

MITCHELL HAMLIN SCHOOL OF LAW
SEPTEMBER 2022 SBA MEETING MINUTES
Start Time: 7:35 **End Time: 8:34**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MJF PRESENTATION – BECKY BEERLING

- a. MJF strives for justice by creating opportunities for law students in MN to perform public interest and pro bono legal services. MJF also has volunteer placements for a variety of schedules and has remote opportunities. Volunteering is a great way to connect with legal professionals in MN, and MJF volunteers are recognized at graduation (If you volunteer 50 hours during time in law school, you get a note on your diploma, more than 50 you get a gold honor cord).
- b. If you're interested in learning more about MJF you can create a student account at their website: <https://mnjustice.org/>. Once you create a student account, you can search through volunteer placements. You can also contact Becky at mitchellhamline@mnjustice.org to set up a meeting to talk through the various volunteer placements and how to set up an MJF account.
- c. MJF will be holding its Tri-School Public Interest Expo on October 12th at Mitchell Hamline. The event will be held in the MHSL Auditorium from 3:30-5:30. You can register for this event [here](#).
- d. MJF Volunteer Programs
 - i. Public Interest Law Fellowship (PILF)
 - 1. This is a summer internship funded by grant money. The posting will go up in January and the interview process will end in

February. There are a variety of opportunities – check it out on their website.

ii. Street Law

1. This is a program where law student teach middle school, high school, and adult learning groups about legal rights. MJF will hold info sessions on this in November. This does tend to be geared towards people in MN but contact Becky to find similar opportunities in your area.

e. MJF Student Chapter

- i. Contact Becky if interested. Students will raise money for PILF. Last year they could only fund one and a half fellows, so participation is welcome!

3. SWEARING IN OF NEW REPS

4. ROLL CALL

	Representative	
President	Jennifer Drysdale	P
Vice President	Brandy Kizer	P
Treasurer	Marilys Solano	P
Secretary	Reen Reinhardt	P
At-Large	Scott Bryson	P
ABA	Thomas Bowen	P
1L BAM Sec. 1	Madeline Hertaus	P
1L BAM Sec. 2	Parker Vegemast	P
1L BAM Sec. 3	Braxton Wheeler Thomas	P
1L Blended Sec. 1	Anna Downing	EA
1L Blended Sec. 2	Erika Weisdorfer	P
1L Blended Sec. 3	Emma Burgher	P
2L BAM Rep	Rachel Bakke	P
2L Blended Sec. 1	Shawn Waltz	P
2L Blended Sec. 2	Marquis Hines	P
2L Blended Sec. 3	Elliot Culp	P

3L BAM Rep	Liz Ogunkanbi	P
3L Blended Sec. 1	Joe Schulz	UA
3L Blended Sec. 2	Tori Collins	UA
3L Blended Sec. 3	Gretchen Stankewitz	UA
	Elizabeth Ogunkanbi	P
4L BAM Rep	Sylvester Rahim	UA
4L Blended Rep	Clarissa Smith	P
Judicial Council	Catie Kleindl	P
	Abdur Amin	EA
	Jared Munster	P

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- a. Reen motions, Brandy seconds. Motion carries approving agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Reen motions, Brandy seconds. Motion carries approving minutes.

7. OFFICER REPORTS AND FACULTY COMMITTEE UPDATES

- President
 - Fall Social
 - We're looking at doing something the week of October 30 for people to come socialize with SBA members and each other, particularly during Capstone. We also want to push forward the idea of social networking between BAM and Blended students. For this event, we will be picking an alumni owned establishment for a venue.
 - For other Capstone weeks, we know that some overlap. We'd like reps to host their own mini socials when they can during these times. You're not responsible for paying, just simply organize something and show up to mingle.

- If you have any questions, let Jen know. She will also have a list of places to pick from.
- Committee participation
 - Academic Advising and Student Affairs: Focusing on tracking bar passage in relation to current academic advising tactics.
 - Advising committee: Focused on revamping our programs that help students succeed.
- Vice President
 - Leadership Council
 - Haven't had a meeting yet.
 - Committee participation
 - Competitions: Focusing on how to get more students involved in school competitions and trying to gauge interest (let Brandy know if you have any thoughts on this).
 - Clinics: Focused on how to branch out the locally popular clinics for Blended students.
- Treasurer
 - Budgets
 - Budgets were approved and sent out for every organization that followed up with comments on the last email, which is most of them,
 - A few orgs are pending, and those will come on first come first serve basis.
 - Committee participation

- DEI: Focused on defining race and racism, how the school should approach it given the anti-racism statement, and how we can continue the conversation.
- Curriculum: Haven't been able to attend last two meetings due to class schedule.
- Secretary
 - Minutes
 - Minutes for August meeting will be posted online following this meeting. An announcement with the link will also be posted in The Docket.
 - Committee participation
 - Outcomes: Focused on narrowing down the language of the six outcomes and how they are measured, particularly with Outcome 6 which relates to race, culture, and diversity.
 - Advising: Haven't been able to make it to the meetings due to a conflict but will be able to go moving forward.
- At-Large Representative
 - Section reps report through me, so they'll be getting an email from me laying out expectations and duties fairly soon.
 - Committee participation
 - Externships and Clerkships: Hasn't met yet.
 - Curriculum:
 - Have approved two courses on International Indian Law, which now has full approval for J-Term and Spring.

