

# Who's Who in the Spring 2022 SBA Election

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It's hard to vote for someone we don't know. Even harder during the pandemic when we've kept a social distance from many people and wear masks that hide half of our visual identity. Even in regular local and state elections, we go off one party to choose our votes. Hopefully, this article helps clear up a few of the candidates' background and goals.

## BACKGROUND

### Timeline

Formal campaigning began last week on Tuesday, March 1st, at 8 a.m. and currently the elections are running from Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm. The [link](#) is open for the student body to place their vote for the 2022-2023 Elections for SBA and Honor Council. The results are tentative until Sunday, March 14th at 8:00 a.m.

### Positions

1. President
2. Executive VP
3. VP of Communications
4. VP of Finance
5. ABA Rep
6. Community Engagement Chair
7. SGA Senator
8. PR Chair
9. Social Chair
10. Professional Development/Career Services Chair
11. KBA/LBA Representative Chair
12. Historian
13. Fundraising Chair
14. Class Representatives
15. Honor Code Council

### Slates:

<b>President</b>	Nia Jolly	Kylie Krupilski
<b>Executive VP</b>	Danielle Tackett	Cameron Lyons
<b>VP of Finance</b>	Abi McFarland	Frank Bencomo
<b>VP of Communications</b>	Colby Birkes	Allie Orberson
<b>ABA Rep</b>	Tyler Belcher	Kenny Schwalbert
<b>Additional (+)</b>		Tommy Phan (SGA)
<b>Campaign</b>	<a href="#">Website</a> with bios, platform, and message box for student input	Word Document on Request from Slate & <a href="#">Google Form</a> available for Student Input

## INTERVIEWS

Note to the Reader: I was not able to interview everyone, especially the current 1Ls who had a brief due Monday morning. Each slate has their campaign info available and everyone I talked to were open and happy to answer any questions about their candidacy and I am sure the same applies for the rest of the candidates who are running.

## Words of Wisdom from the Current SBA President, Jesten Slaw

### On the role of President

“Based on the constitution, they’re the executive administrator ensuring everything goes well. Primarily they will do budget things, attend faculty meetings, and things of that nature. But primarily, you will hold things together.”

Jesten explained how as SBA President, when he attends functions outside of the law school, he also has to act as a sort of ambassador and represent the school. But he grew into that role, last school year, he was SGA Senator. “In the past, most of the presidents have served as the SGA senator so with that comes a lot of knowledge with how things work. You’re kind of like the legacy member who knows the most things. So, in order for the system to function, most people will come to you with questions, concerns, and a lot of things, even if it’s not your lane. So, let’s say—the primary role is showing people what they need to do, how they need to do it, and ensuring the operational processes continue to flow. The last four SBA presidents were SGA senators.”

Even since his first year of law school, Jeston saw the impact of the SBA.

“My 1L year there was a problem with one of the toilets. When you flushed the toilets, the drain would bring black water up—the drain, not the toilet. That flooded. So, we were trying to get that fixed. We know the services and the persons to call. Back then I did not, but the SBA person, or in that case it was the SGA senator knew who to go to.”

### Ideas for the Future SBA

“I think a summer workshop would be nice. It would be good to plan things out. Honestly, I picked the barrister’s date last summer. You [can] have a plan for the entire year.”

## **1. President Candidates**

### Kylie Krupilski

Last school year, Kylie was one of the 1L Reps of SBA where she “was able to be an advocate in certain ways. So, with [a] class, I was able to set up a meeting with the Deans to try to talk about how we can, like, improve his class. And then I was able to be able to meet with [people] that I probably wouldn’t have been able to do if it weren’t for SBA because of the way that our 1L year was set up. I feel like it gave me a lot of exposure to people throughout our class that I wouldn’t have.”

“I think my skill set would be best fit to be president, I think that their role has to be someone that’s like capable of getting, getting everyone else like on the same track and kind of like understanding where they’re going to go,” said Kylie. “And I feel like that’s something I’ve done in the past and I’d like to bring that to SBA. I think that there needs to be better communication between the students and the students, and the faculty and the students. We would try to have meetings once a month with a different faculty member so that students kind of get exposure to all the different professors, not just one that they may have. And then obviously administration as well.”

On leadership roles, Kylie currently is President of the International Law Society (ILS) and also explained that “teaching 5th grade put me in like the biggest leadership position I’ve had and probably the biggest leadership position I’ll ever have. When you have the education of 32 kids, that’s like that’s on your shoulders, that is a lot. Like the biggest thing I learned from teaching was that it is OK to just fail at something, and it’s like if you build that relationship with your team, then you’re gonna be able to bounce back from those even more so. So, I was able to build great relationships with my students. Now if I am leading people. I’m making sure that they know that I’m accessible, but I’m also I’m not above them in any way, so if they have things that they need to talk about or things that they, they make a mistake like that’s OK that they can come talk to me and we’ll figure it out together.”

“To go back to my slogan of asking the questions that need to be asked. And I am confident that my slate is not only capable of asking the questions that they have, but those of others. And I would hope that, you

know, the students see how hard we've all worked up to try to make this as the most transparent, and that we hope that they [the student body] vote for us.”

### Nia Jolly

“I've been lucky enough to be on SBA for two years so far. As a 1L year, I was a student Rep for Section 2A and then this year I've served as the SGA senator for the SBA—we did a lot of work with the university to push initiatives that they had university wide, also to pass the budget for the law school. I got a lot of exposure to how appropriations is run and Jesten actually was in this position last year as well, which he attested helped with his transition into the presidential role. It does give you a lot of insight on things for us [the law school], but also for how the colleges and other grad schools give their proposed their budgets.”

