

**MITCHELL HAMLIN SCHOOL OF LAW
OCTOBER 2022 SBA MEETING MINUTES
Start Time: 4:00 End Time: 4:57**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

	Representative	
President	Jennifer Drysdale	P
Vice President	Brandy Kizer	P
Treasurer	Marilyn Solano	EA
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	P
1L Blended Sec. 2	Erika Weisdorfer	P
1L Blended Sec. 3	Emma Burgher	P
2L BAM Rep	Rachel Bakke	EA
2L Blended Sec. 1	Shawn Waltz	P
2L Blended Sec. 2	Marquis Hines	P
2L Blended Sec. 3	Elliot Culp	P
3L BAM Rep	Elizabeth Ogunkanbi	EA
3L Blended Sec. 1	Joe Schulz	P
3L Blended Sec. 2	Tori Collins	P
3L Blended Sec. 3	Gretchen Stankewitz	P
4L BAM Rep	Sylvester Rahim	P
4L Blended Rep	Clarissa Smith	P
Judicial Council	Catie Kleindl	EA
	Abdur Amin	P
	Jared Munster	P

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

5. OFFICER REPORTS

- President
 - Headshots
 - I have received concerns from students about getting headshots. 3Ls in particular haven't had that opportunity. SBA was initially told that we'd have to fund it, but because some of our tuition dollars go to professional development, we don't have to do that. We'll have an event next week on Oct. 31 during lunch for 3Ls and the second will be Nov 15. We'll also plan an event in the spring. There will be a sign-up sheet since it's only an hour, which is very limited and we realize that. This was sort of the only opportunity for now but in the spring, we'll plan to have a larger opportunity for the whole student body as we want something beneficial for everyone.
 - The Advising Committee has been disbanded because the purpose of committee was no longer serving students. Lots of faculty on the committee said that we have all these resources but as a student on the committee, I hadn't once heard of these resources or engaged with anyone outside of my career advisor or academic advisor. Students have been wanting more networking opportunities with faculty, so my advice was to do a joint event with SBA similar to the student org fair but in the spring. Faculty and staff will be available to meet students in a relaxed environment so you can get to know them and what they have to offer outside of the classroom. It's really

just to get to know and network with them. We're working on that and as a result, we got rid of the committee altogether. We'll be working on that with Dean LeMoine and Student Services.

- Vice President
 - Clinics and Competitions Meetings
 - Clinics was sort of a status check, letting us know how things are going. We don't seem to have trouble getting students to join clinics; quite the opposite, they fill up pretty quickly. We're trying to find more opportunities for more Blended students to join in. They are involved right now but we need to expand those opportunities so more can get in.
 - Competitions' biggest issue is trying to get the word out about various competitions. Not sure how well-versed faculty are on them, some reach out but not all do. We might try to have an info session with faculty.
- Treasurer – no report
- Secretary
 - As usual, approved minutes will be posted online after this meeting and a related announcement will be posted in The Docket.
 - Section reps: if you have not sent me your committee preference(s), please do that today so we can have official committee rosters and start meeting as needed.
 - Outcomes and Assessments Committee

- Still working on implementation of the wording of each outcome and the way we will measure the newest outcome, Outcome Six.
- At-Large Representative
 - Section Reps
 - I attended Marquis's section meeting, which was decently attended.
 - Reminder to all section reps to do their section meetings – and that you can invite Scott!
 - All section reps should have received their class section email lists except for 3L Blended reps because the list doesn't break down by section anymore.
 - Trying to figure out how to get everyone the right list unless everyone's okay getting a list of all 3L Blended students, but I'm hesitant to do that.
 - Curriculum Committee
 - Pretty much done until spring.
 - Subcommittee about emerging skills has put out a survey to employers, law firms, and those that employ our students post-grad to see what skills students might be missing.
 - A survey will also be going out to about 150+ students probably after finals for students who did internships or externships to see what skills they felt they were missing in their programs.
- ABA Representative
 - ASAC Committee

- Approved measure where you can audit a course (not for grade or credit) and students have to comply with maximum credit requirements as you would for normal courses with the same exception and approval process.
- Trying to address the way class rankings are handled.
- There was a concern that students were auditing over and above max credits.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Bylaws (Jen)
 - No updates right now but I did receive a list of reps that want to sit on it. I will send everyone an email.
- Ways and Means (Jen)
 - Mari will send out an email to those on the committee. We're looking at student groups who have requested funds, but we had to reduce them in order to meet the bigger picture. We're trying to go back and provide those funds if we're able, and if not, we'll be communicating about the spring. We want to make sure every student group has the ability to do what they've requested to do.
- Culture and Diversity (Mari) – no report – Mari will send out an email to those on the committee.
- Health and Wellness (Reen)
 - I am talking with Dean LeMoine about how this committee can get involved with the campus Wellness Center and her Wellness Newsletter as well as what other projects this committee will be able to take on both on- and off-campus.

