

**MITCHELL HAMLINE SCHOOL OF LAW
 FEBRUARY 2022 SBA MEETING MINUTES
 Start Time: 5:00pm - End Time: 6:04pm.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DEAN LEMOINE ON MENTAL HEALTH

- Dean LeMoine presents PowerPoint on mental health, changes in counseling services, and the Wellness space coming soon.
- Jon Vaughan-Fier (Counseling Services) presents on peer support; Recognize, Respond, Refer, and Resources.
- Dean LeMoine has a handout with this information and will provide it to Dare to send to reps to send to cohorts.
- If blended students report they are turned away from counseling, please reach out to Dean LeMoine to get the right resources for help.

3. ROLL CALL

	Representative	
President	Dare Sims	
Vice President	Martha Johnson	
Treasurer	Kayla Ladson	
Secretary	Paola Maldonado	
At-Large	Nicole Knight Schrupp	
ABA	Jennifer Drysdale	
1L Section Rep 1	Rachel Bakke	
1L Section Rep 2	Tanner Daniel BincZak	
1L Section Rep 3	Chloee Sagmoe	
1L Blended Section 1	McKaia Dykema	
1L Blended Section 3	Amy Huo	EA
2L Day (Seat 1)	Thar Jor'dan	EA
2L Day (Seat 2)	Myranda Sandberg	
3L Day Rep	Noah Reutzell	

3L Evening Rep	Kelly Chandler	
EJD Cohort 2	Melanie Finley	
EJD Cohort 3	Matthew Overcast	EA
Hybrid Cohort 5	Ursula Hirsch	EA
Hybrid Cohort 6	Keaston Julian	
Blended Section 1	Joe Schultz	UA
Blended Section 2	Tori Collins	
Blended Section 3	Brandy Kizer	
4L Weekend	Ryan Puchreiter	
Judicial Council	Catie Kleindl	
	Jay Henderson	EA
	April Aylesworth	

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- a. Nicole motions, Tanner seconds. Motion carries approving the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Nicole motions, Noah seconds. Motion carries approving the minutes.

6. OFFICER REPORTS

- President
 - Barrister's Ball invitation is out with ticket rollout schedule. Ticket sales close on March 4th.
 - On Wednesday, February 23rd, we will have an Elections Information Meeting for those interested in running for SBA board. Please encourage everyone to attend.
 - Wellness week is February 28 to March 4th, SBA will be hosting a fun networking zoom meeting.

- Vice President
 - In the last leadership council meeting, Shammah and Brittany presented for student organizations.
 - The next leadership council will be the second Tuesday of March and Jesse from career services will be presenting on recruiting and thanking speakers.
- Treasurer
 - There are funds left over from last semester from the student organizations, but some student organizations are not showing up on accounting documents, so we need to find out if those organizations spent any money. We will have to figure out what to do with remaining money as it is use or lose it. Some of this funding will be used for the Barristers' Ball.
- Secretary
 - Will send out separate emails with outlook invite and zoom link to avoid issues with joining meeting.
- At-Large Representative
 - Working on finalizing the bylaws section of board of governor duties and elections to get it done before elections coming up. May have to bring to a vote in front of SBA.
- ABA Representative
 - ABA events are now going to be posted on The Docket.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Election

- Myranda was unable to present as she was having issues with her computer.
Dare reminds of Election Information Session coming up and elections being announced on February 28th.

- Ways and Means

- Kayla updates that the recommended budget request was sent to the full SBA board and the voting record will be sent to Paola to post with minutes.
- Working on a couple of small discretionary requests and reviewing budget guidelines to recommend to next year’s board.

- Culture and Diversity

- Thar is not here so Dare will let her know to send an email if she has updates.

- Bylaws

- Nicole covered it in Officer Reports above.

- Leadership

- Martha covered it in Officer Reports above.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. REP REPORTS (2 MINS)

1L Section Rep 1	Rachel Bakke	Cohort is excited about Barristers Ball; received and answered some questions. 1L are still getting used to some classes but are helping each other out. Professors have been great and providing practice problems.
1L Section Rep 2	Tanner Daniel BincZak	Cohort meeting upcoming this week. Cohort is excited about Barristers Ball. Echoes Rachel’s sentiments.
1L Section Rep 3	Chloee Sagmoe	Chloe echoes the sentiments of her 1L colleagues. Plans on having cohort meeting in a few weeks but before midterms. Provides ideas for wellness center; Keurig machine or expresso (good coffee), happy lights, and essential oils.

