**MITCHELL HAMLINE SCHOOL OF LAW**

**JANUARY 2021 SBA MEETING AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**President:** Amber Goodwin

**Vice President:** Kirsty Hanson

**Treasurer:** Micah Alsobrook

**Secretary:** Hannah (Bocken) Verner

**Representative At-Large:** Dare Sims

**ABA Representative:**Brandy Mai

4L Representative: Vacant

EJD Cohort 1: Vacant

4L Weekend: Charles Tirey

3L Day Representative: Wendy Carlson

3L Day Representative: Vacant

3L Evening Representative: Vacant

3L Weekend Representative: Steven Haupert

EJD Cohort 2: Austyn Boothe

2L Day Representative: Ellen Currier

2L Day Representative: Vacant

2L Evening Representative: Andy Taylor

EJD Cohort 3: Mark Doll

Hybrid Cohort 4: Vacant

Hybrid Cohort 5: Brian Boggs

Hybrid Cohort 6: Jacob Heck

BAM Sect. 1 = Jessica Cardarelle

BAM Sect. 2 = Ahna Key

BAM Sect. 3 = Monica Shaffer

BAM Sect. 4 = Sophia Tilsen

BAM Sect. 5 = Sophi Gorman

BL Sect. 1 = Joe Schultz

BL Sect. 2 = Nicole Knight Schrupp

BL Sect. 3 = Brandy Kizer

Judicial Council: Maleah Otterson

Judicial Council: Megan Miller

Judicial Council: Daniel Sheikhan

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

* Austyn motions, Brandy Seconds
	+ Unanimous approval

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES—November**

* Austyn motions, Brandy Seconds
	+ Unanimous approval

**OFFICER REPORTS**

* President
	+ New technology center through the school
	+ Elections
		- Looking to hold elections sooner this semester
		- New officers will begin in April
	+ Bylaw changes
* Vice President
	+ Student leadership council
		- Looking to schedule first meeting in February
		- Leadership from student orgs and SBA come together to make sure everyone’s needs are met and voices heard
	+ DEI
		- Have not met yet this semester
	+ Alumni committee
		- Looking to have more congruency/communication between board and SBA
* Treasurer
	+ Modifications to spring budgets
		- Have had a few come in and in the process of approving
	+ Student Org meeting
		- Got feedback on budget change ideas that will work better for student orgs.
* Secretary
	+ Bylaw committee updates later
		- Will send the update with adequate time for SBA members to look at and bring to their constituents

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* Elections
	+ N/A
* Ways and Means Committee
	+ Votes will be sent out this week
* Health & Wellness
	+ N/A
* Bylaws Committee
	+ Update on Bylaw changes
		- We are looking to change along with the school’s bylaw changes
			* They are meeting to change school bylaws
		- the committee has met and is evaluating what should be changed
			* bring up to date
			* lots of extra “stuff” that does not need to be included/clean up
			* want to make more inclusive
			* is not reflective of current MHSL
		- contact Hannah and Amber with suggestions
			* ideas for changes
			* other thoughts and ideas
		- note on particular bylaw update:
			* Discrepancy Clarification. The bylaws page 2 says one class meeting a semester, but page 12 says once an academic year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Updates from the Faculty/Administration Dean and Dean of Students
	+ Mission statement
		- Access and opportunity
			* Equality
			* Technology expansion
			* More scholarships that promote diversity
		- Student experience
			* Academically strong classes
			* Anti-racist
			* Prepare for bar passage
		- Quality of teaching, learning, and curriculum
			* Confident, practice ready students
			* Offering flexible course offerings that allow for more avenues to completion of JD
	+ Student comments/discussion
		- Like:
			* Creative solutions
			* Access emphasis for non-BAM students
			* Emphasis on wellness as a hallmark of the profession/teaching students to be advocates
		- Ideas:
			* Better access for non-BAM in recruiting for internships/experience opportunities
			* Push the stigma around online law school
			* But I want to add that I'd like to see the school be a leader in this space and advocate higher. Like at ABA or NCBE levels. Take a risk to advocate higher. To teach us to be advocates, I want to see our school to advocate too.
			* There is a stigma in Academia and of older generation individuals. The reality is online learner is a typical method for 21st century learners. Even though most of us were born in the last century, we are all know 21st century learners
			* Trauma informed learning/teaching
				+ Making this a priority for each and every faculty member
	+ Strategic planning
		- Next step in the process will be forming the plan
		- Dean LeMoine will be the student contact for this/will be reaching out to students for input
	+ Graduation
		- Waiting for health expert updates
		- Will give students notice on graduation plans
* Bylaws update

**REP REPORTS (2 MINS)**

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* Online classes have been more convenient for cohort at times
* Looking forward to in person classes

EJD Cohort 2: Austyn Boothe

* Thankful for opportunity to take classes in the BAM program as non-BAM students

2L Day Representative: Ellen Currier

* had questions about barrister’s ball and if it is happening
	+ most likely not

2L Day Representative: Vacant

2L Evening Representative: Andy Taylor

* N/A

EJD Cohort 3: Mark Doll

* Monthly coffee talk with the Dean: great opportunity to get feedback and updates

Hybrid Cohort 4: Vacant

Hybrid Cohort 5: Brian Boggs

* People are asking about student printing fees since that is not possible this semester
	+ Answer LeMoine: fees will be transferred for returning students and refunded for graduating students

Hybrid Cohort 6: Jacob Heck

* Planning a town hall for later this spring to address changes to hybrid for later this spring

BAM Sect. 1 = Jessica Cardarelle

* Cohort is good/almost everyone made it to semester 2
* Well-adjusted to online process as 1Ls

BAM Sect. 2 = Ahna Key

* Well-adjusted to online process as 1Ls

BAM Sect. 3 = Monica Shaffer

* Well-adjusted to online process as 1Ls
* Really bonded as a cohort

BAM Sect. 4 = Sophia Tilsen

* Honor system on closed book exams but are there safeguards?
	+ LeMoine answer: will be left up to students; on the honor system; take the issue up with your particular faculty member

BAM Sect. 5 = Sophi Gorman

* N/A

BL Sect. 1 = Joe Schultz

* Excited for future on campus
* Concerned for summer activities, jobs, etc.

BL Sect. 2 = Nicole Knight Schrupp

* Main concern: lots of group work being assigned and it is very difficult with time zone differences (classmates all over the world)

BL Sect. 3 = Brandy Kizer

* No town hall yet, but will have one set up soon
* Active Whatsapp group
* Super overwhelmed with schoolwork

**OPEN FORUM (2:00 PER COMMENT)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

* Motion adjourned at 6:37pm CT