Nia listed several ideas that she has in the works:

- Mental Health Services Accessibility. “One thing that we spoke about is having a well-rounded student body and increasing access to mental health services through the counseling center. What we're really interested in is getting money from outside sources. Honestly, getting donations from alumni if possible or other organizations so that we can subsidize the costs of going to the counseling center because some people have different insurance plans. You know, it just ends up varying student to student.”
- Team Bonding Experiences. “I really wanna do a half of day where SBA gets to know each other because even though we have this common goal, which is like the Student Bar Association and making sure that it's successful and that we have a great law school experience, I think it's really beneficial when you know the person on an individual level. I think we'll have a great heads up with communication and again we'll know each other on a more personal level, which makes things easier. Moving forward like I want to set a standard that can be recreated every year after me. I don't want this to be one-time thing that we do, and it stops when we leave. I want the rising 2Ls to be able to do that when they transition at this time next year and I want it to be the legacy of SBA.”
- Leaving a Legacy. “I want my legacy to be to grow SBA into the amazing organization that it can be, and I want us to create the best law school experience that we could have. Like classes are always going to be stressful, but we can have other things set in place to best support students because every student is in a very different place. We have part time students. We have people that are working full time jobs. We have parents. We have some people that just came straight out of college. We have people that are out of state that don't have family here. You know, like there are so many different experiences within Brandeis, which makes it amazing. But how can we best serve all students? I want it to be that we put our all into SBA our third year and I mean I really hope that we're able to make a difference. And then lastly, I'm very excited to say that I would be the first black woman to serve as the SBA President, which I think is amazing and I think it's unfortunate that nobody has held that position before me but that is what I want my legacy to be. I want it to be all of these things and I myself as an individual, and I want my team to be the best team that was able to serve the Brandeis community between 2022 and 2023.”

“I never liked being the first. I think it's weird that we are still having people that are the first woman, the first black person, the first Latinx person, the first Asian person, the first Native American person [in leadership positions]. It's so weird to me to have that in 2022, but that's our reality. And if that's the task that I'm going to take one, I will happily do that to best serve my community like my community in terms of black students at Brandeis, but also the Brandeis community as a whole.”

Nia also gave some background on her involvement with the Brandeis community, listing her involvement and support of the Black Law Student Association (BLSA), Appalachian Law Caucus (ALC), Latinx Law Student Association (LLSA), and many others: “Doing things like that, being a member of law review has been amazing because it put me in front of other people. I think being exposed to other students has been so helpful to me because it gives me a greater idea of what the student experiences is because it's not just mine. It's not just what my close friends are going through or thinking about. The population at Brandeis is very diverse in so many ways, so that has been super helpful. The other role that I'm most grateful for is being a part of is with the Office of Student Affairs and Diversity

Task Force because it's put me in so many rooms with other students and also with professors to again have a better understanding of what the experience at Brandeis is like, past and present.”

“I love SBA. And being on SBA since 1L year and I'm really grateful for the opportunity. I don't take it for granted at all,” Nia shared.

“I am so grateful to be running with such an experienced slate. I have to start there. What we're really looking to do in our role in SBA next year is to advance what we already have. So, I know that there are critiques and criticisms about SBA, and I already have ideas of how to make things better. But I can't not acknowledge what SBA has done so far and both years that I've been involved, SBA had a hard time or an interesting experience because of COVID. I really want to take what was done in the last two years and develop that and keep evolving. And that's why I think it's so important that my slate has experience. The four of us have been on SBA this year and we are now well versed in how SBA is run. What we want to do is just keep growing the initiatives that we have in SBA so far and then create our own. I'm so confident and again grateful that I have such experienced people who are also self-starters. We've been able to work well as a group and everything that we've decided from the pictures that we use on our slate like for the campaign that's in the mosaic lobby to every initiative that we spoke about. It's not me making a decision, it's the five of us having a conversation and voting on things. Everything has a democracy in our slate, but also in SBA. And that's the reality of how it works. I'm confident that I'll be able to work with everybody collectively and collaboratively to get things done,” Nia expands on the unity of her slate. “Three of us are in law review. Colby, Abby, and I are in law review. Tyler and Danielle are in JAEL. So, all of us have some experience with a journal and with outside organizations, as well. Again, I'm just so confident in my team because they are great students, and they are what I want. They are well rounded students as well. You know, like I think as I put together this team from Vice President down to ABA Rep, I was very mindful of who I asked to be on my slate, and I wanted people that I was confident of or also just work well together and be representative of the student body and I think. We did well at accomplishing that.”

## **2. Executive VP**

### Danielle Tackett

“One of my main goals is really heightened communication, not only between SBA. You know, in this whole student body, but kind of between the administration as well. I want to, at the very least, host informal monthly meetings to where students can come bring concerns because I know it's also a little difficult to track down, and as an SBA member, you know, people can certainly text or message us,” voiced Danielle. “I think it goes along way that at the minimum once a month they will know that we are going to be in one set location during one set period of time to where if they've had something in the back of their mind and they could pop in. So, my initial plan was to have coffee at those informal events, but now I'm thinking maybe, you know, coffee and something to eat. And, you know, even if they don't have a nagging concern that they need to discuss with us, they can even just stop in, grab some food to get them through the day.”

“I'm really excited. I know Abi has some great ideas about putting together an informational packet to get to know the city and get to know, you know, Brandeis as a school. I could remember being a 1L coming in and feeling so unsure about things. I think informing them [the 1Ls] as much as possible. I'm working with her to put together that information and then also, I want to make sure they have a chance to have one-on-ones with their fellow students as well, because I think it's something that we've not necessarily struggled with, but it's been difficult being the COVID class.”

### **On her Leadership Roles**

“Even before law school, I had a leadership role within the Louisville Metro government. I worked there for two years in between undergrad. And then coming to law school, I see how a government entity works

and how it can function to its potential. It was hard for the normal constituent to navigate governmental entities, which I think translates really well to a school environment: the normal student has so much else to focus on and/or worrying about going to class and worrying about studying and going to work and things like that. I want to be the point person that if they have a concern.”

“I am one of the 2L reps. So, our main role and that position is to speak on behalf of our class like in SBA meetings and things like that. And if one of our classmates is having concerns, we’re the point person to come to in order to advocate for them, you know, to the whole body. We’re the voice of the 2L class within SBA,” Danielle explained. “So, if anything were to come up, I wanted to make sure that the 2Ls weren't just swept to the side, that we actually had our voices heard. Making sure I was a part of everything that was going on and then if anything came up, to communicate it to the class; and if anyone had a specific concern, being open and available to them, that they can come to me, in a safe environment to speak about that and hopefully, if I wouldn't be able to resolve it in some way, bringing it to SBA's concern or attention. That's why I would call a few people by name. They're like, ‘how do you know my name?’ and I was like, ‘I was the Rep.’ If someone has a concern, I want to be able to reach out to them. So that was my main thing.”

“Last semester, I was a mentor with the SSG program. I led a group of the 1L students and taught them how to brief a case or how to outline, prepped them with what to expect for finals. And I really wanted to take on that position because I feel like it's so normal in those situations to just be uncertain. I was the first person from my family to go to law school, so I really didn't have anyone to turn to. With those questions, I always want to be that person for others. I can pull from the knowledge that I have in order to help someone else. I loved that experience. Being able to meet with them once a week and kind of answer any questions they had, concerns, and then also give a short lesson.”

