February SBA Meeting

Sunday, February 12th, 2016 at 6:00pm

Kelley Board Room

**I. Roll Call- 6:15pm**

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| 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 | VACANT |  |
| 3L PT | Bischoff | Present |
| 3L Weekend | VACANT |  |
| 2L FT | Guevara | Present |
| 2L FT | Karim | Present |
| 2L PT | Baker | Present |
| 2L Weekend | Moos | Present |
| 1L Section 1 | VACANT |  |
| 1L Section 2 | Tyrrell | Present |
| 1L Section 2 | Johnson | Present |
| 1L Section 3 | VACANT |  |
| 1L Section 3 | VACANT |  |
| 1L Section 4 | Tope | Present |
| 1L Section 4 | Kennedy | Present |
| 1L Weekend | Burkitt | Present |
| Hybrid Cohort 1 | Haugen | Present |
| Hybrid Cohort 1 | VACANT |  |
| Hybrid Cohort 2 | VACANT |  |
| Hybrid Cohort 3 | Schoepp | UNEXCUSED |
| Hybrid Cohort 3 | Wagner | Present |

**II. Old Business**

1. Roberts Rules Refresher

* Ziebarth gave a summary of Robert’s Rules for new members
* If motion is for greater than $500, a roll call vote is required per our bylaws. If motion is for $1000 or more, must be a roll call vote and 2/3 vote.
* MOTION (Tope): Limit speaking to two minutes per person per motion (Seconded Newhauser)
  + Passes with 4 abstentions (Johnson, Gutnik, Strafaccia, Cavaco)

**III. New Business**

1. Swearing in of New Members

* 1L Section 1 rep Holstad, 1L Section 3 reps Bloomquist and Primeau, 3L FT rep Joyce, Cohort 1 rep Anderson, and Cohort 2 rep Kiedrowski were sworn in.

2. BOG Spring Retreat

* Escape Room + drinks/apps
  + Johnson is going to figure out a total cost and send out a poll for days and times when the most number of people are available. Will likely be on a weekend

**IV. Officer Reports**

A. President

1. **MOTION** (Strafaccia): Request from Mariam DeMeillo to purchase electronic hole punch for student use. Hole punch would cost $170 from discretionary (seconded by Kennedy)

* Strafaccia: current hole punches are dull and are often broken
* Newhauser: Concern that SBA purchasing it and putting it in the library would not work well logistically; SBA would be in charge of maintenance and upkeep and items like this break frequently—what would be the long-term cost?
* Johnson: Sets bad precedent that we would be purchasing school supplies that the school should be purchasing for student use
* Humphrey: Can we contribute a portion of the cost because it is a specific student request to us?
* Cavaco: We reached out the library and the library said they don’t believe the item to be worth the cost and the printing room already has 6 hole punches.
* MOTION (Kennedy): Table above motion to Facilities to meet with Library (seconded Newhauser)
  + Motion passes with two abstentions (Cavaco, Kerr)

2. **MOTION**: Request from Sheila Francois to have SBA pay for student printing from our discretionary fund.

* No members of BOG felt compelled to make this motion on behalf of constituent, therefore motion will not be considered.

3. SBA Fees

* Administration approached us about what SBA fees will be for next year; historically, that decision has been made by the new Board in April.
* Current fee is $50/semester which is the lowest in the country
* Used to be $25/semester but we didn’t have enough; changed to $50 in 2014
* Should explore raising fees because we could do so much more. Downside to raising fees is that if we don’t spend the money by the end of the year, Finance sweeps the money up and we have no control over where it goes.

4. Open House

* Cavaco would like to hold an open house for our new space and to use it as an opportunity to idea-farm the student body. Likely will be the week before spring break.

5. Event Accessibility

* We can do better as far as making events accessible to students from every program type and we absolutely want to do better
* Ziebarth: A few positive steps we’ve made to address students that are not traditional full-time weekday students are creating the NTW committee last October, being cognizant of the date and time events are held, a Vimeo channel has been created with Multimedia to have events from Student Orgs recorded and uploaded to that page, working to edit room reservation request form to require orgs to acknowledge that they have plans in place for access to those who cannot attend in person.
* Moos: Moreso a culture-shift that needs to take place which will take time and adjustment to get used to programming for four different enrollment types and not just one or two as each school had before the merger

6. **MOTION (**Kennedy): Allocate $150 to each 1L section ($700 Total) from Discretionary (seconded by Moos)

* Motion passes with four abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser, Kiederowski, Wagner)

B. Vice President

1. Room Reservation Requests.

* Shannon and I are working with Admissions and the Webmaster to update the Room Reservation form and School Calendar to be more student and org-friendly. This project was to address two challenges: orgs being mindful of bylaw requirements and NTW needs, and the MHSL having an easily accessed online calendar. Our solution is to have automatic triggers once students indicate their event is a Student Org Event. This automatically sends the event to an online calendar which will be hosted on the Student Org page of the MHSL website, and to the VP and At Large email addresses. We are having the events sent to our emails so they can be posted on the calendars in the cafeteria and so we can follow-up with Orgs to make sure that they're accommodating NTW needs. An Org event also triggers radial buttons to appear to: indicate if the event is on/off campus; have the Org acknowledge that they understand that they need to post notice of an event on The Docket 48 hours before they plan to serve food (as per the bylaws); and have the Org expand upon specific multimedia needs.

