

MITCHELL HAMLIN SCHOOL OF LAW
SEPTEMBER 2023 SBA MEETING MINUTES
Start Time: 7:05 End Time: 8:05

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

	Representative	
President	Nicoli Johnson	P
Vice President	Elliot Culp	EA
Treasurer	Rachel Bakke	P
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	UA
2L Blended Sec. 3	Craig Alderton	P
3L Day Rep	Raya Esmaili	P
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, Raya seconds. Motion carries approving agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

5. OFFICER REPORTS

- President
 - Committees
 - Some listed on bylaws, some on website
 - Assigned: Bylaws (Elliot chair), Elections (elliot chair), Health and Wellness (Rhonda), Alumni Relations (Braxton), Communications (Sophia)
 - Cultural and diversity committee: Met with Sharon and Dean Hilbert, requested a group with affinity members. Plan to meet monthly. Braxton is part of Diversity Committee – Rachel also to attend and bring notes from those meetings.
 - Motion to change the communications committee:
 - Bylaws say at large rep is meant to be chairperson, want to amend language so that President can appoint a chair.
 - Nikki motions, Rachel seconds
 - Bar Committee? Cannot be a standing committee, but could be ad hoc
 - Bar readiness committee – Tori motioned, Nikki seconded
- Vice President
 - Nikki reporting
 - Because of some sections not having candidates, new campaign material date will be September 22nd
 - Sections without reps: 4L BAM, 3L Blended sections 2 and 3
- Treasurer

- Budgets for organizations are in, waiting for one to get budget in, one waiting for approval
- Ways and means committee pending – let Rachel know if you want to join
- Secretary
 - Communications Committee made a decision about Instagram: we do not need a separate account; we will create flyers and material to send out to the MHSL Facebook and Instagram accounts for them to post.
 - Faculty committee report
 - Clerkship Committee is working on expanding student access to judges, practitioners, and other students who have completed internships. Be on the lookout for more information.
- At-Large Representative
 - Staying in touch with all reps – waiting until after elections to send out a large email (upcoming)
 - Alumni relations committee – reach out to Braxton if you want to be a part of this committee.
- ABA Representative
 - Working on Health and Wellness Committee (including Dean LeMoine , who is in charge of strategic plan of wellness goals, Liz Schneider, who is working on the wellness challenge, and Alicia Hennessey on faculty and staff wellness, wellness newsletter).
 - MH wellness FB page (Nikki has access – connected with an alumni who runs a community walk – maybe reach out to include our current students.)
 - Goal: connect with professor Hennessey to center wellness for all students, get input from students,

- Have popcorn, food, unplugging activities: use games we have in our SBA office to provide a break from the stress of classes during Capstone specifically.
- Some sub groups within the committee
- ABA has said students can earn up to 50% of credits online through distance learning. Dean LeMoine working on policies to support students
 - Raya: Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted to allow this to go live “immediately” starting spring semester

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Bylaws
- Ways and Means
- Culture and Diversity
- Health and Wellness
- Barrister’s Ball – start to meet with venues in the next few weeks, by next meeting we should have a spot lined up

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	Everything is going well so far for the section. 140 students in cohort, and many students are interested in a get together, wondering about funding. Nikki and Rachel to discuss

		whether SBA budget could cover one event per section.
2L Blended Sec. 1	Kirsten Buscher	Plans to send out an email after each general meeting. On clinic committee: discussing dissolution of this committee. Kirsten to report. Interested in Alumni Relations committee.
2L Blended Sec. 2	Erika Weisdorfer	N/A
2L Blended Sec. 3	Craig Alderton	Nothing big to report. Positive feedback from students about intro videos from SBA – Could reps be doing those each year?
3L Day Rep	Raya Esmaeili	Sent an intro email to the 3L BAM students. Put in info from docket, items students might miss. Student Academic Affairs committee heard student appeals over the summer (9 heard, 2 granted). Library hours were changed, over the weekend only open 9am-4pm. Nikki meeting with Deans to bring this issue up and try to resolve it so night students have more access.
3L Blended Sec. 1		
3L Blended Sec. 2		
3L Blended Sec. 3		
4L BAM Rep		
4L Blended Rep	Tori Collins	Not a ton of feedback from students yet. Currently the Rep for 4L BAM, Blended, and any other students graduating this year. Students needing more information about Themis bar prep. Met with Prof Eilertson to improve communications about Bar prep – even graduating in December students would have access to Bar specific tutoring. December graduates who aren't walking in Spring – is there anything the school can do to replace that event?

		Outcomes and assessments committee hasn't had much movement, but looking at what happened last year and making a plan. Nikki working on gift baskets for each student graduating (blanket and keychain)
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8. OPEN FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Nikki: Map out where students live, know where people plan on practicing so we can share bar information (applications and registration) and items from the docket.

Probationary procedures: want to be more transparent with the process.

Rhonda coordinating SBA office hours

Rhonda: creating a map of alumni – alumni relations committee

9. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Sophia motions, Raya seconds. Motion carries adjourning meeting.