### Cameron Lyons

On his Current Role as ABA Rep.

“I'm currently the ABA representative. It's been really good. As at the ABA representative, it gives me a chance to really, you know, get in there and make decisions. It's been very fun because not only do I interact with SBA, but I also get to interact with the ABA. So, over the summer they had their annual meeting and I got to participate here.”

Cameron relayed that “Back at the beginning of the year, I put on a tabling event, so I handed out Flyers, to let people know that they can get a student membership off the bat, that it's free. And then afterwards, if you want to, you can upgrade to a paid membership. And I believe it's \$25 a year.”

Goals as Exec VP Candidate.

“I just sent out our platform and I'm hoping people take the time to read it in the GroupMe because we really sat down and thought about it. Even things that we couldn't put in to our platform because one of the things that we were looking at doing was fixing up the courtyard. It would be really nice to be able to sit out there on a nice day and see something nice, like flowers and have a small little garden and things of the sort. We intend to be very transparent, and we want to include you guys and all the decisions that we make because at the end of the day, we're here to represent everybody since you vote us in with a specific role of. Whatever your concern maybe no matter how small it is, as long as you bring it to us were here.”

### **3. VP of Communications**

#### Colby Birkes

“The VP communication. There's a lot of potential there and I know that I was not given the opportunity to expand that role and to really look at all it deserved this past year. That's the reason I decided to run with Nia and Danielle and everyone else on our ticket because we share similar sentiments, similar goals for the future of SBA. I think the position then can be realized to its full potential. I'm gonna focus on my

specific role in terms of transparency and communication and helping implement different policies that cements the role of our constituency in the process. I think there's been a disconnect between SBA and the law students generally this past year. And that's something that I think needs to change. My sole goal is going to be transparency again and cementing the role of the student body in the process.”

Colby tied in his experience at Morehead State being part of student government with his undergraduate where he implemented policies for health and wellness services: “we were able to implement really cool policies in which SGA funds were shifted to the counseling health services on campus, which made it significantly cheaper for students to receive mental health counseling and nurse practitioners and doctors, as well.”

Now, Colby wishes to pursue a similar focus: “It's been a goal and a sentiment shared by everyone on our campaign that it's impossible to succeed in the classroom if you do not have an environment conducive to your success outside of the classroom. the main focus is looking to outside donors, specifically alumni Brandeis, to get some extra funding as well as two and immediately earmarked certain funds in the budget at the beginning of next year. They will specifically go towards those various aspects of health, mental health counseling, etc.”

Additionally, Colby plans to have “more frequent meetings and more in-depth and substantive meetings. There will be those minutes to be posted. Now we'll post those to the daily docket and continue posting those to OrgSync if elected. We will have an anonymous box throughout the whole year that individuals can put any grievances, not just towards minutes, but at least if they're more informed, they'll be more inclined to let us know their grievances.”

“I know this past year when we've released merchandise, it's basically sent out and says ‘hey, we're selling these sweatshirts. Get your order in the next 5 days if you want one.’ And there's not really a lot of advance notice. I think it will be more successful for fundraising in our merchandise distribution if more advanced notice is given. I'd work with the fundraising chair that's in charge of that; I'd like to get a proposed design in mid to late July and start posting that the beginning of the semester when there's a lot of buzz going around,” Colby envisions. “Oh, I'm so excited for this semester to start especially, can you imagine we send them out to the SSG leaders to say to the ones coming into orientation who were just itching to get their hands on some Brandeis merchandise 'cause you can't find it just at the University of Louisville Bookstore or anything like that. So, the earlier we get that posted out, especially in this fall semester when people are really just excited to be there.”

### Allie Orberon

“I think that a lot of what happened when we were 1Ls is that information got filtered and they thought ‘they don't need to know this, they don't need to know that’ and I think that in the end that harmed us as a class instead of benefitted us. Personally, for VP of Communications, transparency, communication, and one of my big goals will be forming a document that shows who the person is in this, who's the person for this, so then we have a working document that can say ‘who's in charge of the Business Law Society’ and who can I go to for the ‘Tech Law Society’ and it's not in the intranet in some weird niche folder. It'll be somewhere where people can access and access quickly.”

“Making sure everything is adequately communicated. As VP of Communications, I would want to hold myself to the position of being a point person, to put myself in the position of knowing maybe not the answer to your question but who you can go to ask.”

Allie expands on her communication abilities: “My oversharing is an annoying habit but also a good one for the role that I signed up for because the thing that I find most frustrating is not even knowing where to start with a question. What I always found is if you ask the first question, that will start the conversation

and you'll find the answer you were really looking for. But you have to start it somewhere. You have to start with, you know, 'hi Dean Coel, my name is' and start the conversation from there and then figure out that you were actually supposed to go to the Dean of some other part of the law school to get the answer that you needed. Over-communicating was one of the skills I have adapted from those and making sure others were communicating and over-communicating."

"This past semester, I was on client counseling moot court team with Grace Walsh and I would call her basically every night before we had practice from like 7 until 9 and I'd say 'here's the law that I found' and we would have to research quite a bit. So, I would walk her through all the research I found, and she would know it all because she's brilliant. But she would listen, and she would say 'yes, but you gotta think about this' and so we'd outline together. She could get it done in an email, but I would call and go through everything that I found and say okay so this is how it relates to tort law, this is how it specifically relates to contract law, here's how it relates to the ADA."

#### **4. VP of Finance**

##### Abi McFarland

Under the VP of Finance position, the ability to budget is major. "It is a big role. I think it has the potential to be like a much bigger role and that's one of the things that I really want to talk about because I think, yeah, like, right now the job description is pretty much just talking about financial advising and budgeting. And I think it has the potential to be so much more student facing and really make more of a difference. And I'm very excited about that."

"Of the main things that I would want to do with the VP of Finance role, one is to make it a lot more student facing. I know that I can handle the financial and budgeting aspects of the job description, but I want to be able to work a lot more closely with students to make sure that we spend money on what students want to see. And then also I really want to work with student organizations to help advise on different funding issues," Abi explains her big plans while also giving background on her background. "In a past life, I was on the SGA appropriations Committee, so I know that there's like special project funds and there's travel funds that student groups can apply for, and I would love to help RSO's like get the support they need just by making sure that they are aware of like all these other avenues. And another thing is like, I think that we need clearer guidelines. For how to ask SBA for help with funding events, I know that is happening now and RSOs do reach out to SBA but so much of it is in the dark. And I wanna make sure that there's like clear processes for that and then another thing that I really want to do with the VP of Finance role is that I want to help leverage Community resources so that we can expand the SBA's ability to really make a difference. And so, things like local firms, the KBA or LBA, LEXIS and Westlaw, and Barbri or Kaplan. Like, companies like that have so much money and I'm more than happy to reach out and see how we can partner on different initiatives, and with that money, I think that we could really work towards addressing some of the things that affect students in some of the things that affect our community. We talk a lot about how student wellness and mental health is such a big problem for the entire legal profession. And well, it's hard to address that as a whole. Our platform has talked a lot about being able to provide like co-pays to cover students' counseling fees whenever they go to the Health Center. And so, like with more money, we could do that, we could help address food."

