Student Board Association Meeting

October 28, 2018

1. Roll call (2:00)

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| Position | Name |  |
| PRESIDENT | Caroline M. Moos | Present |
| VICE PRESIDENT | Gabriel Ramirez-Hernandez | Present |
| TREASURER | Heather Adams | Present |
| SECRETARY | Scotty Ducharme | Present |
| AT-LARGE | Patrick Kennedy | Present |
| ABA | Crystal Lemmer | Present |
| 4L | Joseph Sathe | Present |
| 3L FT SENIOR | Paula Bloomquist | Excused |
| 3L FT JUNIOR | Nicole Harris | Present |
| 3L EVENING | Peter Black | Present |
| 3L WEEKEND | Thomas Olson | Present |
| 2L FT SENIOR | Caleb Gerbitz | Present |
| 2L FT JUNIOR | Aaron White | Present |
| 2L EVENING | Elizabeth Slama | Present |
| 2L WEEKEND | Anthony Schrier | Present |
| 2L EJD | Vacant | Vacant |
| 1L – WEEKEND | Nicole Frethem | Present |
| 1L SECTION 2 | Maleah Otterson | Present |
| 1L SECTION 3 | Wendy Carlson | Present |
| 1L SECTION 4 | Madison VandenBerg | Present |
| 1L – EVENING | Tyler Martin | Present |
| 1L – EJD | Jeff Smith | Present |
| HYBRID COHORT 1 | Vacant |  |
| HYBRID COHORT 2 | Vacant |  |
| HYBRID COHORT 3 | Rachell Henning | Present |
| HYBRID COHORT 4 SENIOR | Jordan Scofield | Present |
| HYBRID COHORT 4 JUNIOR | Whitney Alston | Present |
| HYBRID COHORT 5 | Brandy Scott Mai | Present |
| JUDICIAL COUNCIL | Deanna Rey | Present |
| JUDICIAL COUNCIL | Stephanie Lucero | Present |
| JUDICIAL COUNCIL | Robert Dearden | Present |

1. Motion by Member White to allow Brooke Hein to address the SBA out of order.
   1. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
   2. Brooke Hein, President of MJF, was recognized about:
      1. A concern that she was told that budgets could be updated on a rolling basis. MJF’s budget was not approved in a timely fashion and she was forced to cancel MJF’s paint event in collaboration with PALS and Health and Wellness Committee. She sent her budget update in on the October 5th. She followed up on her request three times and did not hear back from the Treasurer.
      2. Additionally, she is a member of the Self-Help Clinic which is also wondering what the status of their budget is. They have received conflicting guidance from Former Treasurer Zack Sheahan and current Treasure Heather Adams.
         1. She asked if breakfast purchases for the clinic could be put on a VISA card instead of having to do the reimbursement process.
      3. President Moos and Vice-President Ramirez-Hernandez responded
2. Officer Reports
   1. President – Moos
      1. ABA Site Visit Open Meetings
         1. The majority of the student feedback to the ABA was positive. In particular the hybrids and EJD students said that they were able to access services even though they were blended learning services. She does not know why the meeting times were reduced from 60min per group to 30min per group.
      2. One-on-ones with committee chairs
         1. Caroline has been doing 1on1 meetings. If you haven’t scheduled a meeting with her feel free to do so.
      3. Emergency Faculty Meeting
         1. The meeting relates to an internal faculty issue and not to security or bar passage rates.
   2. Vice President - Ramirez-Hernandez
      1. Thanked Social Committee for their efforts on Greenacre.
      2. Strongly encourages members to attend and help out with upcoming events.
   3. Treasurer – Adams
      1. Met with Deb Lange about the reimbursement process over capstone week.
      2. All but 3 reimbursements were approved.
      3. Is figuring out the financial reporting process.
   4. Secretary – Ducharme
      1. Nothing not relating to new business or committee reports.
   5. At-Large – Kennedy
      1. Students are concerned about former students sending mass emails advertising themselves.
3. Committee Reports
   1. ABA – Lemmer
      1. Going to schedule a bar prep trivia night next week and she will be sending out info on that.
   2. Culture/Diversity – Harris
      1. Update on IDI
         1. IDI has been received well by Dean Lemoine and she has reached out to Gabe, Caro, and the Culture and Diversity Committee.