2. Vimeo Channel.

* I sent an email earlier in the week about our new Vimeo Channel hosted through the MHSL account. Any event that orgs request Multimedia to record (both audio and video) will be automatically uploaded to this channel. All students will have open access to this channel, and both the channel and individual videos will be shareable.

C. Treasurer

1. Fall Semester Report

* Allocated $49,650, spent $27,875.91
* Carryover of roughly $17,500 after accounting for money left in SBA Committees and in orgs that requested their funds be carried over.

D. Secretary

1. **MOTION (Kerr):** Approve November Minutes (Seconded by Kennedy)

* Passes with two abstentions (Moos and Cavaco)

2. Online Motions

* February 5- Ziebarth moved, seconded by Tyrrell: $1000 from discretionary fund in order to increase number of Bar Reviews from six to ten.
  + Motion passed with 16 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser, Kennedy)
* February 3- Ex-member LaLor moved, seconded by Schoepp: Deny BLSA’s spring request for funding, unless plan for Black History Month events is revised to make at least one event available on a weekend day.
  + Burkitt moved, Strafaccia seconded: Table discussion on above motion to February meeting.
    - Motion passes with 11 ayes, 3 nays (Johnson, Wagner, LaLor), and 3 abstentions (Newhauser, Cavaco, Schoepp)
    - LaLor resigned from Board after discussion was tabled; issues underlying LaLor’s motion were discussed at February meeting (above: Event Accessibility)
* November 28- Cavaco moved, Kerr seconded: (1) Move flowing line items from Social Committee to NTW: (a) Fall Finals Feed for weekend students- $500; (b) Hybrid Social event- $1100; (c) March Madness Online Event-$50 and (2) move following items from Health and Wellness Committee to NTW: (a) Weekend Breakfasts- $500; (b) Gift Card Money for online contests- $40
  + Motion passed with 14 ayes, 0 nays, 6 abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser, Humphrey, Gutnik, Haugen, Kennedy)

E. At-Large

1. Diversity Day

* March 2nd, runs in sync with ABA’s Diversity Day which is why it is not on a weekend
* Will have map on the wall to mark where students are from, cultural cook-off

**V. Committee Reports**

A. Alumni Relations

1. Spring Events

* Focusing on Spring Fling with ABA most likely on April 7th 
  + Networking event
* Non-Traditional Student Panel

B. Budget

1. Student Org Spring Allocations

* Law Review Symposium
  + Will be at Able Seedhouse on March 22nd from 8:30am-3pm
  + Requesting money for breakfast and lunch
  + Estimating 50-100 students in attendance
    - Kerr: Fair estimate, there are about 50 students just on law review, not counting friends they may bring along.
  + Law Review is covering half the costs themselves
  + **MOTION** (Burkitt): Allocate $1000 from discretionary to Law Review for Symposium (Seconded by Strafaccia)
    - First vote failed with 10 abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser, Kerr, Strafaccia, Humphrey, Karim, Baker, Holstad, Bloomquist, Primeau)
    - Further debate included discussion on total cost of the event and the fact that this is the only thing law Review ever asks for money for, they normally fundraise the cost
      * On second vote, Strafaccia, Holstad, Bloomquist changed to Aye votes and motion passes.
* APALSA
  + Requested $981
  + After cutting for food spending guidelines set last semester, cut down to $596
  + MOTION (Tope): Approve $596 for APALSA (seconded by Masood)
    - Passes with 7 abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser, Joyce, Guevara, Karim, Primeau, Tyrrell)
* BLSA
  + Some items in BLSA’s request were already fully funded in the fall (MABL table, national dues)
  + Asked $900 for soul food dinner but we gave $200 last semester so recommending $700 now
  + Cut $350 and $100 for two events with another org; each org should ask for own amount
  + **MOTION** (Holstad): Allocate $1,170 to BLSA for spring events from discretionary (seconded by Moos)
    - Passes with 6 abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser, Guevara, Karim, Tope, Kennedy)
* Eelpouts
  + Asked for $500 for ice time, referee fees, etc. for Alumni game, De Novo Cup, and Golden Gavel games
  + After discussion with team captain and Dean LeMoine, Bylaws recommends increasing to $700 for tailgating and printing costs for alumni game
  + **MOTION** (Gutnik): Allocate $700 from discretionary to Eelpouts (seconded by Holstad)
    - Friendly amendment by Johnson to amend to $1000 in order to cover half the cost of new jerseys (Dean LeMoine offered to contribute full cost of jerseys before this meeting)
    - Passes with 7 abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser, Guevara, Karim, Johnson, Primeau, Kennedy)
* MJF
  + Asked for $850
    - $350 for more food at Talent show, $500 for 10 tickets to Barrister’s Ball
  + Recommending $350 for talent show and cutting BB Tickets.
  + **MOTION** (Kerr): Allocate $350 from discretionary for MJF (seconded by Tope)
    - Passes with 4 abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser, Karim, Humphrey)
* Public policy journal
  + Requested $4,000 some dollars for symposium event
    - Event only costs $3,000 some dollars and Journal plans to charge attorneys $75 to attend
    - Where is extra $1000 going that isn’t needed for cost of event?
    - What does Journal plan to do with money made from charging attorneys to attend?
  + **MOTION** (Strafaccia): Table consideration of request until more information can be obtained from Journal about costs and funding (seconded by Humphrey)
  + Motion to table passes with 6 abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser, Tope, Guevara, Karim, Kennedy)