"The different positions definitely shouldn't be siloed like so many of them can build upon each other. And like I think if everyone works together, will be able to accomplish a lot more."

"I think that like SBA could really make a strong positive impact in students' lives. It's just a question of making sure that you have people who are willing to be involved and willing to do the extra work to make that happen."

On Abi's Background

“I did my MBA with a focus in finance, so I'm definitely comfortable with all of that. I've had a lot of different experiences in a lot of different schools at the university. I went to undergrad at UofL, went to medical school for a couple of years, did my MBA at UofL, and now, obviously, law school. So, I've had experience with funding throughout undergraduate, graduate and professional school programs. Right now, in law school, I'm an SSG leader and an OPD peer advisor and I'm also the president of the Business Law Society and student chair for the OSAD Task Force. But before that, I was also involved with a lot of different things. For example, while I was getting my MBA, I was part of the Exec Board for the Association of Women MBAs. And while I was in medical school, I was student council president, and I was also an SGA senator and worked on the Executive Committee and the Appropriations Committee. Through all of that, I've gotten a lot of different experiences with funding. I've applied for funding, just like as president of RSOs. I have—at the medical school—been in charge of coming up with the schoolwide budget for student government there. While I was an SGA Senator, I was in charge of approving school budgets and so I definitely have seen it from a lot of different perspectives, and I really want to be able to put that to good use.”

“I think a lot of any part of budgeting is like planning forward, so it's easy to like, give a snapshot of like how much money you have. I think just had kind of padding that foresight and communicating with everyone. So, like everyone is on board and there aren't any surprises and yeah, I think that that part of the job should be fairly easy. I know I'm very comfortable with the financial advising and budgeting aspects of it. And I think that like one of the reasons why I might be good for this job is because I do have that level of comfort already. I'm big on, just like making sure that, like, everything is organized and down on paper and like.”

“The main reason why I wanna be in SBA is because I wanna try to make a positive difference in the law student experience. Being part of SBA I think would give me a bigger voice that I could then use to like continue to listen to students and really be able to try to advocate for students.”

### Frank Bencomo

“Why I want to be in SBA is 2 things: it's advocacy and transparency,” Frank explains. On advocacy, “we all like nice things, and we also like to be able to not do things that take a lot of costs and expenditures. We need to make sure that we're balancing their interests while making sure things are affordable for all students and that, you know, lower income students, students who might find themselves living from check to check or loan to loan, don't find themselves biting the bullet for fancy events. Because we do want to make sure that everyone can be a part of it, I think it's best when all students get to be a part of it. The other one is transparency. I think that a lot of times. We receive information through indirect formats when it comes to SBA. It's a friend of a friend telling us that ‘hey, we heard of this’ or ‘we think this is going to happen.’ But I think that because we have these one year terms—because law school is such a quick turnaround, you're kind of in kind of out—transparency matters. It matters to link students, know what they want to do in the next year. It matters to UofL students that might be thinking in there 1L year ‘this is what I want to do in my 2L in my 3L year’ and I think all that information should be widely accessible. How much money does SBA have? How much money are we gonna spend in this event? What's the cost? What's the overhead? Because I think all students should get to at least have the option of knowing how much something is going to cost.”

“I think I think they struggle really with giving the why, as to why things are happening. We eventually find out that things are happening or that that certain thing is being done in a certain way, a certain place. But why is it happening that way? We hear often times we do or do not have the resources to do that, but how is that really broken down? Where are they cutting money from? Where is it going to? How's it being spent? I think all of these decisions matter and they matter even more so when you have a smaller school like ours where you need more people to do more roles, everyone's gotta have a certain level of knowledge as to why things are happening. And I think we're not that good at communicating it. I think



it's a lot of via the Grapevine Type information. We're all kind of running around. I'd like to simplify them. Put in a quick, easily accessible before.”

#### In Frank’s Background

“I've done a lot of groups with it [finance]. Took a lot of economic classes for Poli-Sci. My father was a professor of economics in Cuba. I kind of love charts, I understand that’s really nerdy, but I love charts. I love the cleanness of them and communicating information.”

#### On his Goals

“I'd want to give budget reports. It would be more accessible to all students, and I'd want to make sure that that’s something that's going out and that every student, whether they're 1L, 2L, or 3L, has that access. What something costs, how much it costs to do in a particular fashion, and where their money is going to 'cause it is a collective effort to do anything. If it's not coming from our tuition, well, it's coming from our costs for paying something or it's a decision to put money somewhere that could have gone elsewhere. So, I think all students should kind of have that, and I'd like to make reports that detail exactly how that's happening. Where the money is going.”

### **5. American Bar Association (ABA) Representative**

#### Tyler Belcher

“Professional development is a huge thing for me. I love learning. I'm always trying to expand my network, but also just the exposure I have to other areas.”

Tyler has already joined an IP Law subsection of the ABA: “With being a musician and really wanting to learn about copyrights, trademarks. And so, I joined that section and saw they had an event coming up and I was already a free member at the time. But I knew I could make the most out of learning about the areas I was interested in by joining and getting a premium membership for \$25. And so, I started taking advantage of a lot of the meetings that they started having. I just really wanted to spend a lot of time on my own personally, just like looking into the areas that I'm interested in that are beyond the classes that I'm taking now. And I really wanted to network. So being involved has been a really good networking opportunity.”

“One of the things that would be my responsibility would be really to help people understand the perks of being a member of the ABA and what the resources are that the ABA brings. But one of the things I'm really looking forward is having skills workshops and networking events. Not everyone who's coming out of Brandeis is going to practice law in Kentucky and I think having those connections to the ABA will be really critical to help people understand various different practice areas that may not be practiced heavily here.”

Tyler also explained how skills workshops would be helpful. “Some people can't fit those [certain skills-related classes like drafting] into their schedules, you know? I think having those workshops, ‘here's the overview of this skill set’ like that would be really valuable.”

