

November SBA Meeting  
 Sunday, November 13th, 2016 at 6:00pm  
 Room 219

**I. Roll Call**

President	Cavaco	Present
Vice President	Ziebarth	Present
Treasurer	Newhauser	Present
Secretary	Kerr	Present
At-Large	Masood	Present
ABA	Strafaccia	Present
4L	Humphrey	Present
3L FT	Gutnik	Present
3L FT	Lakhram	Present-Online
3L PT	Bischoff	Present
3L Weekend	LaLor	Present-Online
2L FT	Guevara	Present
2L FT	Karim	Present
2L PT	Baker	Present
2L Weekend	Moos	EXCUSED
1L Section 1	Tucker	UNEXCUSED
1L Section 2A	Tyrrell	Present
1L Section 2B	Johnson	Present
1L Section 3A	Tope	Present
1L Section 3B	Kennedy	Present
1L Section 4	Burkitt	Present
Hybrid Cohort 1	VACANT	
Hybrid Cohort 1	Haugen	Late (had class until 7)
Hybrid Cohort 2	VACANT	
Hybrid Cohort 2	VACANT	
Hybrid Cohort 3	Schoepp	EXCUSED- (Travelling back from Hybrid week)
Hybrid Cohort 3	Wagner	Present- online

**II. Old Business**

A. Shelby Rodriguez Removal Update

1. Shelby did not appeal her removal and did not appear at meeting so she is removed from the Board as of 11/13

### III. New Business

#### A. Spring Meeting Dates

1. Will decide once everyone gets schedules and is registered for classes
  - a. Poll was posted on Facebook group Nov. 17—will decide dates after Thanksgiving

#### B. New 1L Sections

1. Section 1 Rep (Tucker) requested via email to Cavaco prior to meeting to be removed from the Board due to time constraints. Elections and Membership Committee will work out how to get a new rep
2. 1L sections 2A, 2B, 3A, and 3B (full-time day) were informed that they all now have new sections. The new sections are 2, 3, and 4 which left us with two reps in section 2 and two reps in section 4—Elections and Membership will work on a plan for filling a rep position in the new section 3

### IV. Officer Reports

#### A. President

1. Cohort 2 reps
2. Western New England University School of Law 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Basketball Invitational
  - MOTION (Guevara): If there is a group that wants to go and play, SBA will cover registration fee of \$375 (Seconded Strafaccia)
    - February 10-12, 2017
    - Team would have to pay their own way to tournament, we would cover just the team registration fee
    - Discussion from Strafaccia that this is the same school Prof. Sonsteng is trying to make connections with and that Dean Gordon is working to make our school more nationally known—tournament would be a good way to get name out there and registration fee could be worth the investment
    - Discussion from La Lor that this seems to be a large amount of money to spend on something like this that may only directly benefit 5-10 students
    - Passes with two abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser) and one nay (La Lor)
3. Bar Results
  - Bar results are in, but haven't been published so can't release that info yet
4. Consideration of new Blackboard
  - Faculty is seeking members for committee to look at options for moving away from Blackboard to new system called "Canvas"
    - Would not affect current 2Ls and up, could affect current 1Ls and down
    - Johnson and Kennedy volunteered
5. Schedules from Registrar

- Schedules are up; let Ava know if there are classes not offered that people want so she can pass it on to Dean Kruse and Colleen Clish
  - Gutnik: Civil Disputes II—8am MW is yucky
  - Guevara: No Securities Regulations
  - Guevara and Kerr: Business Law classes in general are lacking and certificate program requires so many credits that to not offer those classes regularly is frustrating
  - Baker: Advocacy for evening students is unavailable/extremely inconvenient for most
  - LaLor: Met with Dean Kruse about online courses being “hybrid priority” and Dean Kruse said to jump on waitlist for those courses and another pool of 24 students will be added
  - Strafaccia: Employment Law is reserved just for Hybrid students and that’s the only section being offered
    - La Lor: talked to Kruse specifically about that course and it is designed for the Hybrid program and coordinates with their capstone week so non-hybrids who take it would have to participate in the capstone week
  - Newhauser: Issue with Powers for upperclassmen who haven’t taken it yet since Powers is now going to be offered before Liberties for the 1Ls as a mandatory course—how will upperclassmen be able to take it? Only section available is MW midday which is difficult for those who work at externships or other job; And if they only allow upperclassmen to take Powers next spring, what about those who can’t fit it in schedule and *need* to take it in a later semester?
  - Guevara: Lack of classes in J-Term is a general concern
    - Bischoff: 3 credit limit is not desirable and it is unfair to drop a student from *all* J-Term courses if they register for more than 3 credits
- If there is a class that people want at a different time, register for the class and let Registrar and Kruse know what time it should be changed to