- Looking at a few other new courses for Food Law and LGBTQ+ Health Law but haven't voted on those yet.
- Sitting on a subcommittee related to the 6 outcomes Reen mentioned.
 - Looks at skills and preparedness for students.
 - Developing a questionnaire for recent grads and firms that hire a lot of our students to see if there's any gaps.
- ABA Representative
 - ABA
 - ABA hasn't had any meetings this month, not a whole lot to report.
 - Committee participation
 - Elections: Participation was a little lower than last year because we were only really electing vacant positions within the 1L class.
 - Academic Advising and Student Affairs:
 - Sitting on a subcommittee working on revising the way academic appeals for students that have been dismissed are handled.
 - Board of Trustees had their first meeting of the year
 - Looking at LSAT passage rates, we're currently complying with ABA (42% BAM, 48% Blended, 30% POC, 33% women, 36% MN).
 - Also in an advisory consulting group to select new registration system (we currently use Agresso, which is awful, so we're trying to move to replace that by early next year).

8. COMMITTEE CHANGES

- Bylaws (Jen)
 - This committee will look at the SBA bylaws and see what's working and what's not. Prior to this year, the bylaw committee really hasn't done much, but we want to make sure the bylaws are relevant to our purpose. It might involve lots of reading and writing. If any section reps are interested, let Jen know.

- Culture and Diversity (Mari)
 - This committee was started with SBA two years ago, but the roles aren't clearly defined yet; we're hoping to accomplish that soon. Ideally, the committee would work with the DEI committee to mold some guidelines to ensure our school is being inclusive of everyone regardless of background since we want to make sure everyone feels welcome and supported. The committee will work with Professors Jill Bryant, Rick Petry, and Ms. Sharon Van Leer from the DEI office to create committee goals.
 - Also, we are looking for another chair to sit on DEI committee, so if any section reps are interested, let Mari know.
 - Rhonda: how is the diversity committee different from affinity groups? Not sure if we have an ABA focused diversity club; I am interested in how those groups work with SBA. And how does this work get to the heart of being an anti-racist school, to make sure things aren't just policy driven but affects students?
 - Mari: The DEI committee has reps from each affinity group, which now includes the SBA which is why I sit on it. There seems to be a big

gap in peoples' experiences at this school and we want to build that bridge between our school's statement along with the ABA and how the SBA can be a true representation of our diverse student body. This is exactly why we want to push for SBA's involvement, to hold the school accountable to statements made. There are so many aspects and moving parts, and we're just sort of getting into it, but that's sort of why we're starting to talk about why the SBA needs to be involved to fill that gap.

- Health and Wellness (Reen)
 - This committee will work to improve the personal health awareness of all students by helping to plan and host MHSL's annual Wellness Week, and by contributing to Dean LeMoine's Wellness Newsletter. The Committee will also provide opportunities for students to engage in healthy lifestyle choices and activities by working with the Wellness Center on planning and promoting events for students, and by working with administration to ensure we are providing enough resources and services to students both on- and off-campus and that students know how to utilize those resources.
- Ways and Means (Mari)
 - This committee will address budget requests that orgs ask for later into the school year. This is called a supplemental budget request, and we have to see if it follows the budget guidelines to determine whether it can be approved. This committee will meet when this happens, so it varies time wise, and that's why we ask for budgets up front. Let Mari know if you'd like to join.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. REP REPORTS (2 MINS)

	Representative	Report
1L BAM Sec. 1	Madeline Hertaus	
1L BAM Sec. 2	Parker Vegemast	
1L BAM Sec. 3	Braxton Wheeler Thomas	
1L Blended Sec. 1	Anna Downing	
1L Blended Sec. 2	Erika Weisdorfer	
1L Blended Sec. 3	Emily Burgher	
2L BAM Rep	Rachel Bakke	Biggest concern for evening students is that coffee isn't up and running yet, but we're dealing with it. Overall, looking forward to fall break
2L Blended Sec. 1	Shawn Waltz	
2L Blended Sec. 2	Marquis Hines	
2L Blended Sec. 3	Elliot Culp	
3L BAM Rep	Elizabeth Ogunkanbi	
3L Blended Sec. 1	Joe Schulz	
3L Blended Sec. 2	Tori Collins	
3L Blended Sec. 3	Gretchen Stankewitz	
4L BAM Rep	Sylvester Rahim	
4L Blended Rep	Clarissa Smith	Filtering needs to be improved on registration side of things. There's no way to know what diversity credits have been counted or not. Also having trouble using two factor authentication (Mari suggests Microsoft Authenticator)

10. OPEN FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- a. Maraisya Collins: Is BLSA still a thing?
 - i. Yes – Brittany can send info.
- b. Elliot Culp: Is there a platform for textbook exchanges?
 - i. Facebook group – each program should have a group (Jen will look it up and send it out).