“Currently, I'm a peer advisor for OPD. One of the things I'd love to do is work with the OPD chair and then also the LBA and KBA Rep and work with them to come up with these in workshops or events. I think self-development is always one of those things. I think figuring out where we belong in the legal community is a hard thing to do.”

“One of the reasons I want to be ABA Rep is because that's an opportunity for me to help people find the resources and the tools and make the connections they want to figure out where they want to be and where they belong in this big, expansive, diverse community. I think helping people become equipped with those resources is important and that's one of the reasons I want to be a reference.”

### Recommendation for the Upcoming 2L Rep

“I think that the incoming 2L Rep would constantly be reminding people that you exist and actually there and that in volunteering to be that spoken voice when it comes to concerns even if they're not things that concern them. I took it upon myself to be the person that was going to bother the administration and the professors. That's one of the ways I kind of countered the communication issue— just by taking those steps myself and asking questions.”

### Kenny Schwalbert

“I want to be in SBA because I want to continue the tradition of greatness that UofL Law has. Our SBA is strong, but I think that there are ways that make it even greater. I think that the school struggles with communication – I want the SBA to be a place where law students can bring their issues and we then can take it to the administration. I also think there should be more transparency with the SBA (occasional Town Halls and more events at lower prices).”

“I want to use the ABA position to get students involved in the administrative body that accredits our school and strives for a better legal community throughout the U.S. I would also like to use the affiliation with the Louisville Bar Association (LBA) to hold more networking events and mixers to allow students to meet attorneys locally and make connections. With a tight-knit community like Louisville, having an idea of the attorneys in the area and the firms here are paramount to our success as law students.”

“In my past career, I was able to network and make connections with people in various businesses in Louisville. I love networking and bringing people together. I want to use my skills to help create a strong relationship with the ABA and LBA and encourage students to get involved.”

### Past Leadership

“I have been the past Chaplin in my Mortuary Academic Fraternity; I also had and rush chair position in my college Fraternity; I have also been Senior Warden (2nd in command) for my local AF&A Masonic Lodge in Southern Indiana. All three organizations were dear to me – with the mortuary fraternity, we were involved in the well-being of the student body as well and advocating for the changes in funeral service. My college fraternity was exemplary – it promoted making the best people possible while also having a strong community base. I was honored to serve as the “Up Til Dawn” chair and raise money for St. Jude’s throughout the campus at Missouri S&T. Freemasonry is very dear to me – I have been involved in the Louisville Scottish Rite, and Kosair Shrine. Freemasonry stays committed to “making great men better” and the involvement in the community is vital. From doughnut booths to widow’s banquets, we serve the community. I have been honored to have several positions in my lodge.”

## **6. Community Engagement Chair**

### Rachel Utz

“It's not really that I want to be on SBA. I just really thought that this position was important, so I'm running. I just feel like the school is not doing enough to actually be within the community and we have so many great organizations in Louisville and I just feel like they're not utilized and like the fact that we only have to do 30 hours of community service is ridiculous to me because—like don't get me wrong, I respect that we all have busy schedules and I understand that—but the whole point of being in law school is that you're supposed to be advocating for people. And I feel like you can't learn that in a classroom. You know what I mean? Like, I feel like you actually have to be out and actually helping people. I just feel like we need to be out 'cause the local community is amazing and I think that we can be such an asset to the community. So, it's like, why aren't we doing things you know?”

“I'm not even from here and I feel such strong ties to the city. I've tried to put myself in so many different positions. I work with Professor Arnold and the resilience justice; and he's trying to help with the

drainage problem. And then the West End Community garden, that stuff is really important. I just don't understand why we're not out there. And then also the university is doing a voting or voter registration clinic, and so BLSA is trying to partner with them to help with that. I teach Street Law at Central right now and it's very basic like the process of the justice system. And then we talk about marriage, divorce. Like all these things within the system. But if they didn't have that class, like, I don't know how many of them would have known about it. And so, I just feel like maybe smaller clinics like could take a couple of the major chapters from the street law book and do an overview of like what to do if you get pulled over, what to do if you have to go to court. I think the school would be willing to help with a mentorship program and maybe like a high school fair type thing.”

“I think the mentorship program would be cool, like partnering with other high schools like the way we do central or having just clinics to tell students like, you know, like Colin Kaepernick has the Know Your Rights camp that is super inspiring to me because I feel like so many people don't know what they're entitled to. I think we could do like partnerships with the University of Louisville and try to like recruit more law students. I think maybe trying to partner with a couple more high schools, even if it's just for like one fair to tell them ‘hey law school is attainable, you can get here.’ Maybe a mentor program with high school students because I know personally that the people that I surround myself with at the law school are more than willing to be there for other people. I have big plans.”

“I care a lot, like probably a lot more than I showed, but I care so much about the people in the local community and like I know how many good people we have with the law school, and I know how many of us would love to be more involved in the Community. And I do recognize that our schedules are ridiculous. But I think it's important to not like, lose sight of what you're supposed to do as a lawyer other than just like the one cultural competency assignment we had to do last year but.”

## **7. SGA Senator**

### Tommy Phan

“At the moment I plan on also having a part in the SBA, as well. So, while yes, the title would be SGA Senator, I also plan on being that person that classmates can actually come. Right now, the goal is to make events for next semester and next spring more convenient and in a timely manner so that everybody could actually know what's going on.”

### Past Role

“My role was to be the voice of my classmates for any situation or any issue. I feel like I was doing my best to be a Rep for my classmates and constituents. It gives me that motivation to continue to be a good Rep for them because they trust me with the issues.”

“For example, the vending machines in the basement, I overheard a few classmates talk about how the machine would not take a certain payment method and the snacks machine would not take card but would not take anything other than like a dollar bill or like a \$5 bill or something like that. So I took that and I asked to see, you know, like how can we fix the machines. Along with the help of Tracie Cole, the machines got new drinks in the machines. So as of right now there are Starbucks drinks in the vending machines down in the basement. The snack machine is full. They include more healthy options, as well, in the snack machine, and both machines work cash and card.”

“Aside from machines, I also emailed professors when I have more than one person come up to me like hey, can we maybe change the class period? Or can we change the class from in person to online? Or can we change online to in person? Or can we cancel it altogether since the other professors are not coming and I don't want to come from, for example Elizabethtown to school for one class and then leave. And so, I would communicate with the professors and all the professors are very nice and cooperative to students' needs. I'm also very grateful for that as well.”