         2. A Trans student has had trouble accessing the first-floor single use bathrooms. Nicole will reach out to Paula and Facilities on this issue.
   3. HEWES – Henning
      1. Capstone weeks have begun. She is communicating with Hybrid reps about events scheduled for capstone week.
   4. Alumni – Sathe/Carlson
      1. At-Large Rep Kennedy – He is contact with Tessa Boury about creating an accessory library for students to have accessories (portfolios, briefcases etc.) to use in interviews.
      2. The Mentorship Program is having an etiquette dinner on Veterans Day for students in the mentorship program.
      3. New Co-Chair Joe Sathe will be meeting with Patrick and Caro to plan the rest of the year’s events. The focus will be on the spring fling.
   5. Elections – Sathe
      1. Updates on the election rules are in the works. Please contact Chair Joe with your ideas.
   6. Social – Gerbitz
      1. Greenacre Update
         1. Greenacre went well. There were maybe 50 attendees.
            1. Caro and Pat had fun.
      2. Smaller events
         1. The Committee is transitioning to the small events in the budget.
      3. Barristers Update
         1. The date is April 6th
         2. Union Depot has been secured as the venue.
         3. Crave has been secured as the food vendor.
   7. Facilities – Bloomquist
      1. Gabe – There will be at least one new microwave, but there may be additional microwaves in the future.
      2. Security Update
         1. The police will remain on campus for the near future.
      3. Hatchey Commons Update
         1. Furniture Focus Group met with Karl Peters to test out possible furniture.
         2. Renovation has started. The completion date is unknown.
   8. By-Laws – Olson – absent
      1. Bylaws committee is working through the bylaws. The first priority will be the travel policy.
   9. Health & Wellness – White
      1. Flannel Friends events will start. They are reoccurring informal conversations with faculty, staff, and students to talk about mental health and wellbeing.
         1. The first meeting will be Nov. 8th 11:00AM-Noon in the Great Room.
      2. Run Club is on Facebook. Anyone who wants to go workout should post in the run club so that people can join them.
      3. Gabe asked if the committee could look into SBA renting out space for group workouts that are informal and low intensity to be accessible to many people.
   10. Communication – Ducharme
       1. Reimbursement Form
          1. The forms are up on the website please use them and forward any revisions to Scotty of CommComm.
       2. Hosting an Event Guide
          1. The forms are up on the website please use them and forward any revisions to Scotty of CommComm.
       3. Website Update
          1. The committee rosters were updated.
   11. Ways & Means – Adams
       1. Budget policy on communication
          1. There is has been no action on an advertisement policy coming out of Ways & Means.
4. Old Business
   1. Minutes from September meeting
      1. Judicial Councilor Deanna Rey asked for the September Meeting Minutes to be amended to change the absences of Judicial Council from unexcused to excused.
         1. Deanna was recognized by Caro to speak about her concerns. Deanna stated that she felt that Judicial Council did not receive sufficient notice of the requirement to attend BOG Meetings.
         2. Gabe moved that the September Minutes be changed to show that each Judicial Counselor was excused from that meeting.
            1. Scotty spoke that he felt that the bylaws were explicit in requiring judicial counsel to attend, that it wasn’t a discretionary choice, and that Judicial Council had received actual and constructive notice.
            2. Deanna responded.
            3. Joe moved to end discussion which was approved by unanimous voice with Scotty abstaining.
            4. The motion was approved by voice vote with everyone voting yea except Scotty, Patrick, and Elizabeth voted Nay and Madison abstained.
      2. A couple typographical errors were corrected.
      3. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
5. New business
   1. Budget motions
      1. Ways & Means recommended to the board to remove the previous allocations to Health and Wellness and PALS for $512 and $290 respectively for a painting party and instead recommend a new amount of $2220 to MJF, PALS, Health and Wellness for a rescheduled event time during reading week.
