

MITCHELL HAMLIN SCHOOL OF LAW
AUGUST 2023 SBA MEETING MINUTES
Start Time: 7:08 End Time: 7:56

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

	Representative	
President	Nicoli Johnson	P
Vice President	Elliot Culp	P
Treasurer	Rachel Bakke	EA
Secretary	Sophia Mazullo	P
At-Large	Braxton Wheeler Thomas	P
ABA	Rhonda Bryant	P
1L BAM Sec. 1		
1L BAM Sec. 2		
1L BAM Sec. 3		
1L Blended Sec. 1		
1L Blended Sec. 2		
1L Blended Sec. 3		
2L BAM Rep	Madeline Hertaus	P
2L Blended Sec. 1		
2L Blended Sec. 2	Erika Weisdorfer	EA
2L Blended Sec. 3	Craig Alderton	EA
3L Day Rep	Raya Esmaeili	UA
3L Blended Sec. 1	Kirsten Gorman Buscher	P
3L Blended Sec. 2		
3L Blended Sec. 3		
4L BAM Rep		
4L Blended Rep	Tori Collins	P
Judicial Council		

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- a. Sophia motions, Nikki seconds. Motion carries approving agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. N/A

5. OFFICER REPORTS

- President
 - Brittany Johnson has stepped down as staff liaison, Dean LeMoine will be taking her place.
 - Communication standards:
 - Over communicate! Most information will come through email, so please be checking and responsive.
 - Staff committees:
 - Competitions committee does not have a rep, will bring up again following Fall elections.
 - SBA committees:
 - Each member will serve on at least one committee, then reach out to affinity committees to ask for volunteers.
 - SBA Folder:
 - List of students in each section has been posted. Information about the Barrister's Ball and budgets for affinity groups have also been posted.
 - Staff and faculty meeting:
 - Currently police detail on campus, students are being asked to provide security by not propping door open and using front door only. This is a precaution, not in response to a specific action/threat towards MHSL.
- Vice President
 - Nothing to report.

- Treasurer
 - Rachel absent, Nikki reporting:
 - We have received most proposed budgets from affinity groups, all information is available on the SBA folder.
 - No means and ends committee yet, so exec board will be in charge of approving the budgets and working with Dean LeMoine to get the funds dispersed.
- Secretary
 - SBA Instagram account:
 - Sophia motions to create an account, Elliot seconds. All present members voted yes. Sophia and Braxton will work on starting the account, and will ask for help from other members with keeping the information up-to-date.
- At-Large Representative
 - Org fair:
 - Lots of turnout, affinity groups seemed happy with the way everything went. Braxton emailed the affinity groups about doing another one in the spring.
 - Online fair did not have as much traction, but students were appreciative that this was offered.
 - SBA table did a raffle, gave out a mug to the winner.
- ABA Representative
 - 1L week for ABA:

- Any 1L student who joins as a student member will be getting a few swag items – Rhonda to send an email out.
- Elections:
 - Rhonda spoke with Tom Bowen, who shared a folder with resources from past years. She is getting a timeline ready to be sent out by Tuesday. Elections will be held in Mid-September.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Bylaws – nothing to report yet.
 - We all need to go through the descriptions of the committees (in SBA folder) to see which we might be interested in joining. Elliot is happy to provide information, otherwise we will pull up info from last year.
- Ways and Means
- Culture and Diversity
- Health and Wellness
- Barrister’s Ball – Nikki, Sophia, Braxton, Kirsten
 - Information can be found on the Barrister’s Ball folder in SBA general folder.
 - Nikki has started compiling information for the event. Keep same DJ, drink tickets, \$50 a ticket, invite faculty and staff. Mentioned multiple possible locations – Omni Hotel, Marriot Hotel, Lumber Exchange.
 - Kirsten will reach out to ask St. Thomas to see if we could use an event space on their campus.
 - Thinking April 13th – blended will be in town at that time.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. REP REPORTS (2 MINS)

	Representative	Report
1L BAM Sec. 1		
1L BAM Sec. 2		
1L BAM Sec. 3		
1L Blended Sec. 1		
1L Blended Sec. 2		
1L Blended Sec. 3		
2L BAM Rep	Madeline Hertaus	So far so good. Students are concerned about parking situation. Night class students were not able to get parking passes, and with having to use the front door it has been hard to find parking and feel safe.
2L Blended Sec. 1		
2L Blended Sec. 2	Erika Weisdorfer	n/a
2L Blended Sec. 3	Craig Alderton	n/a
3L Day Rep	Raya Esmaili	n/a
3L Blended Sec. 1	Kirsten Gordon Buscher	Interest in creating an email template to send out to students. Content would be introducing section reps: who I am, what I can do, what to bring to my attention, etc. (Elliot will send out a basic template: think about hosting a quarterly in-person or online event). Section is at a point where there are some students graduating and some going into a 4 th year – send a reminder to change graduation date. Would be nice to see some consistency in how professors handle using canvas, as well as more classes available for blended students. Nikki – talked about sending a monthly email to our sections so that people are aware of what is going on. Tori: good for reps to include notices about registration.

3L Blended Sec. 2		
3L Blended Sec. 3		
4L BAM Rep		
4L Blended Rep	Tori Collins	Thanks to Nikki for sending out the student list. Tori happy to add the 4L BAM students to her emails (summaries of SBA meetings). “Senior list” of students could be added to the list as well. If no one is elected to 4L BAM rep position, Tori happy to stay as rep for this section. Some info lacking as to graduation and Bar Prep – info could be easy to send out – could we form a committee on bar prep? Rhonda – could we host an event for faculty to speak about Bar Prep? There is a faculty committee, but maybe would make sense to have more student involvement. Rhonda and Tori will touch base about reaching out to faculty.

8. OPEN FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- a. Sophia: starting today, attendance at these meetings is mandatory, and three absences will constitute a resignation. Please reach out to me Nikki if something comes up and you are unable to attend.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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