“I would like to let everybody know that I am running unopposed. While that means like, oh, OK, Tommy will get the position. I would also like to voice that I look forward to putting in the effort to earn the votes. For anyone who doesn't know me, I am always around. Come say hi to me. One cool thing is that I will remember your name; I know 2/3 of the 1Ls at this point and I'm looking forward to knowing all of the 1Ls as well as the 2Ls that will be 3Ls next semester.”

## **8. PR Chair**

William Garcia

Did not immediately respond to a request/inquiry.

Te'Anana Wilson

For the role of Public Relations Chair, Te'Anana expressed how she would be “making Flyers, maintain the social media, making sure that I'm promoting the school in a positive light, but also promoting diversity and inclusion and a welcoming environment.”

“I think we all could do our part as far as being a part of SBA. And so even though I'll be just public relations chair, I hope to be more involved. I hope to be more of a liaison. I hope that my peers feel comfortable coming to talk to me and maybe I can address something with a Dean or someone,” Te'Anana explained. “I think SBA reflects the student body and I want to be a reflection of my peers. I hope when they look at me, they feel that it's more inclusive, is more welcoming and it's just more of our environment. I want to change the culture to where it feels more like a team, more collaborative and less of a competition. I think a lot of us with sometimes it doesn't feel welcoming or something like that. You're kind of nervous about running for certain positions, and I hope that when people see that I decided to run that they feel more confident next time around or next election. I think representation matters and I think that's very important.”

“I've been a paralegal for seven plus years. So, a lot of my leadership comes from my work experience. If it's an assignment or maybe I was training someone. Most of my leadership comes with stepping up into in the work field. With my work experience, I'm able to help train other paralegals or help guide them or do things in that nature.”

## **On Mental Health**

“I think the one thing that everybody really can relate to is addressing mental health. I see a few emails about that, but I don't really think that we really focus on it like we should. There's a lot of people who are suffering in silence. There's a lot of people who didn't realize that they had issues with depression and then they came to law school and this kind of environment feeds your anxiety and your depression. I think it should be a priority, you know? And it's not just this school. Law schools across the country. I think that we don't understand the type of stress put on students. Some people can handle it, I've been out of school for a while, but that doesn't take away that I'm stressed out too, that I have things going on.”

“I guess from my opinion, I believe that maybe they don't want to deter people from coming into the legal field, but also, it's the norm. Like if you look at it, I mean this has been going on for years. This is not a new thing. Now you have new things that might have added to it, COVID and racial injustice or things like that. But depression in law school, that's not a new thing. People feel more like they want to brush it to the side. If you don't address it, then it doesn't exist. Like if it's out of sight, out of mind. I think that ignoring it is easy. But you just can't do that. I mean, just recently we saw Cheslie Kryst commit suicide. That bothered me a lot. And she was an attorney, but she was also a beauty queen. She was functioning and the fact that no one knew that, and I think a lot of us walk around like that; it's scary that we choose to ignore and not address it.”

“To the readers: stay healthy, focus on the mental health thing, you know? One day at a time.”

## **9. Social Chair**

Dennis “Trey” Martin

Did not immediately respond to a request/inquiry.

Jazmyn Wood

“I feel like we missed out so much our first year up and I know it's been a real struggle to get to know people and for our class to get together to do anything. So honestly, I just want to help initiate more and more opportunities for that to happen since I feel like I was kind of robbed of part of my law school experience so far. I just feel like we missed out on a lot. And I want to re-implement some of those things that they used to do pre COVID so that way we have the opportunity to not only get to know like our class but also the incoming 1L and then 2L class.”

“I still think that they're [the school] struggling from COVID and they're just being extra COVID conscious, which is so great. I feel like we can do social events in like meet people and like behind the mask and everything. I think that that's a huge part of what I would love to try and do next year. It's just to be able to organize different events where we can finally get to know each other and not feel so hindered by COVID because I think that has absolutely played such a big role in our going left arm.”

In undergrad, Jazmyn helped with many large-scale events:

- Fit Day. “It is kind of a larger scale event for that kind of organization [sorority]. It's the day that, like all the new members come in. There's a lot of planning up to it, I got the catering for it, decorations, all that kind of stuff. Set up the little photo backdrop.”
- Orientation. “I was on the orientation staff, and we did a lot there. So, I worked a lot with the university, especially the office of admissions.
- RaiseRed. “A dance marathon a couple years ago. I was a part of their leadership when I was in undergrad. And then I joined their alumni Council and the first year that we did that, I was their events manager, and we didn't get to do a ton because it was Prime COVID, but we did throw like a big watch party. Up at the Manhattan Project.”

“There's theme and decor ideas; however, I do wanna be more transparent with the whole school in regard to when it will be. I'm a huge planner so things like the venue and the date, I would wanna know like months in advance if possible and I would love to be able to share that with everyone, because I know it's hard to plan for something even a month in advance, but especially like when you're learning 2-3 weeks before the event. That kind of hindered a lot of people's ability to go, especially to decedents and barristers. So, I just want to be able to be transparent with those things and make sure that everyone has every opportunity to attend. Even if it were possible to do it like this summer or in the early fall, I hope that would work out better and I wouldn't run into those same issues, but I'm most excited that if I were to get this position, I want to do a law school tailgate for all the football games, and I'll probably also try and have a committee that helps me with their input.”

“And then also bar review, I feel like they kinda tried to bring that back this year. I think that's a great, easy, small socializing opportunity. Even if it were monthly bar reviews, it doesn't have to be every single week, but I think that's just a fun, small thing that we can do at the end of the week to wind down. And just get to hang out and see each other, you know, complain about classes. I know I've heard some people say that they wanna have, like, socials with the medical and dental schools too 'cause I guess they used to do that. Like the professional schools all kind of integrated and mingling think that would be a really great opportunity for all parties.”

“Honestly, I'm pretty open, so if anyone has any questions for me or any ideas that they would like to see over the next year, I would love just for people to know that I'm open and they can reach me and contact me with any kind of issues worries. Or like something that they would want to try and do.”

## **10. Professional Development/Career Services Chair**

Trinity Gillespie

“I'd like to be in SBA because I'd like to bring another perspective. I think it's important to have those rising 2L's take some of those positions just because you know they're gonna be in the school for two more years and it just matters that they're their fresh perspective as someone who's just gotten through the door of the law school, and they got to see so many things without already having them ingrained and so you just have a fresh set of eyes. That's a perspective I'd love to bring to SBA. And just because I really value collaborative efforts and things like that. So, I like being a part of the team.”

