



Albany Law School
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes

Date: February 14th, 2024

Room: 200

Time: 7:30 PM



Happy Valentine's Day



I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Welcome/Introduction
- b. Roll Call for Quorum: Set at #19
 - i. -/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 **ABSENT**
 10. Alice Hollocher
 11. Chloe Kangarlu **ABSENT**
 12. Mitch Whittaker
 13. Mitch Spaulding
 14. Dean Kaknis
 15. Taylor Alimari
 16. Noah Jacobs
 17. Ben Jacobs
 18. Olivia Vecchio
 19. Madeleine Jones
 20. Veronica Esteves
 21. Erin Pepe
 22. Matthew Abdelmalek
 23. TBD
 24. TBD

II. OPEN FORUM

- a. None Scheduled.

III. BYLAWS & BILLS

- a. Budget Bills/ Reconsiderations-
 - i. **Bill #046:** This bill reflects the request for additional funds by Albany Law Gaming & Events (“ALGAE”) for Weekly Game Nights.
 - ii. **Bill #047:** This bill reflects the request for reallocated funds by the First Generation Law Students from the First Generation Lawyers Panel to the 2L Registration Preview.
 - iii. **Bill #048:** This bill reflects the request for additional funds by the Diversity Committee for the 16th Annual Multicultural Cabaret.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE- *nothing to report.*
- b. FINANCE COMMITTEE- *will be meeting shortly.*
- c. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE- *elected interim chair Nicole Tang, new members were added to the committee as well.*
- d. ETHICS COMMITTEE- *nothing to report.*
- e. EVENTS COMMITTEE- *nothing to report.*
- f. ELECTION COMMITTEE- *two elections currently going- start tomorrow, so vote!*
- g. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE- *nothing to report.*
- h. TRANSITION COMMITTEE – *nothing to report.*
- i. ALUMNI COMMITTEE- *not meeting bi-weekly, but instead with alumni office and working with them.*

V. SENATE REPORTS

- a. EXECUTIVE BOARD
 - i. President Max Sevor – *middle states will be coming around early March for recertification of the law school. If they talk to you, please talk to them.*
 - ii. Vice President Noah Jacobs – *talk to people in positions you would like to run for!*
 - iii. Treasurer Meg Tylanda – *reimbursements are coming in and clubs are starting to spend money.*
 - iv. Secretary Ashlyn Henrichs– *nothing to report.*
- b. SENATE REPORTS
 - i. Third Year President Natalie Turney- *farewell party on May 16th, in process of registration page and look at the commencement page for information regarding that. Mentorship mixer for March 6th- look out for those emails- spring starts will be included.*
 - ii. Second Year President Jonathan Stein – *Barristers Venue has been released, John Collins has bought a ticket- please join the raffle.*
 - iii. First Year President Jack Rainey – *presenting and bringing to agenda Bill #049: Approval of Emack and Bolio’s contract for services on May 2, 2024.*
 - iv. ABA Senator Mitchell Spaulding – *nothing to report.*

- v. ACBA Senator **TBD** – *nothing to report.*
- vi. Diversity Senator **TBD** – *nothing to report.*
- vii. NYSBA Senator Mitchell Whittaker – *nothing to report.*
- viii. Spring Start Senator Olivia Vecchio – *spoke with the spring starts- there was thoughts and suggestions- standing desks in the library, spring starts are at a disadvantage and the school should be more transparent with this or have a packet addressing this.*

c. **FACULTY REPORTS**

- i. Dean Taranto – *to Olivia’s points- working on making orientation her own and is working on providing sections on working on reading/ briefing cases. Trying to incorporate spring starts more into the upcoming/ full class they are a part of. She would love to hear any more suggestions about orientation. Law school survey coming out- please fill out. Dean’s dine and chat office hours, encourages attendance.*

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 15-2-0, PASSES

VI. *EXECUTIVE SESSION*

a. **BYLAWS AND BILL**

- i. Budget Bills/ Reconsiderations-
 - 1. **Bill #046:** This bill reflects the request for additional funds by Albany Law Gaming & Events (“ALGAE”) for Weekly Game Nights.
 - a. **Motion: \$175 additional funding for the semester**
 - b. **Status: seconded, 18-0-0, PASSES**
 - c. **Reasoning:** give 200 more for the semester, so up a little but not full funding (\$35 per meeting for snacks and for just 11 people, that is too much), moving to \$175
 - 2. **Bill #047:** This bill reflects the request for reallocated funds by the First Generation Law Students from the First Generation Lawyers Panel to the 2L Registration Preview.
 - a. **Motion: yes, reallocate**
 - b. **Status: seconded, 17-1-0, PASSES**
 - c. **Reasoning: -**
 - 3. **Bill #048:** This bill reflects the request for additional funds by the Diversity Committee for the 16th Annual Multicultural Cabaret.
 - a. **Motion: approve bill as is but minus \$30 for ILS**
 - b. **Status: seconded, 13-2-0, PASSES**
 - c. **Reasoning:** should reallocate money but see what the money is going for (\$50 for fruit for sangria that was said to not be needed by the previous senator), it should be funded in full due to the nature of the event, and should promote diversity events.

4. **Bill #049:** Approval of Emack and Bolio's contract for services on May 2, 2024.
 - a. **Motion: to approve pending tax**
 - b. **Status: seconded, 14-1-0, PASSES**
 - c. **Reasoning: -**

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 18-0-0, PASSES

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Please check the SBA website.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. The next regular SBA meeting will be held on February 28th at 7:30 PM in Room 200.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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