2. Appeals/Additional Fund Requests

3. SBA Committee Spring Allocations

4. NTW Reallocations

* **MOTION** (Kerr): Amend motion from November 28 (transcribed above in Secretary’s report) to allocate money for NTW from discretionary (not from other committees) and increase amount from $2,190 to $3,650 (Seconded by Kennedy)
  + Reasoning is that it is easier for bookkeeping to take from discretionary rather than move around from other committees
  + Amount of increase is for additional weekend breakfasts and events with Hybrid students while they are on campus
  + Passes with 5 abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser, Humphrey, Guevara, Karim)

C. By-Laws

1. By-Laws Amendments

* Email Cavaco with Bylaws suggestions

D. Communications

1. Digital Calendar

* Now have calendar on SBA webpage, in the process of figuring out how to get events onto that calendar (correlates with new Room Reservation Request form)

2. Communications Center

* Turning wall outside cafeteria into a communications hub- if you have any ideas for how it should look, what we should be promoting, pass those ideas on to Comm. Comm.

E. Culture and Diversity

1. Movie night- *Loving* Feb. 20 at 5pm in Kelley Board Room
2. Job panel with people of diverse backgrounds in legal field
3. PLP Requirement

* WM requirement that required students to attend 2 diversity events per year. PLP requirement was eliminated at merger and reinstated for those who matriculated in Fall 2016.
* Great requirement but was not communicated to incoming class and given that we are now halfway through the year, how can we expect those students to fulfill those event requirements?

F. Elections and Membership

* Latest election was bigly good and not rigged at all
* Filled all positions but then we lost one when 3L Weekend rep resigned

G. Facilities and Safety

1. Chambers Cable

* Looking into getting cable installed in Chambers, may not happen until the summer

1. New SLO Cubbies

H. Health and Wellness

1. Health and Wellness Week

* April 6-13
* Stuff is planned but what activities on which days is not set in stone

I. Social

1. Valentines station

2. Feb 24th bar review with DTP

3. Scavenger hunt in March

J. NTW

1. Join NTW!

* Rebranding to HEWS committee (HYBRID, Evening, Weekend)

2. Spring Events

* Bar review on March 18

K. Barrister’s Ball

1. We’re Killin’ It

* Broke 100 tickets sold today
* Photographer and videographer will be there along with a photo booth
* Johnson is working on sponsorships
* Baker has been doing all the graphics and design work

**VI. Representative Reports**

A. 4L

* Graduates would like names read AS MEDALLION is placed upon them, not before
* Would like 4Ls included in send-off

B. 3L FT

1. **MOTION (Gutnik):** Allocate an additional $2,000 for the 3L Send-Off event ($1,000 has already been allocated)

* Tabled until next meeting

C. 3L PT

* Lateness of grades this semester was absurd
  + Professors who turn grades in late, there is a daily financial penalty
* Why is there no deadline for JTerm grades?
* 3L PT want to be grandfathered into whatever changes are made with Latin honors because they’ve been here just as long as 3L FT
  + Ava has meeting with Deans on 20th about this issue

D. 3L Weekend

E. 2L FT

* OCI process this summer was terrible to concerns should be forwarded to Cavaco for her meeting with Career office
* Class registration issues with some courses not listing prerequisites specifically Admin Law and those who had not yet taken Powers

F. 2L PT

* Heidenreich is terrible; met with Dean Kruse who then made her meet with Heidenreich alone… not really anything has changed

G. 2L Weekend

H. 1L Section 1

I. 1L Section 2

1. **MOTION (Johnson):** Allocate from discretionary, an amount to be used for 1L pre-Barrister’s “party”

* Tabled to Facebook

J. 1L Section 3

K. 1L Section 4

L. Hybrid Cohort 1

M. Hybrid Cohort 2

N. Hybrid Cohort 3

O. ABA

1. MOTION (Strafaccia): Make ABA an SBA Committee (Seconded by Humphrey)

* Passes with three abstentions (Cavaco, Kennedy, Strafaccia)

**VII. Adjournment- 8:50pm**