Student Bar Association Meeting

October 8, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

1. Roll call (2:00)

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| President | Thomas Johnson | Present |
| Vice President | Patrick Kennedy | Present |
| Treasurer | Kelsey Tope | Present |
| Secretary | Paula Bloomquist | Present |
| At-Large | Jacqueline Primeau | Present |
| ABA | **Vacant** |  |
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| 1L Section 4 | Duane Quam | Present |
| 1L EJD | Kimani Kerr | Present\* |
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*\*Some technical difficulties resulted in K. Kerr being unable to Skype in for the first few minutes.*

1. Officer reports
	1. President (90 seconds)
		1. Johnson
	2. Vice President (90 seconds)
		1. Kennedy
	3. Treasurer (90 seconds)
		1. Tope
	4. Secretary (90 seconds)
		1. Bloomquist
	5. At-Large (2:00)
		1. Primeau
2. Committee Reports
	1. ABA – Vacant, special election must be held
	2. Culture/Diversity – Faruq Karim
		1. Had a DACA event that was successful, will likely hold one again
		2. Had an employee discrimination event, was well-attended
		3. Reception at Dean Gordan’s house went well and was also well-attended
	3. HEWES – Caroline Moos
		1. Requesting $150 for food for a Part-Time Alum Panel
			1. The idea behind it is how to navigate from going from a full-time non-legal job to legal externships, etc.
			2. Moos motions, S. Kerr seconds the motion to approve $150 for food for a part-time alumni panel
				1. Motion passes with Johnson and K. Kerr abstaining
		2. Questions about professor pages
			1. What student orgs they’ve advised/what they’re interested in/etc. talked to Dean Knapp and are looking into it
		3. Mentorship for at-distance students
			1. Everyone is assigned to a career advisor, look into talking with them. Could also be more appropriate to have a mentor in your potential practice area. Have a few programs in the works to open up some stuff regarding relations with alumnis and making connections.
		4. Will be having office hours/focus group type stuff, will be reaching out to those with HEWES constituencies.
	4. Alumni Relations – Yolanda Wilson
		1. As Caroline noted, joint venture with bringing alumni together. All students are invited because everyone can likely benefit from their advice and experiences.
		2. Additionally, tentatively made a plan to include an event every month.
		3. Event every month
		4. First event is on campus (October 23)
		5. Hopefully second event will be in in Minneapolis
			1. Another in December in St. Paul
	5. Elections – Alex Dyer
		1. Special Election needed for new ABA rep
		2. Will be able to get this started on Monday (October 9).
	6. Social – Sarah Tyrell
		1. Absent – no report
	7. By-Laws – Shannon Kerr
		1. Proposed changes about weekend/part-time elections
			1. Addition of a clause in Art II. Sec A(3)(b), new clause would be inserted after current clause (ii) that would read:
				1. “Class representative candidates in sections with 20 or fewer members may elect to submit a statement of their intent to run for a section representative position along with a Candidate Information Statement in lieu of submitting a standard petition with signatures.”
				2. There was discussion around the different types of statements and what these would look like. There would be two (one of simply “this is my intent to run” and another of “yes, I’m running, here is some information about me.”) Additionally, there was discussion about being able to apply for a “variance” in which anyone in any section could ask to do the statements over the signatures to qualify as their intent to run
				3. Linnerooth moves to end discussion and amend the language, seconded by Kennedy “*Class representative candidates shall submit either a statement of their intent to run along with a candidate information statement or a petition with the requisite number of signatures*”

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Motion passes.

* + 1. Proposed changes to the travel policy
			1. Reasoning for this is to accommodate hybrids, etc. when we don’t know where they are starting from.
			2. Rewrite Art VI. Sec C(6)(d) to say:

“Limitations on Student Travel Expense Allocation. Members shall receive travel expense reimbursement funds based on the following guidelines: Members may be reimbursed for up to the lesser of 2/3 of Qualified Travel Expenses or $250.

Qualified Travel Expenses include airfare, ground transportation, parking, and hotel.

Members seeking travel reimbursement must follow the reimbursement guidelines set forth by the SBA Budget Policy.

Members may be required to present proof of attendance of activities or events to receive travel expense reimbursement.”

* + - * 1. There was discussion regarding the previous travel policy and how one of the allowed fees was the registration fees and how many times one student may use this budget.
				2. Additionally, the max is clarified as $250 (not 2/3)

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Moos: rewrite to include a registration fee and a limitation of travel expenses to not more than once a student a semester.

Finally wording up for motion is as follows:

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Student Travel Expense Allocation shall be limited to not more than one use per student per semester.

