**MARCH 2020 STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING AGENDA**

1. **Roll call**
   1. See below
      1. Highlighted
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
   1. Friendly amendment: judicial council report added to new business
   2. Approval Jesse moves to approve, Hannah Seconds
      1. Unanimously approved
3. **Approval of Minutes from March 2020**
   1. Wendy motions to approve minutes, Madison seconds
      1. Unanimous approval
4. **President Report**
   1. Upcoming Elections
   2. Commencement
5. **Treasurer Report**

* Account balance right now = 75k

1. **Old Business**
2. **New Business**
   1. Judicial counsel report
      1. Suspension of the bylaws to appoint Carly Johnson to the judicial council was within the rights of the SBA board
      2. The president of BALSA did not misappropriate funds so long as the treasurer of BALSA is reimbursed by the President for the funds used to purchase the item in question
   2. Social Committee:
      1. Reallocation of Barrister’s funds—
         1. Wendy motion to approve the reallocation of funds to next year, Madison seconds
            1. Aye: 20
            2. Nye: 0
            3. Abstain: 0
         2. Moving money spent on the down payments for MIA (9k-ish) and Deco catering (9k down penalty to cancel 20k-ish) to spring 2021 (April 24th)
            1. Avoid penalties and secure MIA and Deco catering for next year’s Barrister’s Ball
         3. Open up to graduating students?
            1. No because of hard cap on number of attendees
      2. DJ and Photographer Cancellation fee $500
         1. Madison motions to allocate $500 for cancelation fees for DJ and Photographer, Myles seconds
            1. Aye: 18
            2. Nye: 0
            3. Abstain: 2 (Wendy Carlson and Tamara Ristow)
         2. We were not able to exchange/sign contracts with the DJ and Photographer
            1. In the works but nothing was finalized
      3. Senior Boat Cruise – host “when safe”?
         1. Propose some other event for graduating 3Ls
         2. Not voting today, leaving it for a time when we know more specifics
   3. Health and Wellness Committee:
      1. Weekly wellness gift cards $800
         1. Tamara motions to approve, Kathryn seconds
            1. Unanimous approval
         2. Give weekly/daily challenges and put names in drawing for gift cards
         3. Give out gift cards weekly
   4. Recommendation to Academic and Student Affairs Committee on Grading Policy Change
      1. Notes:
         1. Took survey money votes on grading policy to narrow down recommendation
      2. Recommendation:
         1. Allow pass/fail choice after seeing final grades
         2. Note on transcript that this was the year of the virus
         3. Raise the curve if there is not a change in grading (maybe 3.3 like the U of M)
            1. Madison moves to recommend making the curve comparable to the U of M GPA curve, Tamara seconds

Unanimous approval

* + 1. Madison motion to approve recommendation, Tamara seconds
       1. Unanimous approval

1. **Discussions** 
   1. How can we best serve our students, and clubs/orgs while remote?
   2. First Brainstorm: what to do with final funds
      1. Biodegradable bowls, plates, etc. available for students
      2. Using for scholarships in some way
      3. Make a fund for struggling students and make it anonymous
      4. Set up a food pantry at the school for struggling students… kick start with SBA funds but transition to a donation run thing
2. **Open Forum**
3. **Adjournment**
   1. Hannah motion to adjourn, Christiaan seconds
      1. Unanimous approval

Currently Proposed Options by the Faculty for Policy Changes to Grades

* Maintain current grading system
* Allow students the option to convert any or all of their spring 2020 grades to a “pass” as long as they earn at least a C- in the course, and allow students to make the conversion after they see their final grade for the course.
* Allow students the option to convert any or all of their spring 2020 grades to a “pass” as long as they earn at least a C- in the course, and allow students to make any conversion at any time until their final grade for the course has been posted.
* Institute mandatory pass/fail grades for all courses (i.e. no opt-ins or opt-outs). A “pass” would not be computed in the student’s cumulative GPA, however a “fail” would earn the student a letter grade of “F”, which would be computed in the student’s cumulative GPA.

Are there any exceptions from any of the proposed polices, the student constituencies we might consider for an exception could include Lawyering students; 1L students; or students on academic probation during the spring 2020 semester. Are there other student constituencies we should consider for an exception? If so, which students, and which of the four policies should they be considered for an exception?

| **POSITION** | **NAME** |
| --- | --- |
| PRESIDENT | Maleah Otterson |
| VICE PRESIDENT | Madison Vandenberg |
| TREASURER | Jeffrey Smith |
| SECRETARY | Hannah Bocken |
| AT-LARGE | DeAjiha Perry |
| ABA | Myles Artis |
| 4L | Maria Campell |
| 3L FT REP | Tamara Ristow |
| 3L FT REP | Simone Washington |
| 3L EVENING | Vacant |
| 3L WEEKEND | Vacant |
| 3L EJD | Vacant |
| 2L FT REP | Wendy Carlson |
| 2L FT REP | Christiaan van Lierop |
| 2L EVENING | Kathryn Holahan |
| 2L WEEKEND | Steven Haupert |
| 2L EJD | Megan Miller |
| 1L SECTION 1 | Andrew Taylor |
| 1L SECTION 2 | Ellen Currier |
| 1L SECTION 3 | Hannah McCallum – excused |
| 1L SECTION 4 | William Seiler |
| 1L EJD | Vacant |
| HYBRID COHORT 1 | Vacant |
| HYBRID COHORT 2 | Vacant |
| HYBRID COHORT 3 | Jesse Green |
| HYBRID COHORT 4 | Jordan Scofield – excused |
| HYBRID COHORT 5 | Brandy Mai |
| HYBRID COHORT 6 | Jacob Heck |
| JUDICIAL COUNCIL | Carly Johnson |
| JUDICIAL COUNCIL | Aaron White |
| JUDICIAL COUNCIL | Whitney Alston |