She's looking forward to meeting with everyone sitting on the committee soon so we will likely set up a Zoom/hy-flex meeting in the next few weeks.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. ALUMNI RELATIONS

- a. Jen notes she has received a lot of emails about alumni relations. SBA is typically the host for alumni relations. It was a student org here, but the Alumni Relations Dept has taken it over. Essentially, it seems like there's lots of orgs and departments trying to plan things, but it looks like not much is happening. And, with the pandemic, it seems like that has stopped a lot of people from coming out to alumni events. We decided to eliminate the committee for now so we can regroup as the Board of Governors to figure out what we want alumni relations to mean. Is it a committee? Is it all of our responsibility? Just the executive board? What does it look like? From a student perspective, Jen agrees with what she's heard. We haven't had an Alumni Relations event in almost 4 years partnered with the SBA. We want to push this because we think it's important, so Jen has talked with Board of Trustees Alumni Representative and Dept. As a Blended student this is definitely advertised as a feature of attending Mitchell, but Jen hasn't seen much. We want to reiterate, especially as we start committees, that the committee itself has been taken off the table to figure out how the SBA can best serve this need. If there are any recommendations, we're happy to hear them. If we want a committee, that's totally fine. Send Jen an email with ideas; she's meeting this week with the Alumni Rep, the deans, and the Alumni Dept to figure out how to move forward.

b. REP REPORTS (2 MINS)

	Representative	Report
1L BAM Sec. 1	Madeline Hertaus	We had our class meeting. Night students had an activity over fall break. We went to St. Paul Brewery and had 7 or 8 people.
1L BAM Sec. 2	Parker Vegemast	Specific concern brought to me is a lack of confidence in the stability of the Wi-Fi networks on campus. I've had reports of network outages as recently as last week. My goal is to connect with IT Dept more and get a sense of what steps they're taking to give us more security and back up our systems more effectively. Any guidance would be really appreciated. I want to give constituents confidence that this isn't going to happen again.
1L BAM Sec. 3	Braxton Wheeler Thomas	We haven't had our full scheduled meeting yet, but some constituents have voiced concerns about Wi-Fi. Some of us had issues during our Torts midterm trying to submit tests. That was an issue. That's about it as far as frustration.
1L Blended Sec. 1	Anna Downing	A lot of people have issues with LARC. Students are really frustrated with the addition of assignments mid-week and the failure to apply suggestions to current assignments. Cohort said they didn't get 1500-word memo feedback until 4 days before final memo was due. There's also been cancellation of office hours and general lack of clarity in assignments. This is coming from Carson portion of class (LARC B). Students also frustrated about the uploading of office hours. The only ones that are consistent are for Torts. A couple people also asked with Capstone week coming up if we could shorten the lunch hour and leave before 6. People are also asking

		<p>for the case study what does TBD mean?</p> <p>- Jen notes that the case study is not usually something to prep for in the sense of writing or submitting anything. You usually have to read a case and you figure out how all the courses come together for that one case. It's more so a way to engage with all the material.</p>
1L Blended Sec. 2	Erika Weisdorfer	<p>We haven't had our formal meeting but planning to do something during Capstone. Jen sent me some spots to pick, just trying to figure out what works best for everyone. I did send out the anonymous feedback webpage but haven't received anything yet. We do have a discord server that we use to get suggestions and feedback. Not much yet though. I do plan to reach out to make sure that everyone's on the page and no one is excluded.</p>
1L Blended Sec. 3	Emma Burgher	<p>We're getting together during Capstone to have lunch on campus. Some feedback I've gotten has been about platform issues. E.g., Zoom hours keep resetting to Pacific time for office hours so people are totally confused about the time. Someone else asked if there's a better way to integrate academic excellence events on the Canvas calendar. The most consistent thing is that there was not enough coffee during Prep Week and people want to make sure there's enough for Capstone.</p>
2L BAM Rep	Rachel Bakke	No report.
2L Blended Sec. 1	Shawn Waltz	No report.
2L Blended Sec. 2	Marquis Hines	<p>We brought in a Keurig for our Capstone group as we discussed at our fall meeting that we can't rely on the school to fix all of our problems. We're all adults and can make do and buy our own coffee since we had the same complaint.</p>