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* 1. Student Services/Facilities – Shannon Kerr
		1. Nothing
	2. Communications – Paula Bloomquist
		1. Nothing
	3. Health & Wellness – Jackie Primeau
		1. Meeting with Sharon Van Leer
		2. Meeting with Dean LeMoine to check in on the service dogs
		3. Looking into a geocache tournament
		4. Ping pong tournament is being planned
			1. Johnson: We should try and get a couple more ping pong tables to rent for it
			2. Trying to get in touch with Health Law Society
			3. Johnson: If anyone has suggestions for Health and Wellness Week, let Jackie know
			4. Cronin: We’re looking at some sort of insurance to see if we can go off-campus for yoga but haven’t heard anything back
				1. Primeau: We meet with Dean LeMoine every Wednesday and can bring it up
	4. Ways & Means – Kelsey Tope
		1. PAD has appealed their budget
			1. See external document
				1. Recommend we give them $375

$200 was for a bar review which social has money for and $50 for a princess closet (we don’t give money to donate things because it has to benefit students)

* + - * 1. Motioned by Tope, seconded by Linnerooth

Motion passes, Johnson abstains

* + 1. Law Review requested money for their spring symposium.
			1. See external document
				1. Moos motions and Black seconds to table this to get a more detailed proposal

Motion passes to table with Johnson abstaining

1. Old business
	1. Minutes from the September meeting
		1. S. Kerr motions, Linnerooth seconds to approve
			1. Motion to approve minutes passes with Johnson abstaining
	2. Veterans Association's budget was amended from $4,000 to $1,600 in an online vote.
		1. Treasurer Tope motioned, At-Large Primeau seconds
			1. Vote passed with Burkitt and Johnson abstaining
				1. (those who did not vote online: Rosemary Cronin, Wendy Baudoin, Joseph McMahon, Bethany Lambert, Kimani Kerr, Gabriel Ramirez-Hernandez, Alexander Dyer, Brian Linnerooth)
2. New business
	1. White Acre
		1. Add $500 to the already approved budget for a total of $1,000
			1. November 11th at Blackstack Brewery in St. Paul. Time TBD..
				1. $120 per hour rental fee, $450 bar minimum
				2. They have pizza, a food truck, or we can bring in any catering

Total seems like it will be between $1000-$1200

* + - * 1. Cost to students will likely be $5. 3 hours, bar is $450 minimum. Looking at wings, mini wraps, etc. based on how many people are coming
				2. Primeau motions for $620 to accommodate another hour on November 12 from 8-12, Moos seconds

Motion passes, Tope and Johnson abstains

* 1. Idea for a new ad hoc committee (K. Kerr)
		1. Info submitted: *Since there are concerns about getting students out to vote in spring, the committee will have a twofold purpose: 1) to introduce a better worded Constitution to serve evolving student interests, and 2) to whip up optimism and support among the electorate so they are moved to show up and vote. It is both a revision and marketing effort.*
	2. Motion by K. Kerr to move the open forum to now, seconded by Ramirez-Hernandez
		1. 11 nays, 9 ayes
		2. K. Kerr: Let the record reflect Mr. Mendez will have to wait until the end of the meeting.
		3. There was discussion regarding the addition of this new ad hoc committee. Both the elections commissioner (Dyer) and the elections committee chair (Linnerooth) spoke that they would prefer having K. Kerr (who motioned for this new committee) joining their committee and that the invitation stands open. It was discussed that adding a new committee was not in the best interest of the students at this time as we do not have enough information about this committee and from the sounds of it, we already have two committees that strive to achieve what this ad hoc would do. It was agreed that this is a very important part of SBA, but these important issues are already being addressed through elections committee and by-laws committee.
			1. Motion to vote on the approval of an ad hoc committee with the description as listed in 5(b)(i) by Primeau, seconded by Linnerooth.

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Motion denied, ad hoc committee is not approved.

1. Rep reports (1:00 per rep)
	1. 4L
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	4. 3L PT
	5. 3L Weekend
		1. Met with Dean Knapp about weekend course offerings. Asked for specific suggestions for elective classes – hopefully will be able to offer them in the spring. Let Caroline Moos know if you have any suggestions!
	6. 2L FT
	7. 2L FT
	8. 2 PT
	9. 2L Weekend
	10. 1L PT
		1. Tuesday, October 10 – the Supreme Court visiting interferes with a class. Although it was worked out, it’s frustrating that it was an issue to begin with when it is a mandatory event that 1Ls must attend.
	11. 1L Section 2
		1. Some of the rooms are really hot.
			1. Johnson: email facilities and David.Hellerman@mitchellhamline.edu
	12. 1L Section 3
		1. Sent a survey out to get some feedback from constituents, will keep us updated.
	13. 1L Weekend
	14. 1L EJD
	15. Hybrid Cohort 1
	16. Hybrid Cohort 2
	17. Hybrid Cohort 3
		1. Wilson: Our cohort will be on campus November 5-11, plan for this!
	18. Hybrid Cohort 4
		1. Baudoin: Some of the people in our section have been asking about getting call-in stuff for student lunches, etc.
		2. Is there any way to get these ahead of time?
			1. Henning: Talk with Kelly, she will help push that stuff out
2. Open forum (2:00 per comment)
	1. Will be available at every meeting, but comments are limited to two minutes a person. Should a student have concerns that do not fit these time constraints, please set up a meeting with your representative.
	2. Frank Mendez: left the room before the end of the meeting.
		1. K. Kerr (*speaking on behalf of Mendez*): Frank Mendez reached out because the Trump admin had not addressed Puerto Rico at the time he initially spoke to K. Kerr. Discussed that Puerto Ricans don’t vote even though they can be drafted, etc., so they had no say in who was voted in as chief-of-staff and wanted to know what we as a law school could do to address this issue.
			1. K. Kerr: This issue is equivalent to the EJD program and their representation on SBA.
			2. Johnson: we are prohibited from engaging in political action. If students are wanting to help with hurricane victims, the ABA has an avenue to ask students and young lawyers to donate their time.
3. Adjournment (moved by Kennedy, seconded by Ramirez-Hernandez)