

Meeting begins at 8:34pm.

### **Reports:**

Connor Cafferty, SBA President:

- Thank you to Mackenzie, Jesten, and Brittney McClure for orchestrating headshots for our students.
- Thank you to Brittany Greenwell for putting on Waterfront Wednesday service nights.
- Melvi attended Hispanic National Bar Conference. It's important that we have Brandeis students represented there.
- The 2019 Supreme Court Case Review put on by Jimmy Golden was a success.
- The recent diversity panel event is postponed due to panelists not being able to attend last minute.
- We are planning two upcoming tailgates on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Encourage students to purchase Decedents tickets. They are available for purchase via cash or credit in the SBA office.
- Brandeis Medal Awards are next Wednesday.
- Alumni award ceremony is next Wednesday. For now, tickets are \$40. We're trying to get sponsors for the event, though.
- Re: Torts II
  - o the administration is offering a third section of Torts II for the in-person option
  - o The position was posted per university policy and interviews were yesterday.
  - o Next, contract phrase
  - o A place hold is on the spring schedule for Tues/Thurs 4:30-5:45
- We have had student requests for our survey results regarding the online courses
  - o We should send the results to the students with a message about how the administration worked to get the in-person section and our progress.
  - o Do we have any objections?
    - Assembly agreed without any objections.
- The Graduate Dinner is going to be at the Marcus Lindsay. This year we're beginning the planning process for the event earlier.

Dru Childress, VP Communications:

- Last SBA meeting of the semester is Nov. 12.
- Important dates coming up:
  - o Torts II info session for hybrid course - Oct. 14
  - o LBA: Lawlapolooza - Oct. 18
  - o Tailgate - Oct. 19
  - o Tailgate - Oct. 26
  - o Decedents - Nov. 1
    - Prohibition Bar
  - o Mock Interviews - Jan. 19

- Mackenzie Sanders: Lawlapalooza is now at Diamonds at the same time/date. This money goes to summer funding and extra Greenbaum funding, so it's really important that we have high attendance.
- Brittany Greenwell: We're starting a closing drive. Thank you for sending me options for shelters to donate the clothes to. During my office hour tomorrow, I'm going to contact the potential shelters and figure out what clothes they're looking for and who is the best fit for the clothes we will likely have.

Matthew Bunnell, VP of Finance:

- Current balance in SBA Account is \$5,620.02. In the Y Account, it is \$11,772.61. This does not take into account the \$6,000 of funding SBA is receiving from SGA. Please keep me in the loop about when you're taking out money through the Groupme. I encourage all of you to put on events, but I just need to be told when funding will be used for them. Going forward, John Paul and I would like to come up with budgeting spending limits on each SBA officer.
- Dru: Did you get to talk to John Paul about the cost of Barristers last year?
- Matt: \$12-\$14,000 was spent on food at Barristers last year.
- Mackenzie: Do they have the receipt?
- Matt: I'd have to check with Christina Arnold.
- Connor: We need to sell 150 tickets to decedents. We were the first SBA assembly to present our budget for 2021. If we sold enough Decedents tickets to raise our current spending account back up to 14,000, it would put us in a good place for the remainder of our activities (graduation, barristers, etc.).

Meredith Ellis, Social Chair:

- Upcoming Tailgates:
  - o October 19th (Clemson): Kick-off is at noon and the tailgate will start at 9am. I cannot be at the tailgate, but I will have everything organized and ready to go. Could someone volunteer to setup and tear down?
  - o October 26th (Virginia) - Alumni tailgate. Time is still TBD. More details to come.
  - o Brittany: At the last tailgate, was the food paid for by individuals?
  - o Meredith: Yes, but that's because I waited too late. It shouldn't be like that.
  - o Brittany: Could we consider providing breakfast since the tailgate will be early?
- Decedents:
  - o Sign-up sheet for ticket shifts will be sent out.
- Bar Review:
  - o I'm discussing getting a happy hour somewhere for Saturday Nov. 9th after the MPRE and looking for a date after finals.
- I have a Spring semester event idea: a Chili cook-off. We could charge for people to come taste test. Maybe we could hold it around the Super Bowl for a playoff game. Another possibility is that we could host it around March Madness.
- Kerby: I really like this idea.
- Imani makes a great two-meat chili.