#### 6. Committee Meetings

- Committee chairs that haven’t yet, *need* to meet with Ava before next meeting

#### 7. One-on-One Meetings

- Those that haven’t had one-on-one meetings also need to meet with Ava before next meeting

#### 8. By-Laws

- Everyone should take a look at the Bylaws and check for ambiguities/inaccuracies/conflicting rules

### B. Vice President

#### 1. Announce New Committee

- Non-Traditional/Weekend Committee (NTW)
    - Chaired by Moos
    - Members: Humphrey, Wagner, Burkitt, Baker have so far volunteered
    - First goal is to look at programming for rest of year and determine how committee can best help
  - 2. Social Committee Change
    - Lakhrum stepped down as co-chair and Tyrrell is taking her place
  - 3. Barrister's Ball Coordinator
    - Gutnik will be serving as Barrister's Ball chair
- C. Treasurer
1. Will be getting a full balance sheet from finance with up to date spending
    - Newhauser will send it along to the Board when she gets it
  2. Started semester with just over \$50,000; we have roughly \$34,000 left for the semester
    - Reps should be spending on their constituent groups
  3. Orgs that haven't spent anything yet:
    - American Constitutional Society
    - ADR
    - BILS
    - CHRLS
    - CLS
    - DTP
    - ELS
    - Federalist Society
    - If/When/How
    - SIPLA
    - WLSA
    - World Without Genocide
- D. Secretary
1. MOTION (Kerr): Approve October Meeting Minutes (Seconded Kennedy)
    - Passes with one abstention (Cavaco)
  2. Summary of Facebook Mentions for the record
    - Included as appendix to these minutes
- E. At-Large

## **V. Committee Reports**

### **A. Alumni Relations**

1. Burkitt will be sending out survey for feedback on networking events
2. Non-Traditional Alumni student panel in partnership with Career Services to be held next semester
3. MSBA New Lawyers Section March meeting on campus
4. Tri-Bar Social Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

- Joint event between MSBA, HCBA, RCBA New Lawyers sections
  - 4:30-9pm and Kieran's Irish Pub in Minneapolis

5. Larger speed-networking event in Jan/Feb for more students/alumni

#### B. Budget

1. Working on a Policies and Procedures Manual

- Goal is to have it submitted to the Board by March meeting for review

#### C. By-Laws

1. Have not met yet, intentionally, will require a lot of work

2. Cavaco is looking for someone to chair the committee because she should not be the one doing it

#### D. Communications

1. Test Run of Loo Review in January

2. Kerr got access to update our webpage—it is not live yet because it needs content, so if you've got ideas, send them along

#### E. Culture and Diversity

1. Community Discussion on Election

- Some faculty reached out to Cavaco, asking if SBA would hold an event about election
- Dean Kruse and Konar-Steenberg are planning to hold an event and need input
- Guevara and Haugen: Administration needs to take a stand and reiterate that administration will not tolerate harassment of any kind on campus and the fact that nearly a week after the election nothing has been said from administration is not a good sign
- Guevara and Karim: concerns about holding an event that would only allow one point of view to be heard; reaffirmation from faculty/staff should have happened—Other two law schools already did events the very next day; we're lagging behind
- Guevara: Tough to balance political with educational/community/campus/reassurance that our school will do the right thing
- Masood: important that event has a moderator and does not just turn into a session for people to talk about whatever they want
- Kennedy: apprehensive about holding an event in response to an election; school should hold event to double down on commitment to diversity and inclusion
- Newhauser: Need to light a fire under Student Services—should not be SBA's responsibility to hold event like this

#### F. Elections and Membership

1. Need election for 1L section 1 and new 3

- May just reach out to those who ran but were not elected and see if they want the position

