

MITCHELL HAMLIN SCHOOL OF LAW
MARCH 2023 SBA MEETING MINUTES
Start Time: 7:33 **End Time: 8:25**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

	Representative	
President	Jennifer Drysdale	P
Vice President	Brandy Kizer	P
Treasurer	Marilys Solano	UA
Secretary	Reen Reinhardt	P
At-Large	Scott Bryson	P
ABA	Thomas Bowen	P
1L BAM Sec. 1	Madeline Hertaus	UA
1L BAM Sec. 2	Parker Vegemast	UA
1L BAM Sec. 3	Braxton Wheeler Thomas	P
1L Blended Sec. 1	Anna Downing	P
1L Blended Sec. 2	Erika Weisdorfer	UA
1L Blended Sec. 3	Emma Burgher	EA
2L BAM Rep	Rachel Bakke	P
2L Blended Sec. 1		
2L Blended Sec. 2	Marquis Hines	P
2L Blended Sec. 3	Elliot Culp	P
3L BAM Rep	Elizabeth Ogunkanbi	P
3L Blended Sec. 1		
3L Blended Sec. 2	Tori Collins	P
3L Blended Sec. 3	Gretchen Stankewitz	EA
4L BAM Rep		
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, Scott seconds. Motion carries approving agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

5. OFFICER REPORTS

- President
 - Last Board of Trustees meeting went well, talking about what integration looks like for BAM and Blended students. Still advocating to bring back the mentorship program with alum. Proposing for admin to let non-MN students know bar deadlines. Also proposing checklists for each year (1L, 2L, 3L, 4L).
- Vice President
 - Wasn't at last Leadership Council meeting, Brittany has notes on that. We recently hosted a mock trial competition via Zoom, talking about whether or not it should continue via Zoom moving forward. Have also been advocating for changing the timing of classes in Summer, particularly required classes.
 - Brittany: mostly talked about elections for SBA and student orgs. Specifically talked about leadership transitions and areas in which leadership training for officers could be beneficial.
- Treasurer
 - Jen: All student orgs were given their budget approvals.
- Secretary
 - Minutes will go up after the meeting. Outcomes and Assessments faculty committee has been mainly discussing how to measure the PR-based outcome.
- At-Large Representative
 - Committee wise, working with Curriculum committee on reviewing all courses currently offered, writing memo about which ones should be dropped.

- ABA Representative
 - ASAC subcommittee on rankings, discussing concern about the competitiveness created by the ranking put on transcripts. Looking at the way other schools do that. Final resolution delayed until 2025 when new system is implemented.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Bylaws
 - Working on different updates and proposals, should go out within next week or so. Will vote via survey to ensure 2/3 vote, giving us the opportunity to see proposals and really look at it and give feedback.
- Health and Wellness
 - Wellness Week is coming up, something this committee has helped work on along with Brittany's faculty and staff committee on Wellness, so engage as much as you can! There is a whole range of events.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. SBA ELECTIONS – RUN OFF ELECTIONS

- a. Ballot is currently out. A large number of us are graduating early so there's high turnover due to that. Have had a real sharp drop off in response to election. Only seven candidates total, only contested one is for president/vice president. Three positions for class reps will be filled. We will be opening up the process to have new petitions for run-off elections. We encourage everyone here to run if you like participating and being the voice of the school. If you aren't able to be here, think about who around you could fill

your role. All you need is fifteen signatures for petition. Not a real high bar to fulfill. Reach out to classmates and get on the ballot.

- b. Jen adds that those positions that aren't filled will remain vacant until fall elections. Won't be an appointment of positions, we're required to go through the election process. If students want to do a write-on, petition of signatures still applies. Run-off would not include current positions running.

b. BUILDING/LIBRARY HOURS FOR FINAL EXAM PERIOD

- a. Administration wants to know what students would prefer for building hours. Proposal is to cut hours back during final exams. Asking section reps to reach out to cohorts and respond by the 24th. If any objections, we need to know so it can be relayed.

c. UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Realities of Bar Exam Panel, primarily for 2Ls, during Capstone.
- b. Themis Bar Review, virtual opportunity for 3Ls, a rep will be there to answer any questions, Friday, March 24, 12pm.
- c. Professional Headshots, March 22, 3-5pm, Boardroom on campus.
 - i. Marquis asked about number of sign-ups since he's trying to coordinate for his own cohort. Jen says last time they were able to get through about 20 spread out over the 2 hour period.
- d. Barristers' Ball, March 25, 7:30-11:30, will be sending out reminders.
- e. Graduate Reception, June 1, 5-7pm CST, will be hy-flex.

d. REP REPORTS (2 MINS)

	Representative	Report
1L BAM Sec. 1	Madeline Hertaus	N/A
1L BAM Sec. 2	Parker Vegemast	N/A

1L BAM Sec. 3	Braxton Wheeler Thomas	Question from cohort: how could our section go about scheduling a movie night? Not sure if we need funding or how to put that together. Jen said that would typically be part of SBA budget, a little too late for that, but you can do that without approval if it's your own thing.
1L Blended Sec. 1	Anna Downing	Nothing new, did email Tom about cohort and running.
1L Blended Sec. 2	Erika Weisdorfer	N/A
1L Blended Sec. 3	Emma Burgher	N/A
2L BAM Rep	Rachel Bakke	Nothing to report.
2L Blended Sec. 1		
2L Blended Sec. 2	Marquis Hines	Nothing, all good.
2L Blended Sec. 3	Elliot Culp	Midst of capstone, all tired.
3L BAM Rep	Elizabeth Ogunkanbi	Nothing to report.
3L Blended Sec. 1		
3L Blended Sec. 2	Tori Collins	No complaints or questions. Involved in a few other orgs and not sure what the cause is but every org is having a tough time getting to people to run. Was barely able to get own signatures because people weren't responding in general. Tom notes campaigning is not the same thing as petitioning for those who don't know. Jen notes that this is a widespread problem.
3L Blended Sec. 3	Gretchen Stankewitz	N/A
4L BAM Rep		
4L Blended Rep	Clarissa Smith	Nothing from my cohort, reached out and will say we just want it to be over.

8. OPEN FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- a. Anna: had a lot of issues with petitioning last year/September. Something was wrong with the tech so I had to go back and all fifteen had to resubmit. Not sure if it would be possible to have a different way to document those signatures.

- i. Tom said there needs to be some kind of check on the procedure, but would encourage people who have questions to reach out to him. If there's no check on the integrity of the process, then what does it mean?
- b. Braxton: have had some trouble receiving feedback from cohort. I created a GroupMe since it's more informal and have been getting a bit more communication, but seems like a lot of what I say falls on deaf ears.
 - i. Jen says even if people aren't responding, they're reading through. Keep doing what you're doing, and it does make a difference. Also, following up on your email and saying what happened based on input will be more helpful for responses because they often don't realize they do have a voice.
 - ii. Rachel says sometimes it's just one-on-one conversations. She used to send out a lot of emails, but reaching out to individuals is what helped to get responses. Also helps because then people know who to go to with questions.
 - iii. Marquis said this will not change as a 2L rep, but it'll be the email you don't send out you get slack for. It's a thankless position, but you'll be fine.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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