### **Goals**

“Being more transparent with students about the OC I process and the process of getting a summer job and I think that the Office of Career Development, I think that the office does a great job as far as telling students during the first couple weeks. Dean Hajek came and she just told us just she just gave us a small spiel about what's to come. But I think that what happens is there's a serious drop off for students after they, especially for one else after they finished that first semester going into the next. I'm excited because I've been developing a relationship with Dean Lee. She's helped me in my own personal applications and cover letters and resumes.”

“There's a lot more stress that is on students' shoulders because they don't really know how to approach the on-campus interview (OCI) process and even just the summer job process. I think that students over winter break, they're kind of hanging in a balance. After the second semester in there in the winter break, I would suggest for there to be an event that I thought of, and this is just a little name I was thinking- but a restful and successful winter break,” Trinity shares her ideas. “And so that would give students the opportunity to make sure they take that in that rest that they need. I would suggest an event that you know all students can kinda touch base. Almost like a reminder event because you know, the Office of Career Development, they do have an event early on in the school year. But you know then you go complete academic mode and you're not thinking about those things. But when the time to go on with your brakes, almost like a reminder and even like at jumpstarting empowering type of event.”

“Something else I thought about was having a cover letter workshop, just like in an event that students would be able to work on their cover letters during it just so that they can, you know, leave with the one. It's easy to just, you know, hear people talk to you and just, you know let things come in and out the other ears , as far as you know just information being inputted but it's another thing to actually be practicing the skills at the time, and even if it's just a little, it's not like you have to completely finish your cover letter, but just empowering people in the moment to turn around with, you know, cover letters and, you know, work towards having just understanding that correct process.

## **11. KBA/LBA Representative Chair**

Corban Polk

Did not immediately respond to a request/inquiry.

Mehrya Nawabi

“The reason why I'm running for SBA is, first, I love to volunteer, but also I like to spend time and bettering myself through these types of opportunities. I feel like I can bring something to the table, not only from my background, but I feel like I can be representative of other folks. It's not just me being Muslim, Afghan American, first generation. It's also I'm a part timer, I work full time, I come from a legal background, I've been out of school for five years. In this role, being the Kentucky Bar Association and

Louisville Bar Association representative. I know that I can work with these organizations because I'm very familiar with them. I feel like this information [with the KBA and LBA] is relevant for students and they need to know it now. It's a part of the 'what do we do after we graduates?' We have continuing legal education (CLE) credits, making sure we're following ethics guidelines. If we can get membership now, that's even better and so I want to introduce these programs."

"I love bringing new stuff to the table that isn't there before. I think the school's struggling, especially in this role, we lack visibility into these organizations," Mehrya noted her observation and also her delight of when Dean Coel created an event for the LBA to come to the school. "I was excited. She actually pinpointed it up. And I was like, this is awesome."

Mehrya described several ideas that she:

- Events bringing LBA and KBA members to the school. "These one-offs are also important because we forget that participate throughout the semester."
- Volunteer Events with the LBA and KBA. "Sometimes you can't do volunteer events in the spring or the winter. You can actually do it like sporadically. And we forget about these opportunities that are sporadic rather than they want it clumped together in two weeks or clumped together in three weeks."
- Fundraising with the LBA and KBA. "If we can fund some folks, we could open up a scholarship and say with the KBA if an attorney wants to sponsor a few students, right to get membership."

"To see if we can have more opportunities for our students to not only learn from folks in Louisville, but from all around Kentucky, right. I have personal experience with, and I've worked with many folks at the local Bar Association that does pro bono work in volunteer work for Louisville Bar Association. I myself have worked at the divorce pro bono clinic downtown, which is sponsored by the LBA. But they also have other volunteer opportunities. I would love to highlight these. And they're starting in person, I'm always at their events. I'm always checking up on things they do have in person events coming up. I know some students like to possibly get work while they're in school. I know that they always put something in their job profile, job banks, so they always put, like paralegal positions. They have ties with the paralegal association here in Louisville. I've done my research. I know these organizations well, and I know I can bring something to this role. I think we need to do more. I want to be able to highlight [the LBA and KBA] in emails. Putting it out there on Instagram, just in general, putting out in news alerts; like, here's your opportunities, here's your scholarships, here's things that they're doing. If you guys want to be a part of these seminars, network events, all of this, and then even working with them to create opportunities for law students to come to their network events. I'm really hoping folks give me a chance because I think I could do something with this position up 'cause I'm really passionate."

### Kelsey Hammon

Kelsey stated that her "main goal for the upcoming year is to have more opportunities and events for students to network with local attorneys and legal professionals in the community. Networking is an essential part of opening doors in our legal career. I want to ensure that Brandeis School of Law students continue to build a connection with the local legal community and are at the top of legal professionals list for employment and other opportunities."

"I aim to keep students engaged in what is going on in the Louisville Bar Association and Kentucky Bar Association. I also plan to bring feedback to KBA and LBA on students' interests and needs," continued Kelsey. "Success comes from consistently making new contacts and what better way to do that than by participating with the Louisville Bar Association and Kentucky Bar Association!"

Kelsey has continuously been involved in leadership roles. During her undergraduate career, Kelsey was a UK Center for Community Outreach Coordinator, UK Service Corps Site Coordinator, Leadership

Exchange Ambassador, College Mentor for Kids Mentor, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Corresponding Secretary to name a few.

“Throughout my time at the University of Kentucky I was involved in numerous community outreach programs that allowed me to be an advocate for others. One program that I hold dear to my heart is UK Service Corps. UK Service Corps is a tutorial program that helps underprivileged high school students who have fallen behind in their course work and struggle to graduate on time. I extended my duties as a Site Leader beyond the normal scope of assistance to be a supportive force in their lives. Their stories and determination truly motivated me. Each of the students were essential to my journey to law school. I am overjoyed to remain in touch with them and learn about all their accomplishments.”

## **12. Historian**

### J. Trevor Salzman

Trevor explained that he wishes to be elected “to understand and participate in the decisions made by the SBA.” He stated that the school struggles with a “lack of camaraderie between the different classes” and that he hopes to “help foster effective discourse and do my job to the best of my abilities.”

Trevor has also held numerous leadership positions including Captain of the Eastern Swim Team, Vice President of the LEAF Club (Environmental Club), and Recruitment Coordinator of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

## **13. Fundraising Chair**

### Megan Nicolaysen

“I’m sure you’ve seen me in class. I wear baseball hats almost every day and I think a lot of people in the school do. I’ve never seen a Brandeis School of Law, baseball hat. I definitely want to do that. We usually have sweatshirts and T-shirts. And that’s kind of it. And I just think that there’s a lot of potential for the fund raising to grow by a lot. If we start doing things like hats or coffee mugs or, you know, kind of just expanding a little bit beyond what we’ve seen so far. I have stickers are on my list.”

