

**MITCHELL HAMLIN SCHOOL OF LAW**  
**APRIL 2023 SBA MEETING MINUTES**  
**Start Time: 7:32                      End Time: 8:23**

**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	P
<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>		
<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>		
<b>3L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Tori Collins	P
<b>3L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Gretchen Stankewitz	P
<b>4L BAM Rep</b>		
<b>4L Blended Rep</b>	Clarissa Smith	P
<b>Judicial Council</b>	Catie Kleindl	UA
	Abdur Amin	EA
	Jared Munster	EA

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

#### 5. OFFICER REPORTS

- Vice President
  - Still finalizing leadership transition, will get info out soon.
  - One success or accomplishment of the SBA this year: Proud of how responsive we've been able to be to the SBA emails, will work hard to ensure new board has access.
- Treasurer
  - One success or accomplishment of the SBA this year: Appreciates Jen for looking into and setting up graduation reception, shared her experience with a vet school awards ceremony.
- Secretary
  - Minutes will be posted afterwards as always.
  - One success or accomplishment of the SBA this year: Barristers' – It was a lot of work but a great success and I'm proud of us for being able to put it all together so everyone could have a lovely night of celebration.
- At-Large Representative
  - Nothing to report committee wise, continuing to go through curriculum. Cleaning up background as we move into new registration system.
  - One success or accomplishment of the SBA this year: Happy we came up with the graduating student award, something all schools should have.
- ABA Representative

- Final ASAC meeting finalized prospective changes to registration system, will be implemented a year or two from now.
- One success or accomplishment of the SBA this year: Proud we did a good job expanding visibility of SBA to student body, hope that continues on, big thanks to Jen.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Bylaws
  - Everyone who worked on the committee did a great job. Due to time, will be transitioning over to new exec board to look at redlining. Took a more holistic approach to bylaws, wanted it to be something that lasts beyond us. Were able to get a few aspects approved throughout the year, but last round will be passed on.
- Health and Wellness
  - Wellness Week Updates: After conferring with the faculty and staff Wellness Committee, we are going to be replacing “Wellness Week” with more regularly scheduled “Wellness Events.” It was important to our committee that the school show its students that health and wellness is important year-round, not just for a single week, and hopefully this new set up will accomplish that. We’ll also be adding a recording bank for students to access anywhere at any time, similar to the DEI credit webpage, so missing an event won’t cause you any stress.
  - Other Wellness Initiatives: Dean LeMoine has submitted a budget request with the school on our behalf to provide students with free access to Headspace, a mindfulness app. If approved, we’ll hopefully be setting a

precedent in which our institution can and will pay for student wellness needs more regularly. In the meantime, we've also been working with Dean LeMoine on making counseling and wellness resources more easily accessible, getting professors involved with our wellness initiatives, improving the 1L student experience, and remedying the cafeteria food situation.

- A lot of these things will require work from the new governing board's Health and Wellness committee to ensure we don't lose the progress made, which we have every confidence you will do.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. GRADUATION RECEPTION AND AWARDS**

- a. June 1, 5pm CST, at Mitchell. Registration link was sent out last week, you can attend in-person or via Zoom. Open event to bring family and friends to. Will be appetizers, still finalizing what will be served. Alumni Dept and Board of Trustees are helping fund this event, so trying to navigate what that looks like with leftover SBA funds. Trying to use those funds to ensure they go back to students. Want to set precedent that this is an event students want to continue in the next few years.
- b. Rosalie E. Wahl Award nominations open until May 1 at 5pm. Can nominate someone who graduated last December or graduating this June or August. Award does not allow self-nomination. Will also be a faculty/staff award to be sent out to recognize someone on faculty, staff, or both.

### **b. GOLF TOURNAMENT**

a. Alumni dept and Board of Trustees would like to invite full student body to this event on August 7, more info will come out from alumni network.

i. Rhonda asked about activity for folks with limited mobility. Jen will bring it up to the board when they discuss.

c. REP REPORTS (2 MINS)

	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Report</b>
<b>1L BAM Sec. 1</b>	Madeline Hertaus	Class meeting was last month, nothing much has changed, everyone's ready to be done. Did plan an end of semester event.
<b>1L BAM Sec. 2</b>	Parker Vegemast	Ready for reading week and finals. Expressed gratitude to the group.
<b>1L BAM Sec. 3</b>	Braxton Wheeler Thomas	Asked about library hours for finals. Jen will follow up.
<b>1L Blended Sec. 1</b>	Anna Downing	N/A
<b>1L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Erika Weisdorfer	No major updates, did plan a bowling capstone meet up, went to the Nook. Just prepping for finals
<b>1L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Emma Burgher	N/A
<b>2L BAM Rep</b>	Rachel Bakke	Nothing to report, looking forward to finals.
<b>2L Blended Sec. 1</b>		
<b>2L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Marquis Hines	Appreciative of the mentorship, said new leadership has big shoes to fill.
<b>2L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Elliot Culp	Just working on finals. Asked for the name of the faculty award. Jen said currently TBD. Capstone programming recommendations: adding more bar review, 30 min afternoon break, including off-campus portion, adding subtitles of speaker to make things more accessible.
<b>3L BAM Rep</b>	Elizabeth Ogunkanbi	N/A
<b>3L Blended Sec. 1</b>		
<b>3L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Tori Collins	Some recommendations made for bar class with Capstone. Questions used were the same ones used throughout the semester. Students felt like they

		were just there to complete hours, wasn't as effective. Mentions this may have been the most responsive board.
<b>3L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Gretchen Stankewitz	Echoes thank you to the board.
<b>4L BAM Rep</b>		N/A
<b>4L Blended Rep</b>	Clarissa Smith	We all just want to be done, studying for the bar sucks. Thank you to everyone, been nice to see behind the curtain.

d. SWEARING IN OF 2023-24 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Nikki motions, Elliot seconds. Motion carries adjourning meeting.