



Albany Law School
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes

Date: October 4th, 2023

Room: 200

Time: 7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. OPEN FORUM

- a. Nothing Reported.

III. BYLAWS

- a. Hockey Bylaw Bill #019
 - i. The requested change is that there is a recruitment chair position added to the board.

IV. ROLLING BUDGET

- a. Budget Bill # 020
 - i. First Generation Law Students
 - 1. Funding is requested for a GIM, hoping for a big turnout as the club has been speaking with the Career and Development center. Money will be used to buy snacks and drinks for this.
 - ii. Sports and Entertainment Law Forum
 - 1. Funding is requested for a GIM, for a couple pizzas for meeting Monday.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE- *quick report, meeting last week and good ideas coming out of it- food pantry raffle and a Thanksgiving food drive as well as a service event with 2Ls and Trick or Treat Street.*
- b. FINANCE COMMITTEE- *nothing to report.*
- c. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE- *first meeting and the #1 looking at is the pizza event and scheduling that, additionally looking at things such as a symposium next semester about how culture has affected law school experience. Corkboard idea in the foyer to pinpoint where they are from on a map.*
- d. ETHICS COMMITTEE- *nothing to report.*
- e. EVENTS COMMITTEE- *looking at potluck and working on that, had to reschedule meeting, and looking into other events.*
- f. ELECTION COMMITTEE- *nothing to report.*
- g. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE- *had second meeting and brought forth the hockey bylaws, next meeting shifting focus from specific organizations to overall.*
- h. TRANSITION COMMITTEE – *nothing to report.*
- i. ALUMNI COMMITTEE- *meeting went great, big event looking at is bringing in alumni not based in the Albany area to get networking connections to other areas.*

VI. SENATE REPORTS

- a. EXECUTIVE BOARD
 - i. President Max Sevor – *Oct. 25th at noon, there will be a townhall to discuss with student body so mark calendars for this re: student activity fee(room TBD) and also wants to thank everyone who came out to alumni weekend.*
 - ii. Vice President Noah Jacobs – *nothing to report.*
 - iii. Treasurer Meg Tylenda – *reimbursed just short of 5k of clubs that have requested it, general trend is requesting less money than was allocated.*
 - iv. Secretary Ashlyn Henrichs– *just make sure you are turning in items for the agenda by midnight the Sunday before the Wednesday meeting.*
- b. SENATE REPORTS
 - i. Third Year President Natalie Turney- *tentative mixer for mentors is for scheduled for October 20th and the class gift is being worked on- centered around revamping the study rooms in the library, and also looking into a fundraiser as well as moving forward in planning for Farewell Party. The*

- 3L class cruise will not be happening, pricing was a problem and was because the deposit was not able to gathered.*
- ii. Second Year President Jonathan Stein – *MUAHAHAHAHA scarristers- that's the first thing- please sign up and register for this and also very recently got a competitive offer and wanted to open discussion about the venues and a larger sounding board would be helpful.*
 - iii. First Year President Frank Pacella – *1L class is contributing funds for the dog therapy event hosted by 2Ls, polled 1Ls and want to have pre finals food, and maybe a professional development event, and 1L check in is Monday.*
 - iv. ABA Senator Mitchell Spaulding – *nothing to report.*
 - v. ACBA Senator Colin Baker – *Since the email blast, over 15 students have signed up for the ACBA! Great news. In the works to plan an event, but nothing concrete yet so I will follow up next SBA meeting. Looking to collab with BLSA/Bell Collective with their November reception/networking event to get ACBA members there as part of the networking event.*
 - vi. Diversity Senator Azad Kurd – *same thing as diversity committee report, but also the disabled lawyers coalition is seeking to tweak accommodations by the school to be more inclusive and DEI is planning n hosting biweekly processing tables.*
 - vii. NYSBA Senator Mitchell Whittaker – *nothing to report.*
 - viii. Spring Start Senator Olivia Vecchio – *survey of spring starts and is compiling feedback to take to Dean Taranto.*

c. FACULTY REPORTS

- i. Dean Taranto – *thanks everyone who participated in alumni weekend, potential for student activity fee- in conjunction with what Max is sending out there will be a poll on concerns to take to the trustees so please fill that out, next week is mental health awareness week and very excited about student orgs and classes that wanted to participate- it is so great to see everyone collaborating, the food pantry is almost ready to be open, and also wants to mention that faculty committee assignments were sent in, so if you have not heard back then reach out to Dean Taranto. Additionally, there will be an international students event as they need some additional support with VISA process, if anyone has ideas for the panel event or things to include please reach out.*
- ii.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, PASSES 17-0-0

VII. *EXECUTIVE SESSION*

a. **BYLAWS**

- i. Hockey Bylaw Bill #019
 1. Motion: to approve
 2. Status: **PASSES**, 14-0-1
 3. Reasoning: -

b. **ROLLING BUDGET**

- i. Budget Bill # 020
 1. Motion: to approve in full
 2. Status: **PASSES**, 15-0-0
 3. Reasoning: -

c. **BARRISTERS VENUE DISCUSSION**

- i. Bill #021 to be added to agenda, seconded, 15-0-0
 1. Bill #021 re: Barristers Venue
- ii. There is ample time to consider both but would like to get this done sooner rather than later in terms of venue choice. Pros and cons about both, would just like to discuss and have both approved moving forward so the decision can be easily made either way.
- iii. **MOTION FOR BILL #021**
 1. Motion: to amend to give the 2L senate discretion to choose the venue and approve both contracts through senate
 - a. Status: **PASSES**, 16-1-0
 - b. Reasoning: to give discretion, should be able to decide on this soon
 2. **Motion: to table for consideration, indefinitely**
 - a. Status: **PASSES**, 17-0-0
 - b. Reasoning: gives time to decide on this

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 17-0-0

VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Mental Health Week is next week! Encourages attendance at the events being hosted.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Apparently there used to be tampons given out in the school in the bathrooms and asked to be brought attention to SBA.
 - i. Dean Taranto to bring attention to this to get them restocked.

X. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- a. The next SBA meeting is scheduled for October 18th, 2023, at 7:30 PM in Room 200.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED, PASSES 17-0-0