

**MITCHELL HAMLIN SCHOOL OF LAW  
OCTOBER 2023 SBA MEETING MINUTES**

**Start Time: 7:03 End Time: 8:14**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

	<b>Representative</b>	
<b>President</b>	Nicoli Johnson	P
<b>Vice President</b>	Elliot Culp	UA
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rachel Bakke	P
<b>Secretary</b>	Sophia Mazullo	P
<b>At-Large</b>	Braxton Wheeler Thomas	P
<b>ABA</b>	Rhonda Bryant	P
<b>1L BAM Sec. 1</b>	Sigrid Jewett	P
<b>1L BAM Sec. 2</b>	Aaron Roessler	UA
<b>1L BAM Sec. 3</b>	Alexander Moe	P
<b>1L Blended Sec. 1</b>	Wendy Jeter	P
<b>1L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Hannah Allhands	P
<b>1L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Day Woods	UA
<b>2L BAM Rep</b>	Madeline Hertaus	P
<b>2L Blended Sec. 1</b>	Laurence O'Donnell	P
<b>2L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Erika Weisdorfer	P
<b>2L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Craig Alderton	UA
<b>3L Day Rep</b>	Raya Esmaeili	P
<b>3L Blended Sec. 1</b>	Kirsten Gorman Buscher	P
<b>3L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Carinne Murphy	P
<b>3L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Evbu Osawaru	P
<b>4L BAM Rep</b>		
<b>4L Blended Rep</b>	Tori Collins	P
<b>Judicial Council</b>	Amber Miller	
	Jaycee Hass	
	Joseph Catron	

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

- a. Moved to the end of the meeting.

#### **5. OFFICER REPORTS**

- President
  - Recognition of the conflict in the Middle East and our role as the student body representatives. Please see our website for an official statement.
  - Bar prep committee vote
    - Background: this committee would provide students additional resources for BAR Prep. Professor Eilertson is into working with the SBA on creating this committee. Want students from all years – to provide feedback. Plans to reach out to academic excellence as well.
    - Tori motions, Rhonda Seconds.
    - Bar prep committee is created.
    - Tori Collins is the contact point for any questions or interest in being a part of this committee.
  - Met with IT to see what a Canvas book swap would look like – to promote equity in book prices. Sell, give away, trade books prior to the beginning of the semester.
  - Working with the other Minesota law schools to do a tri-school event in January for students, faculty, staff. Right now, it's looking like the event will benefit a charity through a donation drive and auction, with items like shadowing a judge.
    - Career services will assist in this event.
- Vice President

- Treasurer
  - Report on fall semester spending: ways and means will decide spring budgets soon.
  - The SBA has spent \$31,241.50 this semester.
    - Big ticket items this semester: student organizations funding, movie event.
    - In the Spring we will be budgeting for the Barrister's Ball, graduation, and giving more funding to student organizations.
- Secretary
  - Housekeeping items: welcoming our new representatives and explaining the flow of SBA meetings.
- At-Large Representative
  - Introduction and welcome to our new representatives. Braxton is the contact point for questions from new representatives and will work with section reps to provide communications for their sections.
- ABA Representative
  - Updates from ABA – please check your email!
  - Would like to visit section specific meetings to provide information about the ABA and the benefits of an American Bar Association membership.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Bylaws
  - Elliot absent.
- Ways and Means
  - First meeting will be in the Spring. More information to come!

- Culture and Diversity
  - Book swap and donations information
  - Discussed the best ways to work with affinity groups on communications surrounding the conflict in Israel and Palestine by making sure everyone has space to speak and be supported.
- Health and Wellness
  - Working with Dean LeMoine to keep faculty, staff, and students well.
  - Working on the Health and Wellness newsletter. Anyone who has ideas on topics for posts should contact Rhonda.
- Communication
  - The MHSL SBA Facebook page will be going through some changes. Wendy will be the contact person for anyone with posts for the page or interest in moderating the site.
- Barristers Ball
  - Toured a promising venue, waiting on specifics for pricing and timing.
- Alumni Relations
  - Nikki met with the rep from the board of trustees, reaching out to alums to see if anyone would be interested in being connected with students. Lexus reps are interested in talking about their resources to all students.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### a. REP REPORTS (2 MINS)

	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Report</b>
<b>1L BAM Sec. 1</b>	Sigrid Jewett	N/A
<b>1L BAM Sec. 2</b>	Aaron Roessler	N/A
<b>1L BAM Sec. 3</b>	Alex Moe	N/A
<b>1L Blended Sec. 1</b>	Wendy Jeter	N/A

<b>1L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Hannah Allhands	N/A
<b>1L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Day Woods	N/A
<b>2L BAM Rep</b>	Madeline Hertaus	Section meetings – thoughts on promoting more interest? Key thoughts: email out report from the meeting, consistent reaching out and hosting section meetings.
<b>2L Blended Sec. 1</b>	Laurence O'Donnell	N/A
<b>2L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Erika Weisdorfer	Things are going well – discord chat has been a positive way to connect with other students.
<b>2L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Craig Alderton	N/A
<b>3L Day Rep</b>	Raya Esmacili	Sent out an invitation to the Halloween movie event.
<b>3L Blended Sec. 1</b>	Kirsten Gorman Buscher	Not much movement on the clinic committee, but work is being done. Hosted a section get-together which went well.
<b>3L Blended Sec. 2</b>	Carinne Murphy	Held a meeting about the current events in the Middle East,
<b>3L Blended Sec. 3</b>	Evbu Osawaru	N/A
<b>4L BAM Rep</b>		
<b>4L Blended Rep</b>	Tori Collins	Things have been pretty quiet; everyone is preparing for graduation. Tori will continue as rep for both BAM and Blended until we receive campaign materials from students, or Braxton can take over as the rep for 4L BAM.

## 8. SWEARING IN OF NEW REPRESENTATIVES

- Representatives who still need to be sworn in: Aaron Roessler and Day Woods.

## 9. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Sophia motions, Raya seconds. Motion carries approving minutes.

## **10. OPEN FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)**

- Wendy asked about headshots for the student body. Career services provides headshots for one blended section each capstone period, but students are wondering whether this could be opened for more students. Laurence had the idea to pair up with the ABA – Rhonda to determine whether this is possible. More to come.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Rhonda motions, Alex seconds. Motion carries adjourning meeting.