2. Cavaco is appointing for Hybrid Cohort 2

G. Facilities and Safety

1. 24/7 Library Access

- November 26<sup>th</sup>-Dec 14<sup>th</sup>
- MOTION (Kerr): \$200 to provide coffee and tea from midnight-7am during extended library hours (seconded by Strafaccia)
  - Passes with two abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser)

2. Weekend Library Hours

- Weekend hours were extended for Hybrid week
- Working with Barb Kallusky to extend weekend hours permanently to open at 8 or 8:30
  - La Lor: Important to increase access for weekend students who are only on campus for weekends

H. Health and Wellness

1. Movie Night in Auditorium in the works
2. Nerf Battle for charity in the works

I. Social

1. Whiteacre Recap

Category	Item	Reimbursed Cost
Miscellaneous	Raffle Tickets	\$8.95
Transportation	Bus	\$360.00
Venue	Down Payment	\$3,900.00
Venue	Catering Paid to Lancer Catering	\$2,100.00
	Catering/Rental Paid to Elizabeth	
Venue	Ziebarth	\$1,216.17
Entertainment	DJ	\$595.00
Entertainment	Photobooth Decorations	\$30.21
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,210.33</b>
<b>Category</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
Ticket Sales	Online	\$2,934.96
Ticket Sales	At Door	\$1,115.00
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,049.96</b>
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$4,160.37</b>

- Lakhram would be meeting with photographer to get pictures on flashdrive
- 157 attendees
- 141 ticket sales (MABL attendees got in free due to the MABL gala conflicting)
- Issues/Feedback

- Bartender was rude
- Catering staff was unhelpful
- Bus was not arriving on schedule
- Food was good but we have questions on whether or not we were provided with all the food we paid for
- Bar was often short of mixers, hard liquor, or other drinks
- ATM in the building was not working and bars were cash only
- DJ didn't play a lot of requests
- Overall, it was fun and the food that was out was good

## 2. Finals Breakfast

- November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 3<sup>rd</sup>

## J. NTW

1. Email Caroline if you're interested in being on it
2. First task is finals breakfast, then programming for the rest of the year

## VI. Representative Reports

### A. 4L

- 4<sup>th</sup> Ls are mentally checked out and wanna be done

### B. 3L FT

- Ditto
- How does self-scheduling work?
  - Info on MH website

### C. 3L PT

- Registration concerns as noted above

### D. 3L Weekend

### E. 2L FT

- Will there be more opportunities to take self-scheduled exams on the weekend besides the one time slot that was offered last semester?

### F. 2L PT

### G. 2L Weekend

#### 1. Weekend Library Hours

- Open earlier to allow students to check out laptops for exams if they need them

### H. 1L Section 1

### I. 1L Section 2A

- Section merger sucks

### J. 1L Section 2B

- Pizza party for section will be held

### K. 1L Section 3A

- Section merger is a bummer—given no notice ahead of time, just sprung on students
- Can we be added to Hamline's health insurance?

- This was an issue last year, and the answer is no. Not enough students to buy into it to make it worthwhile to offer it
- Encourage all students to apply via MNSure because most don't meet income thresholds

L. 1L Section 3B

- Sheila Francois from section came in to ask if SBA could pay for student printing with SBA funds
  - Board has issues with setting a precedent for next year's Board re: paying for printing
  - Paying for printing would have no oversight from us, i.e. we don't have a mechanism in place to stop someone from abusing free printing

M. 1L Section 4

- Will now be called "section W" starting next semester

N. Hybrid Cohort 1

- Gutnik: How can Hybrids meet BAM students?
  - Depends on schedule, will work with administration to have schedule sent out to everyone, not just Hybrid students

O. Hybrid Cohort 2

P. Hybrid Cohort 3

- Shares desire to meet BAM students; schedule wasn't even sent to Hybrid students until two days before Capstone week
  - Burkitt: Can we move that to the NTW committee?
    - YUP

Q. ABA

- When did 1Ls get email that they were added to ABA email correspondence?
  - Tope: Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> was first email she got
  - Strafaccia: Contact between our dean of students (Anne Moelk) and the ABA is severely lacking aka non-existent so that job has fallen to him

**VII. Adjournment-** MOTION (Kerr): seconded way too eagerly by everyone (7:26pm)