March SBA Meeting

Sunday, March 19th, 2016 at 6:00pm

Kelley Board Room

**I. Roll Call**

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| President | Cavaco | Present |
| Vice President | Ziebarth | Present |
| Treasurer | Newhauser | Present |
| Secretary | Kerr | Present |
| At-Large | Masood | UNEXCUSED |
| ABA | Strafaccia | Present |
| 4L | Humphrey | Present |
| 3L FT | Gutnik | Present |
| 3L FT | Joyce | Present |
| 3L PT | Bischoff | Excused |
| 3L Weekend | VACANT | Present |
| 2L FT | Guevara | Present |
| 2L FT | Karim | Excused |
| 2L PT | Baker | Excused |
| 2L Weekend | Moos | Present |
| 1L Section 1 | Holstad | UNEXCUSED |
| 1L Section 2 | Tyrrell | Present |
| 1L Section 2 | Johnson | Present |
| 1L Section 3 | Bloomquist | Present |
| 1L Section 3 | Primeau | Present |
| 1L Section 4 | Tope | Present |
| 1L Section 4 | Kennedy | Present |
| 1L Weekend | Burkitt | Present |
| Hybrid Cohort 1 | Haugen | Present |
| Hybrid Cohort 1 | Anderson | Present |
| Hybrid Cohort 2 | Kiedrowski | Present |
| Hybrid Cohort 2 | VACANT | Present |
| Hybrid Cohort 3 | Schoepp | UNEXCUSED |
| Hybrid Cohort 3 | Wagner | Present |

**II. Old Business**

1. Journal of Public Policy

* Ben Lacy, Editor of the Journal came to thank the Board for their support in getting the Symposium off the ground. This was the first Symposium and getting it off to a good start was essential. Nearly 75 students attended.

**III. New Business**

1. Swearing in of Joe McMahon

2. MOTION (Newhauser): Remove from Bylaws Article III (D)(4)(b), “Voting on financial matters of more than $500 shall be done by a roll call vote” to “Voting on financial matters of more than $500 may be done by a roll call vote by request of a BOG member.” (seconded by Moos)

* Motion passes with one nay (Kennedy) and one abstention (Cavaco)

**IV. Officer Reports**

A. President

1. MOTION (Kerr): Leave SBA Fees for next year at $50 per semester (seconded by Newhauser)

* Normally this decision would be left to the new board, but the school is forcing our hand and needs us to make a decision so that they can publish the cost of attendance to new students
* As of 3/16 we have spent approximately $66,000 and were allocated close to $98,000 for the entire year
* $13,165 is in discretionary, balance of Committees and SBA-Specific accounts is approximately $48,000 (including Hamline legacy account)
* Moos: Will be adding a 4th Hybrid Cohort next year and will have an even bigger budget while already struggling to spend the budget we have
* Burkitt: In favor of keeping fees as they are now and not scaling for attendance because we have no data yet to determine how much each group should pay
* Humphrey: Increasing fee could go towards things like funding a full-time mental health professional or 24-hour library access
* Johnson: Wrong of school to force us to set our budget while they themselves do not have their own budgets set
* Anderson: How long were SBA fees set at the current rate? Would be worse to increase fee 3x at once than to make small increases over time
  + - Fees were $25 in ’13-’14 and increased to $50 because they would run out of money at WMCL. At Hamline, fees were $10 but that was because the SBA was subsidized by the Law School Bookstore.
* Primeau: Increase SBA fees to offset price of Barrister’s Ball tickets
  + - We have looked at an “opt-in” function for students at the beginning of the year to have an increased fee for Barrister’s and have it paid for with financial aid.
* Motion passes with one nay (Johnson), and 4 abstentions (Cavaco, Tope, Humphrey, Newhauser)

2. Exam Schedule and Registration

* Exam schedule is up, if there is nothing for your class, it is because your professor never submitted information
* Fall schedule will be up around April 10 with registration beginning around April 20

3. Administration Issues

* Latin Honors
  + - Student Handbook changed Latin Honors to apply new standard to May graduates but not to last December’s graduates
* OCI Process
  + - Last year’s process was not communicated well at all. A main point of contention is that students have to manually change their year in school on Symplicity in order to be eligible
    - Confusion last year with part-time students—many believed that it mattered how many credits you earned when in reality it mostly matters when your expected graduation date is.

B. Vice President

1. Student Org Event Updates

* During spend-down project, orgs claimed they still have events coming up (37 before end of finals)

2. Registration Transition Forms

* Need orgs to fill out transition form so we can ensure we have the correct contact information for org leaders

C. Treasurer

1. Budget Update

* Committees must email Newhauser and Cavaco with planned spring events and expected costs by March 31st at noon. Current budgets are:
  + ARC: $1600
  + Diversity: $4,220 (this is without reimbursements for Diversity Day being accounted for)
  + Health and Wellness: $1800
  + Social: $16,300
  + Facilities: $12.57
  + Communications: $50
  + Elections: $75
  + HEWS: $3500
* MOTION (Newhauser): Transfer $1,500 to student travel account from discretionary for anticipated student travel requests (seconded by Burkitt)
  + Passes with 3 abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser, Strafaccia)