		Question about Barristers Ball; what is black tie for males? Dare responds that tuxedo is not a requirement; a suit and tie will suffice. Black tie has some satin on lapel and bowtie.
1L Blended Section 1	McKaia Dykema	Echoes excitement on Barristers Ball. Her colleagues are considering coming in person to capstone to attend this event. Thanks the board for being mindful of blended. Expresses concerns involving diversity and inclusion for external training opportunities and the max allotment of credits expansion from 2 or 3. Qualification and criteria is not detailed well enough. Expresses concern regarding communications around race related incidents; email was sent out about the tragic shooting in Minneapolis but around the same time there was a shooting in a synagogue and Holocaust Remembrance Day but those were not mentioned. Expresses concern regarding a professor calling the blended program “the pajama program”. Asks for help from BAM students in addressing misconceptions.
1L Blended Section 3	Amy Hou	Provides updates through Paola: has section meeting tomorrow.
2L Day (Seat 1)	Thar Jor'dan	
2L Day (Seat 2)	Myranda Sandberg	
3L Day Rep	Noah Reutzel	Concerns with mental health issues but Dean LeMoine has eased some of them; 3Ls are dealing with pandemic burnout and it will be good to send them email connecting them with resources on mental health. Expresses excitement about Barristers Ball.
3L Evening Rep	Kelly Chandler	No section meeting yet; no report.
EJD Cohort 2	Melanie Finley	No section meeting yet. Cohort reports anxiety in applying for bar exam especially with out of state students expressed frustration with feeling isolated in the process. They have formed groups with accountability buddies to get through the process together. CATS!
EJD Cohort 3	Matthew Overcast	
Hybrid Cohort 5	Ursula Hirsch	
Hybrid Cohort 6	Keaston Julian	Just had section meeting. Expresses concerns with commencement and the limited number of tickets per person, and why is it that way considering the venue. There are some cohort student who

		<p>are not graduating but would like to attend to support those graduation, is that allowed?</p> <p>Also, is winter commencement not a thing anymore?</p> <p>Reports issues with summer credits to walk in spring, mandatory bar course for those with 2.8 GPA in first year, and externship availability and direction for out of state students.</p> <p>Dare would like to set up meeting with him to go over these issues in more details, Keaston to email her his availability.</p>
Blended Section 1	Joe Schultz	
Blended Section 2	Tori Collins	<p>Had section meeting; students report capstone and prep weeks are lackluster. They have gone from interactive learning to lecture style. It is tough when it is 56 hours for 6 days straight.</p> <p>Expresses concerns about office hour time being used to talk about non-curriculum things and some students no even having the chance to ask the professor questions.</p> <p>Expresses concern for military members in cohort who have deployment orders and how they should work with the school to avoid interruption to education.</p> <p>Dean Lemoine answers; students should reach out to her or academic advisor to work out a plan; the plan depends on so many variables when deployment is involved but we can work it out to minimize interruption to legal education.</p>
Blended Section 3	Brandy Kizer	No meeting yet; nothing to report.
4L Weekend	Ryan Puchreiter	<p>Some students in cohort are speeding towards bar exam beginning on Tuesday. Asks for well wishes.</p> <p>No complaints and will bring separately if he has to.</p>

9. OPEN FORUM (2:00 MINUTES PER COMMENT)

Dean LeMoine seeks information regarding Summer and Fall COVID restrictions.

- a. Registration for summer will be mid-March so the schedule should be posted in early March. This summer may be similar to last summer, although there will be a few more in-person classes.

- b. In Fall, the hope is to resume normal in-person classes but will include more remote synchronous classes than before. The remote synchronous offering is staying not because of COVID but because of feedback of students and professor liking it. Direction from ABA is being sought on how it will count, and it is up in the air; however, anticipates that it will count as distance learning.
- c. Classes via zoom will be continued to be offered for sick or COVID related issues, not for preference or convenience
- d. Update vaccine requirements to be up to date as the CDC guidelines define. Documentation of such to be provided to the school.
- e. There will be medical and conscientious belief exemptions available.
- f. If a student has an exemption; they will be required to submit a negative COVID test weekly. Still working on details on testing and process.
- g. Mask requirement stays as is.

Student 1: Question on how the process to determine exemptions will work as it can be unfair, what is the process of decision?

Dean LeMoine: Medical exemption will go through her and disability services. Religious and conscientious belief exemptions will be reviewed by her. Although there is still not a solid procedure.

Student 1: Expresses concerns with students taking advantage of exemptions to avoid vaccinations.

Dean LeMoine: The school is engaged with the same legal counsel used to draft the legal vaccine requirement to make sure the language is clear to what it means to have a conscientious belief to avoid transparency issues.

Student 1: Has friends at other law schools and there is a concern that requirements are only asked of students but not of faculty or staff, is that the case here?

Dean LeMoine: Rules have been the same for everyone in the building so far and expect that it will continue like that.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The next meeting is on March 20th at 5pm and we should have election results by then.
- b. Nicole motions, Rachel seconds. Motion carries adjourning the meeting.