



Albany Law School
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes

Date: September 20th, 2023

Room: 200

Time: 7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Welcome/Introduction
- b. Roll Call for Quorum: Set at 7:31pm
 - i. 22/24 Members Present
 1. Meg Tylenda
 2. Max Sevor
 3. Ashlyn Henrichs
 4. Natalie Turney
 5. Jonathan Stein
 6. Micheal Wood
 7. Julia James
 8. Jack Rainey
 9. Stephen Giorgianni
 10. Alex Hollocher
 11. Chloe Kangarlu
 12. Frank Pacella
 13. Azad Kurd (absent)
 14. Mitch Whittaker
 15. Katie Pedlow
 16. Colin Baker
 17. Mitch Spaulding
 18. Dean Kaknis
 19. Taylor Alimari
 20. Noah Jacobs
 21. Ben Jacobs
 22. Olivia Vecchio (absent)
 23. Madeleine Jones
 24. Veronica Esteves

II. STUDENT GROUP PRESENTATIONS

- a. Bill #015 Sports and Entertainment Law Forum (Re-Establish)
 - i. Have networking events and want to provide students with opportunities. Trying to get the club going again.

- b. Bill #012 First Generation Law Student Association (New Club)
 - i. Wants to open avenue for people in similar positions to create more resources and bring in students from diverse backgrounds who might be underrepresented. Different from NLSA because they are trying to bring in people who never had the resources to begin with, legal profession or otherwise. Want to emphasize networking events and will collaborate with other organizations in the school.

III. OPEN FORUM

- i. Rolling Budget Process
 - 1. Budget Bill #016
 - a. Criminal Law
 - i. Requesting additional funds for Jeopardy and Networking Events. Wants to address the jeopardy event in that it is not a GIM, but more of a social event. Just trying to cut down on costs given limited budget. Emphasizing how a similar event was funded and full, asking for equal treatment. With networking event, emphasizing importance of these types of events, trying to be frugal where they can.
 - b. Women's Rugby
 - i. Requesting more money for the Socials. Discussing how these events are akin to networking events. Teams go to public locations because of comfort for alumni and other guests. Looking to cut down costs, even cutting down this ask from the original requests. People have gotten jobs and similar things from meeting people on the other teams. There are about 30 people on the team, about half are law students. All students are welcome to attend, encouraging more students to come out to games. The pharmacy school students cannot contribute because the school does not recognize their participation as the team is designated as the Law School's.
 - c. SWell
 - i. MOTION TO TABLE – seconded
 - 1. Status: 20-0-0
 - 2. **PASSES**
 - ii. MOTION TO REVIST- seconded
 - 1. Status: 21-0-0
 - 2. **PASSES**
 - iii. Notes: holding GIM on Monday during lunch, good way to attract people to meeting. Excited about introducing the club and getting started. Requesting \$60.

2. Budget Bill #017

a. FPAC

- i. Appealing asking for reallocation of funding that was already received. Looking to move funding from the Cabaret to the dance barre and art supplies. This is because of the short time frame – no one wants to perform during finals in law school. Going to try to collaborate with groups for the Multicultural Cabaret. Six people want dance classes, eight people came to the last dance class, so they're looking for a larger barre. Less money would mean a smaller barre, and you want to have space between people on the barre. Would be difficult with the small barre. Want to expand art supplies because supplies cannot be shared between those nights and painting; would be dry supplies such as pencils and other instruments.

