boost interest/followers/activity on our current social media

- Over the summer, maybe social media pages should post "Student Spotlight," highlighting things students do with their free time.
- Everyone should take pictures at any events they attend so that I can share them, and you should send me upcoming events that you think would be appropriate to share on the page beforehand to boost attendance
- Pictures of students having fun at events will be more effective than flyers with only words.

Professional Development: Mackenzie Sanders

- Last year, networking event was at Zanzabar.
- Former successful networking events: Dinner with Marcossou, dinner with Dean Crawford, Lawlapalooza

Meredith: Professor Abrams is also hosting a "Just Dance" fundraising competition with herself and a few other professors.

SGA Senator: Kalynn Walls

- SGA in discussions with UL Tuition and Fees on:
- About a 1% increase in tuition for students in order to give faculty a raise across the board.
- UL parking is grossly under budget and they are discussing raising parking passes on purple lot and residential parking passes.
- SGA is working on a better night time ride system for students, possibly creating an app for UL Campus Police to assist. New UL Police Chief is really invested in making something work, the golf cart system was a failure.
- Newly elected SGA Top 4:
- President-elect Jasper Noble
- Executive Vice President-elect Kayla Payne
- Services Vice President-elect Lydia Burns
- Academic Vice President-elect Sabrina Collins
- As of last week, UL parking tickets will now double after 14 days rather than after 7 days.
- The Bar Prep fee proposal with Barbri was withdrawn. The law school will have the opportunity to propose it again next year. Questions about that proposal to the Tuition and Fees Committee can be sent to me or Cash Collins, as the Professional Schools Student Representative on the Tuition and Fees Committee. SBA may consider a town hall meeting in the Fall to get student input ahead of another proposal.

LBA/KBA Rep: Paige Ezell

- Connor introduced me to the members of the LBA as the new student representative for Brandeis
- If anyone has any questions about what is going on with the LBA, let Paige know.
- There is ongoing discussion regarding the best way to attract young attorneys to LBA, any ideas are welcome
- LBA membership fees for students are around \$15. Not many young attorneys, compared to firm partners, are LBA members. LBA is currently trying to find new ways to attract
- The LBA is wanting to renovate their space and create new ways to generate money
- Connor: Only 20% of attorneys in Louisville are currently LBA members.

3L Reps: Anthony Johnson & Lauren North

- We should announce somewhere that we are the 3L reps.
- Kerby: I am willing to post about each of the 3L reps on social media.
- Paige: A “Meet Me Monday” on social media could be a good idea.

2L Reps: Michael Mann & Peyton Griffiee

- Peyton: Student mentioned an ice machine could be something a lot of students would like.
- I looked the machines up. They are \$2,000.
- Peyton: A lot of people have been telling me that they would like pre-made coffee instead of Keurig machines.
- Lauren: K-cups are wasteful. Can we replace them with reusable K-cups?
- Dru Childress: I talked with Dean DiSanza last year about a Starbucks vending machine, and she was supposed to check on possible contract issues with our other vending machines. That's something we could check on.

Connor Cafferty:

- How do we feel about mandatory 1L torts class online?
- General consensus is strong opposition.

Paige Ezell:

- Main concern with 1Ls taking online course is that most students are used to taking undergrad online courses that required minimal effort. This could falsely lead students to think they can get by law school with the same effort that was required of them in undergrad.
- If this school is concerned about bar passage, implementing a mandatory online torts class seems counterintuitive.

Michael Mann:

- Also disapproves.

Lauren North:

- Professor Abrams is a very talented instructor. In her hands, there is a likelihood that online Torts will turn out okay.
- Biggest feedback that I am getting, which should be most compelling to administration is, "had I known that I would be forced to take an online class, I would not have chosen UofL."
- Requiring students to take online class without their consent that they have to take an online Torts class may alter how many students choose this school.

Connor Cafferty:

- At Orientation, students are told that they have to change their methodology to keep up with law school curriculum. Implementing a mandatory online class is not consistent.

Imani Powell:

- Video lectures are very different than assigning reading and discussing it in class. Are there office hours?

Connor: I think there will be online office hours.

Madeline Reed: I doubt as many students will keep up with the reading if they know that they will not be cold-called.

Lauren North:

- I told Professor McNeal that I was comfortable with advocating for more flexibility – I would not have assisted if I knew it would lead to this result.
- Our school advertises that it implements the Socratic method.
- Law school's faculty is decreasing. This will be less of a problem with the upcoming class being 90 people.
- This online class may be a way of keeping talented staff to let them do more with their free time. Perhaps, they need to hire more staff members.

Connor:

- This will be the highest enrollment our university has in nearly a decade. So, if you think about the amount of seats filled in upper-level classes, online courses could solve the potential issue of upper-division courses being overfilled.
- This semester, the 2Ls will likely have to take all core-courses because electives and upper-level courses are being quickly filled.
- **Motion to take a stance against mandatory Torts online for 1Ls**
- Motion passed unanimously
- SBA does not agree with administration's decision to require all second-semester 1Ls to take Torts 2 online, after hearing student feedback among 1Ls and 2Ls. This opinion gained unanimous approval in SBA.

- **1L Reps: N/A**

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by: Michael Mann

Second by: Meredith Ellis

Favor and Pass? Yes.

****Meeting Adjourned at 9:45****