### On Leadership Roles

“I did music in undergrad, and I was like the section leader. I had a really good ability to communicate with other people. But then I also think as far as like the merch and the fundraising chair role goes, I have that creative brain to hopefully make cool stuff that people want to buy so we can benefit the SBA and the school.”

### Goals

“I think it [the SBA bookstore] has died down and I think that a lot of that has been sort of holding people accountable to being there when they say they’re gonna be there. I think whether it’s doing a signup sheet every week or giving some sort of incentive to other people in the SBA to be there when they can be there. I think we’re definitely going to try to get to a point where there are people in the bookstore more often and where other students are aware that the bookstore even exists and is open, and then you can go in there and find things for the school ‘cause that’s a goal of mine, to make people aware that it’s there and get people in there more often.”

“One thing I definitely wanna put feelers out to the students. I definitely want to make the bookstore accessible to incoming students because, like, when you decide to go to law school, it’s exciting. And you wanna represent that. And that’s not really something that you can do right now. But then I also want to make sure that our current students are happy with what they’re seeing. And so I think, you know, whether that be sending out polls or, you know, I just want to get more feedback before hard and fast decisions are made ‘cause I think that the student voice on this kind of stuff hasn’t really been heard a lot. And then that kind of leads to it not being as successful as it probably could be.”



## 14. Class Representatives

**2L**

Dylan Eddleman

Did not immediately respond to a request/inquiry.

Taylor Reese

Did not immediately respond to a request/inquiry.

Claire Ackerson

“Some people are hyper involved and others I feel like they just really haven't bought in or are invested in the school. By trying to bridge that gap and also including more voices, I think that's going to strengthen the alumni network, which is really huge and important for all law students in the future, as well,” Claire believes and notes how her sports background gives her an edge when it comes to teamwork and camaraderie amongst a group. “That kind of positivity and camaraderie helps overall. It also helps with the mental health aspect and trying to decrease that toxic competitive nature that's present in law school generally. I'm very friendly and I feel like I've connected well with a lot of my classmates. I was asked to run, and so I said, sure.”

“Having those small interpersonal connections and then just doing the small things, just having the smaller shifts of like, yes, it's great to keep up the same events, but also like smaller connected sessions that are just everybody in a group. I think breaking it down would be helpful. I think SSG was a really good helpful thing that happened the first semester and a lot of people to connect to, talked about studying and share struggles and things like that.”

“I think at orientation we got like an overload of information and then like it's like word-of-mouth. I felt like my SSG leader told us about this online supplemental library that you could just access for free on your computer because professors would be like, oh, go to this book or these are really good practice questions, and there's the free online library. I think that's the biggest thing, putting in timely information. Like, it's really great to know about supplemental stuff at the first week of orientation. But really, you need it at the end of the semester because that's when you're actually going to be referencing it rather than just your casebook. That's one example that really came to mind of trying to like to spread out information and be clear; I think that's the like the main job of a 2L representative.”

“I mean, part of it is just being responsive to issues as they arise. You can't really predict issues, there's different things that could come up with our classes, especially as COVID things develop, right, like first semester we were all in person, this semester it's been a lot more hybrid. So those things are unpredictable, but I guess I'm just most excited to try and have a cohesive class, especially as we transition from Section one and Section 2 to being mixed up is trying to build that camaraderie and kind of have that smaller cultural shift and a lot more collaborative, which is how they talk about when we actually are practicing attorneys is that it's a lot more collaborative than it is in law school. And so, trying to foster both that.”

“Barristers' ball is great to have everyone out and of course people have different other commitments in life and different friends outside of law school. But just like smaller bite sized experiences that you know that's not a huge buy in and takes a whole evening like barristers ball does. I just think some more casual experiences, like right now I'm on an intermural basketball team and an internal soccer team. And so that's really great. I just think it could be really impactful. I think getting outside and being a little bit more active, which is a direct parallel to the law profession. I think that's really helpful in a building block to create a strong alumni

association, which will really just help build up the law school both at the Louisville legal community and then also take the pressure off and take off of this fear of like, 'Oh my classmates have it together. You know, he's #5 in the class' and then hearing the number five person go, 'all this was really hard,' I think is helpful."

#### On Leadership Experience

Peace Corps. "I think the skills I gained or compassion for other volunteers who struggled at different points in their service. Some volunteers really struggled with learning a new language. Other volunteers struggled with what school environment they were going through. And even though I wasn't having that struggle, it was like I can empathize with them and have compassion and then like, offer a resource of like, you know, connect them to other people or things like that. And then as when you're in the peace corps, you're like the only American in your town. So, everything you do is a direct reflection of what your town is gonna think of Americans and of America as a whole. And you want to leave a good impression, so I guess that's a little bit of the professional responsibility that law students are really tasked with right now, but they do mention and in classrooms of obviously, to be respectful of your of your classmates. And I think that's really important as your representative of the student board as a whole."

#### **3L**

Helen McArthur

Did not immediately respond to a request/inquiry.

#### **16. Honor Code Council**

The student body will only be able to vote for the Honor Council members in your class. Candidates could not engage in formal campaigning for Honor Council so any questions regarding their position in the Honor Council were discarded. Candidates are allowed, however, to run for one Honor Council and one SBA position.

#### **FOR THE FALL: New Positions**

Current SBA President Jesten Slaw is giving the following heads up on an amended Constitution coming to fruition for the fall of 2022:

"The SBA approved an edited version of the constitution that's before the executive board right now. It got passed in the SGA senate and it's now under review for the executive board. Once it's reviewed there, it'll be passed on to the supreme court for approval. I took out some typos and edited some parts of the diversity positions. We added two members-at-large, to be voted on in the fall; so next fall, they'll have 1L elections and then have members-at-large for any class. You can be in any group, and you represent the whole body, not a specific class (not a 1L, 2L, 3L)."

#### Policy Explanation

"The reason for that is because I noticed that let's say you have some good 1L candidates, well only one can win per section. If there's two of them that really wants to do something, this is a way they can get on. Or a 2L or 3L who didn't run before because they thought they'd be too busy or something, now they reevaluated things, and now they want to run. I wanted to give them a chance. I wrote into the constitution that the SBA e-board can assign members at large special projects."