D. Secretary

1. Online Motions

* MOTION of Feb 22 (Humphrey): Allocate $1,000 to Journal of Public Policy for Symposium (seconded by Schoepp)
  + Motion passes with 18 ayes, 3 nays (Guevara, Gutnik, Kerr), and 5 abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser, Moos, Primeau, Joyce)

2. MOTION (Kerr): Approve minutes from February meeting (seconded by Newhauser)

* Passes with one abstention (Cavaco)

E. At-Large

**V. Committee Reports**

A. Alumni Relations

1. Spring Fling Update

* April 7th 4:30-8pm at Kierans downtown
* Will be prizes for attendance
* Uber/Lyft codes available soon

2. Part-Time Panel in the works with attorneys who were part-time students and are now practicing

B. Budget

1. HLS

* MOTION: $5,580 for spring events
  + Received budget proposal 6 weeks late, was 90% similar to budget already submitted and took none of our suggestions into consideration.
  + Big budget item of Aid in Dying panel has no date, no planning, nothing done yet
    - * We received anonymous comments from members of the HLS board expressing concern over the event and lack of planning
  + Don’t recommend approving any of their budget request. Many items on the budget were padded, other items were completely made up.
  + No member of the Board felt inclined to make this motion on behalf of HLS. HLS has approximately $1,400 remaining from fall

2. Soccer

* MOTION (Gutnik): $858 for upcoming session beginning April 2 (Seconded by Moos)
  + Passes with two abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser)
  + Covers two teams, including field fees, ref fees, all other fees
  + 40 different students participated last year

3. SIPLA

* MOTION (Burkitt): $500 for 2 students to travel to D.C. for USPTO Conference (Humphrey)
  + Passes with two abstentions (Cavaco, Newhauser)

C. By-Laws

D. Communications

1. Student Handbook

* If anyone has changes they would like to see in the Student Handbook, send them to Comm Comm Chair

E. Culture and Diversity

1. Diversity Day in Review

* Went really well and all food was consumed very quickly

F. Elections and Membership

1. 2017-2018 Elections

* Last week of March first week of April will be nominations period to submit petitions for election
* 15 signatures for Secretary, Treasurer, and At-Large
* 50 signatures for P/VP on joint petition

G. Facilities and Safety

1. Library Access

* 24/7 access is back from April 27- May 15
  + Coffee, puzzles, treat will be available
* Library will be open at 7am during Capstone weeks and closing at normal times

H. Health and Wellness

1. S.A.D. Lights

* Student request to purchase S.A.D Lights and have them available for checkout in the library. Request was also put to Dean LeMoine also so we are waiting to see if her office decides anything

2. Health and Wellness Week Update

* April 6-13th
* Puppies, massages, yoga, etc
* Self-Defense class co-sponsored by WLSA and taught by Prof. Steenson

I. Social

1. Barrister’s Ball Update and Sign-Up Sheet

* Barrister’s Ball is SOLD OUT with a waiting list of 20 people. This is a HUGE accomplishment.
* Tope conducted awards voting and winners will be announced at the event
* Bloomquist secured a hotel room block at Hyatt Downtown- $107 for Saturday night INCLUDES FREE BREAKFAST SUNDAY!!!
* All BOG must sign up for either set-up or take-down AND time to sit at registration table
* Parking validation will be taken care of for those who volunteer for set-up

2. Upcoming Events

* Currently have a March Madness event going on with 37 participants

J. HEWS

1. Capstone Weeks Update

* Breakfast each Tuesday sponsored by HEWS
* Wed. 29th Happy Hour at Billy’s at 6:30
  + Along with this is a Trivia competition. If you bring a team Cavaco will buy your team an app, if your team does better than her team, your team will win gift cards
* Thurs. 30th is Timberwolves game
* Schoepp and Wagner are still choosing the days but there will be a Happy Hour and other social event for Cohort 3
* Eelpout game on April 8th

2. MOTION (Moos): Allocate at most, $1730 for MHSL Minnesota Timberwolves Fan Experience Event on March 30 (seconded by Kerr)

* Passes with 6 abstentions (Newhauser, Cavaco, Moos, Haugen, Humphrey, Kennedy)

**VI. Representative Reports** (If agenda items were not submitted, you are presumed to have 2:00 for your report)

A. 4L

* Thankful for support from SBA in working to resolve Latin Honors program
* Last Constitution Under Trump event is on March 30
* Dean Gordon and Prof. Radsan will be doing a debate on national security on April 15

B. 3L FT

C. 3L PT

D. 3L Weekend

E. 2L FT

F. 2L PT

G. 2L Weekend

* HEWS hosted Bar Review that was well-received
* Weekend students really like seeing that events have been recorded

H. 1L Section 1

I. 1L Section 2

1. SBA Retreat Update

* The only date that worked for everyone was a date after the new board was installed but will still set up an escape room if we still want

2. 1L Barrister’s Pre-Party

* Will be at Blarney’s downtown. Apps provided
* MOTION (Johnson): Allocate $750 for this event for space rental and apps (seconded by Burkitt)
  + No vote occurred because we did not have a concrete number on the cost.

J. 1L Section 3

* Section can’t make it to any events that occur on Wednesday nights
  + Anyone can email Multimedia and ask for an event to be recorded at mm@mitchellhamline.edu

K. 1L Section 4

L. 1L Weekend

M. Hybrid Cohort 1

N. Hybrid Cohort 2

O. Hybrid Cohort 3

P. ABA

**VII. Adjournment**