IV. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS; MOTION TO PHILANTHROPY FIRST, SECONDED, 21-0-0**

- a. FINANCE COMMITTEE- *Dean Taranto and Meg have signed off on checks, things are going well*
- b. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE- *working on date for first meeting*
- c. ETHICS COMMITTEE- *nothing to report, working on ethics bylaws*
- d. EVENTS COMMITTEE- *set up biweekly meetings and ideas are cooking*
- e. ELECTION COMMITTEE- *nothing to report*
- f. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE- *biweekly meetings and working on adjusting and revamping all aspects of bylaws*
- g. TRANSITION COMMITTEE – *nothing to report*
- h. PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE- *working on date for first meeting.*
- i. ALUMNI COMMITTEE- *biweekly meetings established*

V. **SENATE REPORTS**

a. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- i. President Max Sevor – *report to be given in executive session and notes alumni weekend is next weekend, discussion of raising student activity fee and how that works; **MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 21-0-0 ; MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 21-0-0.***
- ii. Vice President Noah Jacobs – *nothing to report*
- iii. Treasurer Meg Tylenda – *out of 70k allocated, we still have allocations from resolution #001 where the funding requests are coming from*
- iv. Secretary Ashlyn Henrichs– *nothing to report*

b. SENATE REPORTS

- i. *Third Year President- Natalie Turney- 127 people signed up for the mentorship program, will be finalizing mixer for this as well*
- ii. *Second Year President- Jonathan Stein – gameplan for barristers, scarristers signups and décor options, specifically with barristers which is secret garden themed and venue will cater food and everything and the décor will be awesome and the venue is super hands on with 4-5 bars. Cost is very similar to last year.*
- iii. *First Year President- Frank Pacella – nothing to report*
- iv. *ABA Senator- Mitchell Spaulding – nothing to report*
 - v. *ACBA Senator- Colin Baker – nothing to report*
 - vi. *Diversity Senator- Azad Kurd – nothing to report*
 - vii. *NYSBA Senator- Mitchell Whittaker – nothing to report*
 - viii. *Spring Start Senator- Olivia Vecchio - nothing to report*

c. FACULTY REPORTS

- i. Dean Taranto – *nothing to report*

VI. *EXECUTIVE SESSION* MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 20-1-0

a. ROLLING BUDGET VOTE

1. Budget Bill #016 **MOTION TO SEPARATE QUESTION AND VOTE ON EACH SEPERATELY, SECONDED, 21-0-0.**

a. Criminal Law

- i. Motion: to fully fund the requested appeal
- ii. Status: seconded, **PASSES**, 15-4-1
- iii. Reasoning: funded federalist society in full so jeopardy should be funded in full

b. Women's Rugby

- i. Motion: to fund Oswego at 100 and rangers at 150 amended to **50 Oswego and 75 barracks**
- ii. Status: seconded, **PASSES**, 14-4-2
- iii. Reasoning: not a ton of students on the team, want more proof of how many is being spent

c. SWell

- i. Motion: to fund in full
- ii. Status: seconded, **PASSES**, 20-0-0
- iii. Reasoning: -

2. Budget Bill #017

a. FPAC

- i. Motion: to fund in full the reallocation of the funds
- ii. Status: seconded, **PASSES**, 18-1-0
- iii. Reasoning: -

b. CLUB VOTES

- i. Bill #015: Reestablishing Sports and Entertainment Law Forum
 1. Motion: to approve the club
 2. Status: seconded, **PASSES**, 21-0-0
 3. Reasoning: -

c. **OLD BUSINESS**

- i. Bill #012: First Generation Law Students Association
 1. Motion: to approve the club
 2. Status: seconded, **PASSES**, 18-1-1
 3. Reasoning: -

d. **MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA AND ADD NEW BUSINESS (BARRISTERS VENUE), SECONDED, 21-0-0**

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, PASSES, 20-0-0

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. What the constitution means to me has discounted tickets for Albany Law Students.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **MOTION TO RECESS TO REVIEW BARRISTERS CONTRACT UNTIL, SECONDED, PASSES, 14-5-1 reconvene at 9:37**
- b. Barristers Venue
 - i. Motion: to table and have electronic voting regarding the contract after a reasonable amount of time for review
 - ii. Status: seconded, **PASSES**, 21-0-0
 - iii. Reasoning: bylaws say we can do this over electronic voting, SBA must approve contracts

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. The next SBA meeting is scheduled for October 4th, 2023, at 7:30 PM in Room 200.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED, PASSES 20-0-0