Melvi Cifuentes-Paul: Diversity Chair

- The diversity committee (before I was on it) organized The Story of Plessy v. Ferguson and America's Journey from Slavery to Segregation by Steve Luxemburg
- I think it's interesting that we're still one of the few law schools who receives Supreme Court briefs.
- *Love v. Kentucky* screening was on Monday. Lamda organized the event, so Michael Shelton did a lot to get it together.
- Attendance was lower than expected. We're having a hard time trying to attract people to go to these events often because people find out right before.
- Brittany: I think it's important that SBA shows up to these events.
- Kerby: I think that the day and time of the event is the biggest factor determining whether people go to events. If an event takes place during a gap in everyone's schedule, the attendance will likely be higher.
- Mackenzie: I agree with Kerby. We do screenings and panels and I see the importance in those events, but a lot of students cannot commit two hours of their time to such events.
- Melvi: Voices of Diversity ended up not happening today. Three of the five panelists canceled last minute. OPD actually put the money up front for the event, so Matt I was wondering if SBA could use funding for the next event.
- Connor: This reminds me of another point. Mackenzie and I were talking about putting on some professional development events. The way we schedule rooms is through 25 live. Because October bookings are filled and finals start mid-November, the possibility of having well-attended events any time soon is unlikely.
- Mackenzie: When people from OPD use the app, it overrides existing bookings for that time slot.
- Melvi: We had an event schedule for October 15<sup>th</sup>, and OPD overrode it.
- Mackenzie: This is something I'm going to mention to OPD.

Jo Rupp: The Decedents t-shirts are designed.

- Mackenzie: I think doing a pre-order is a good idea because people will likely not be purchasing these shirts long after Decedents.
- Jo: I'm looking at sweatpants and hoodies. I'd like to pre-order these by early November.
- Melvi: Are we doing any Christmas-type gifts?
- Jo: I'm concerned about making it work with our budget.
- Connor: One big roadblock we'll run into is that we're not working the SBA office during finals.
- Mackenzie: Is it possible to do the pre-order through the website when you order, to avoid the delay in getting money back when students pick up their merchandise?

Connor: We're interviewing 5 people for a faculty position filling in for Dean Dunkin, a lawyering skills position. People let me know if you want to sit in on the meeting.

## Mackenzie Sanders, Professional Development

- Thanks SBA for getting together the headshots. Big props to Brit for taking the time to take the headshots. Tomorrow, I am meeting with Dean Hajek to go over mock interviews. If anyone has any ideas they'd like me to bring up, let me know.
- Kerby: I think we can use the social media page to bring up attendance to these committee events. If anyone wants the SBA login, let me know.

### **New Business:**

#### Dru: Amendment to Bylaws

- Last year we changed the Constitution to meet once per month each semester. I just realized we did not amend the corresponding Bylaws. We should change the Bylaws accordingly.
  - The new language is in the first paragraph and simply reflects we meet once per month when regularly scheduled courses occur. Also, it will clarify the second Tuesday on each month.
  - Motion passed unanimously

#### Re: SBA minutes from 9/10/19:

- Dru: Read relevant part of email from Dean Crawford re: 9/10/19 minutes: "I read the SBA minutes this morning. They state that I did not want it disclosed that I would search for someone. I do not think that correctly reflects what I said, which is that I could not promise that we find someone on such short notice and hoped therefore not to get hopes up. I would ask that the minutes be corrected to take out that statement."
  - I think this reads exactly as he wants it to read. Am I wrong?
- Don: I agree it does.
- Michael: Yeah but is it worth fighting over
- Matt: While I agree, I make a motion to amend the previous minutes to remove the portion the Dean wants removed, which he thinks does not accurately reflect the conversation he had with Connor and Dru about an in-person torts section.
  - Seconded – discussion:
    - Will: I think he may want the whole thing taken out
    - Michael: I don't know if it's worth arguing over this, and we should probably just give it to him
    - Dru: I don't think that's what he's saying. I think the minutes reflect what he wants said in his email.
    - Matt: Call the question
    - Motion passed by majority.
- Connor: I don't think it's appropriate for him to request a statement be taken out.
- Kerby: Is he wanting it removed?

- Dru: email states “I would ask that the minutes be corrected to take out that statement.” So, yes that’s to remove.
- Imani: I agree with Matt but also see that.
- Don: We can add a note to the minutes about his email and what he wants said.
- Connor: I think adding a note about the change is proper. Taking out a section of our minutes, which was something said during our meeting, seems inappropriate when being asked by an administrator. This is our meeting minutes.
- Dru: Well, the motion already passed to remove the language, but I agree with Connor that it sets a bad precedent for the future. So, I make a new motion to add the language back to the minutes with a note, like Don proposed, of Dean Crawford’s email. It will clarify what Dean Crawford wants it to say but keep the original minutes how they were.
  - Imani: I second. Discussion:
  - Matt: so, what would it say
  - Dru: we would add back the original minutes language but add a note of the Dean’s email showing what he wants
  - Connor: I agree
  - Motion passed by majority, 4 opposed, 1 abstention.

Meeting concluded at 9:41pm.