         1. Caleb stated that the student groups did a good job following Ways & Means polices, however the cost did end up at $37 per person and going forward Ways & Means should adopt some guidance on how much additional funds should be offered to events when Orgs collaborate.
            1. Aaron joined in that request.
            2. Gabe said that in the future we could consider selling tickets as a means to defray the cost.
         2. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
      2. BLSA requested $2975 for 20 students to attend. Ways & Means received the request but did not have time to form a recommendation before submitting it to the BOG.
         1. Nicole H. spoke on behalf of the event. She stated that the MBLA Gala is an important event for BLSA members to network with members of the Minnesota Black Lawyers Association.
         2. Alisha Watkins is BLSA’s blended learning rep and she spoke about the importance of the event to hybrid students.
         3. Numerous students spoke about the value of the event.
         4. Scotty noted that the event costs $148.75 per student which is $48.75 more than any student pays for yearly SBA fees. Given the cost he inquired into if the opportunity to attend was open to all students and that the procedure to do so was open and transparent.
            1. Nicole H. and Alisha Watkins responded that any student can join BLSA, but not every student is necessarily guaranteed a ticket. However, they believe every student that expressed interest was offered one.
         5. Caleb stated that he thinks Ways & Means should come up with some guidance for galas in the future.
         6. There was significant other discussion in support of the motion.
         7. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
      3. The Eelpouts budget appeal was committed to Ways & Means.
      4. The Self-Help Clinic asked about the status of their budget appeal.
         1. Scotty moved that we fund the budget appeal in the amount of $700
            1. Aaron seconded.
            2. The budget was approved by unanimous voice vote.
      5. The Ways & Means updated that they approved MJF’s request in the amount of $105 for the PILT auction technology fee.
   2. Security survey
      1. Scotty requested the CommComm, Facilities, and Diversity work together on making a survey to send out to all students requesting their comments on the security changes.
         1. Numerous students shared their experiences with the security changes.
         2. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
   3. Approval of new CommComm docs
      1. Scotty asked that the new reimbursement form and the step by step document be adopted by the BOG as SBA policy.
6. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
   1. Gabe asked that coming up with a policy for collaborative events and affinity bar galas be committed to Ways & Means.
      1. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
7. Rep reports (1:00 per rep)
8. ABA
9. 4L
10. 3L FT Senior
11. 3L FT Junior
    * 1. She has received numerous emails about students requesting feedback on course offerings. It was clarified that they should be sent to Dean Knapp and Colleen Clish.
12. 3L Evening - Peter
13. 3L Weekend
14. 2L FT Senior
15. 2L FT Junior
16. 2L Evening
17. 2L Weekend
18. 2L EJD
19. Hybrid Cohort 1
20. Hybrid Cohort 2
21. Hybrid Cohort 3
22. Hybrid Cohort 4 Senior
23. Hybrid Cohort 4 Junior
24. Hybrid Cohort 5
25. 1L Weekend
    * 1. There have been two class meetings. Students are concerned about the legal methods class being required. She is also looking to connect with other weekend reps.
26. 1L Section 2
    * 1. She has heard complaints about tampon dispensers and hand-sanitizers not being refilled.
      2. Students want a gym in the school.
      3. Students hate lawyering and legal methods, and feel they aren’t integrated.
27. 1L Section 3
    * 1. Students hate lawyering and legal methods, and feel they aren’t integrated.
28. 1L Section 4
    * 1. Students didn’t like the food at Greenacre.
      2. Students hate lawyering and legal methods, and feel they aren’t integrated.
29. 1L Evening
    * 1. Tyler Martin was sworn into office.
30. 1L EJD
31. Open forum (2:00 per comment)
    1. Aaron said there is an opportunity for Environmental Law Society to collaborate with other schools, but he wants guidelines to assure that costs are being shared fairly.
    2. Joe asked if the Secretary could come up with guidelines for chat participation. Scotty said he would.
32. Adjournment