		<p>One of my cohort members wanted to see if we could get all pronouns in fact patterns to be listed so there's no confusion. Wasn't sure what the best approach would be with the staff, not sure who I would talk to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jen suggests talking to faculty directly. Some profs would say not to fight fact pattern so would make sure you ask them. <p>Also willing to help with alumni relations things.</p>
2L Blended Sec. 3	Elliot Culp	<p>We haven't set up our get together yet.</p> <p>Curious about who we would talk to for Capstone scheduling, especially with Blended students flying in. We would like a little more communication about when exactly we need to be in-person.</p> <p>Someone also had concerns about misrepresentation or false advertising in the Blended sub-page of website. It makes it sound like students' presence isn't required after second year in terms of Capstone.</p> <p>Who do we talk to about what electives are offered over J-term and over the Summer, specifically remote credits? Doesn't seem to be a wide variety or courses that are applicable to our studies.</p> <p>Also will be bringing coffee for Capstone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jen says email academic advising for scheduling and course offerings. - Tom says the way the Blended program is represented online is not realistic and is something that's being looked at.
3L BAM Rep	Elizabeth Ogunkanbi	No report.
3L Blended Sec. 1	Joe Schulz	We did not know about the coffee struggle, so I will let our people know. We will have an event in two

		weeks and will find a nice bar. We have a GroupMe chat as well.
3L Blended Sec. 2	Tori Collins	<p>Elliot's point about the webpage has been brought up by a number of students in my section. You do have to show up unless you do an internship or journal or competitions. It just hasn't been advertised very clearly. A lot of students have been blindsided by that.</p> <p>A couple students have also had issues with graduation audits. One reached out after getting it back saying they needed a class only offered in fall and they were graduating in spring. It was a Student Records error and they had put incorrect requirements on her sheet. Don't panic if that happens, they don't know why it happened but something in the system messed up. Not sure how many will experience that.</p>
3L Blended Sec. 3	Gretchen Stankewitz	<p>I haven't had any concerns from anyone. Lucky enough to be in the same cohort as the exec council, so they probably field a lot of those things.</p> <p>And there can never be enough coffee for Capstone. Just be prepared.</p>
4L BAM Rep	Sylvester Rahim	Nothing official. I still need to set up a meeting with my cohort. We've already discussed IT and authentication, etc. We're also excited to graduate soon.
4L Blended Rep	Clarissa Smith	<p>The authentication thing has been messy when taking midterms so that's been tough. The problem is that we didn't get a notification that this was going into place so we couldn't prepare.</p> <p>People are also concerned about classes being available for spring semester. I spoke with Dean LeMoine about classes not being available earlier this week. She said that if you</p>

		<p>and your cohort members can get a group of 15+ people together to take a class remotely or blended, you should take that to her and they will look into to getting that set up for you.</p> <p>We haven't had our official meeting but I always send out an email the week before the general meeting. Not sure if I'll hold anything during Capstone due to the schedule but I will try to do one during reading week or later in the semester.</p>
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8. OPEN FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- a. Scott: We will be hosting a meet and greet with any and all students on Wednesday the 2nd of November from 7-9 at the Gnome Craft Pub – it's a mile or so from campus.
- b. Madeline: Some classmates emailed me today wondering when the finals schedule will come out. Several people need to take time off two pay periods in advance.
 - i. Jen: Will look into that and let you know.
- c. Brandy: Have had the same issues with the authentication. It gave me no other option other than calling. If you go to www.mysignin.microsoft.com and sign in with your MH credentials, you can change how your authentication works. It makes it much faster.
- d. Anna: Can we use the website to stop having to get a phone call every 14 days?
 - i. Brandy: It will still make you use an authentication method, but you don't have to get the calls.
 - ii. Jen: Using Microsoft authentication all I have to do is tap to accept.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Reen motions, Brandy seconds. Motion carries adjourning meeting.