

**MITCHELL HAMLIN SCHOOL OF LAW  
 JANUARY 2022 SBA MEETING MINUTES  
 Start Time: 7:33                      End Time: 8:08**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

	<b>Representative</b>	
<b>President</b>	Jennifer Drysdale	P
<b>Vice President</b>	Brandy Kizer	P
<b>Treasurer</b>	Marilyn Solano	P
<b>Secretary</b>	Reen Reinhardt	P
<b>At-Large</b>	Scott Bryson	P
<b>ABA</b>	Thomas Bowen	
<b>1L BAM Sec. 1</b>	Madeline Hertaus	P
<b>1L BAM Sec. 2</b>	Parker Vegemast	P
<b>1L BAM Sec. 3</b>	Braxton Wheeler Thomas	P
<b>1L Blended Sec. 1</b>	Anna Downing	EA
<b>1L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Erika Weisdorfer	P
<b>1L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Emma Burgher	EA
<b>2L BAM Rep</b>	Rachel Bakke	P
<b>2L Blended Sec. 1</b>	Shawn Waltz	UA
<b>2L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Marquis Hines	P
<b>2L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Elliot Culp	P
<b>3L BAM Rep</b>	Elizabeth Ogunkanbi	UA
<b>3L Blended Sec. 1</b>	Joe Schulz	UA - 3
<b>3L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Tori Collins	EA
<b>3L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Gretchen Stankewitz	P
<b>4L BAM Rep</b>	Sylvester Rahim	UA - 3
<b>4L Blended Rep</b>	Clarissa Smith	P
<b>Judicial Council</b>	Catie Kleindl	P
	Abdur Amin	EA
	Jared Munster	P

Joe Schulz and Sylvester Rahim, this being both of their third unexcused absences, are effectively removed from their roles as Student Bar Association representatives per our

bylaws. Each will receive notice of their removal and instructions for seeking reinstatement, should they want to do so.

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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

### **5. OFFICER REPORTS**

- President
  - Student/faculty Meet & Greet
    - We are still trying to figure out what this will look like; didn't get as much buy in for capstone week from faculty just because of scheduling. Have encouraged faculty members to record a video of themselves like a lecture about who they are, etc., and we could post that for students to access, sort of incorporating a blended aspect to the meet & greet.
  - Financial Aid Proposal
    - I proposed for the school to either increase what you get by \$2000 or get a second disbursement later in the semester. Hopefully students not graduating this semester will see a change in the upcoming semesters.
  - De Novo Program
    - Supposed to be going live this semester. If applicable to you or anyone in your cohort, reach out. This is a program where if a student is on academic probation, there's an option to withdraw and start over the

next year and your transcript would be brand new. Students interested should schedule a meeting with academic advisor or Dean LeMoine.

- Jumpstart Program
  - This is continuing for incoming 1Ls.
- Vice President
  - Leadership Council
    - Nothing new; will be sending out reminder that we have a meeting next Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>, will have more to say on 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Treasurer
  - Budget for Spring
    - Meeting with ways and means committee tomorrow, working on getting everything approved ASAP
  - DEI Committee
    - Met last Friday, faculty are trying to develop initiatives to build on faculty anti-racism resolution.
- Secretary
  - Minutes
    - The November minutes will be posted after this meeting has adjourned.
  - Attendance
    - Friendly reminder to keep an eye on your attendance record as we get into spring and know you can always email Jen or I if something comes up.
- At-Large Representative

- ATM Poll
  - Thanks to all section reps who responded about the ATM in the cafeteria.
- Curriculum Committee
  - Looking at approving courses for the summer. The school is buttoning up how it does course proposals from faculty, hoping to standardize and move online to nicer form. Haven't gotten rid of courses yet, but that is in discussion (dropping courses that aren't getting a lot of registration).
- ABA Representative
  - Spring Elections
    - If you know anyone interested in running, let them know that by our next general meeting we'll be announcing election dates. Then we'll have an SBA info session, so if anyone wants to come ask questions, they can.
  - Question from Marquis about how the election for following year is affected by sections:
    - We're trying to figure out what that looks like, will have it figured out before elections go live.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Bylaws
  - Meeting tonight, in process of reviewing sections presented by committee members for review or amendment.
- Alumni Relations

- Let me know if you're interested, did not get a full committee for that.
- Emailed alumni director last semester twice and reached out this semester, and reached out to actual alumni and haven't heard back. Still trying to figure it out, but goal is to have mentorship or events throughout different states for BAM and Blended Students.
- Ways and Means – n/a
- Culture and Diversity
  - No meetings yet.
- Health and Wellness
  - Planning of Wellness Week with the faculty Wellness Committee has begun. Clarissa attended the first meeting earlier this month and reported back that some cool things are in the works, and they're looking at the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our committee will be meeting in the next week to discuss what our role will be for that week.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. BARRISTERS' BALL**

- a. The ball will be held at the Lumber Exchange Event Center in Minneapolis on Saturday, March 25. Tickets will be \$50 per person and will begin to go on sale on February 6. Black tie.
- b. A rep mentioned "Rent the Runway" is a great resource for formal gowns.

### **b. STUDENT RANKINGS**

- a. Jen asks members to mention feedback in rep report tonight if they hadn't emailed her already, as she needs to give specific feedback to the deans.

Wants to be able to say all students received the information so they could provide feedback if they wanted.

c. REP REPORTS (2 MINS)

	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Report</b>
<b>1L BAM Sec. 1</b>	Madeline Hertaus	Just getting back in the swing of things. Cohort was in between the individual ranking on graduation and not having rank until graduation.
<b>1L BAM Sec. 2</b>	Parker Vegemast	We're struggling in property with rule against perpetuities. Sent Jen result for student rankings. Personally, just want students to have flexibility, but on the whole seems like percentile ranks on transcripts works
<b>1L BAM Sec. 3</b>	Braxton Wheeler Thomas	Cohort was a bit flexible; some went with percentile to be shown on transcript
<b>1L Blended Sec. 1</b>	Anna Downing	N/A
<b>1L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Erika Weisdorfer	Didn't get a lot of feedback, those who responded want some type of ranking system featured on transcript, just not publicized, waiting for other responses
<b>1L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Emma Burgher	N/A
<b>2L BAM Rep</b>	Rachel Bakke	Shared ranking with Jen already
<b>2L Blended Sec. 1</b>	Shawn Waltz	N/A
<b>2L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Marquis Hines	Didn't send the email to section, but I can send it out next time
<b>2L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Elliot Culp	Also dropped the ball on the email but can send it out, assuming results would be mixed, will reach out
<b>3L BAM Rep</b>	Elizabeth Ogunkanbi	N/A
<b>3L Blended Sec. 1</b>	Joe Schulz	N/A
<b>3L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Tori Collins	N/A
<b>3L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Gretchen Stankewitz	Nothing to report
<b>4L BAM Rep</b>	Sylvester Rahim	
<b>4L Blended Rep</b>	Clarissa Smith	Did not reach out to cohort, but will do that tonight and give notes about

		Barristers'. Cohort seems over it because it's the last semester.
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**8. OPEN FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)**

- a. Graduation is June 3 at 2pm at Roy Wilkins.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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