Albany Law School
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes

Date: October 7th, 2026

Room: 425

Time: 7:15 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

a. Welcome/Introduction
b. Roll Call for Quorum: Set at 18
   i. -/28 Members Present
      1. **Executive President – Andrea Olano PRESENT**
      2. **Executive Vice President – Nicaya-Isabella Rios EXCUSED**
      3. **Executive Treasurer – Isadore Mero PRESENT**
      4. **Executive Secretary – Kevin A. Titus PRESENT**
      5. **3L President – Kara Walker PRESENT**
      6. **3L Senator – Bryant Caizachana PRESENT**
      7. **3L Senator – Amanda Devlin PRESENT**
      8. **3L Senator – Veronica Nankervis-Werner PRESENT**
      9. **3L Senator – Natalia Karame PRESENT**
      10. **3L JD Flex Senator- Joshua Kranz CLASS**
      11. **2L President – Frederick Anson PRESENT**
      12. **2L Senator – Jeremy Joseph EXCUSED**
      13. **2L Senator – Francesca Gaetano CLASS**
      14. **2L Senator – Luke Pascarella CLASS**
      15. **2L Senator – Allie Hilderbrand PRESENT**
      16. **2L JD Flex Senator – Lawrence Hazel-Mullen CLASS**
      17. **1L President –Safiyyah A. Savage PRESENT**
      18. **1L Senator – Ira Dixit PRESENT**
      19. **1L Senator – Joseph Sanford PRESENT**
      20. **1L Senator – Mia Xu EXCUSED**
      21. **1L Senator – Ty Hayes PRESENT**
      22. **1L JD Flex Senator –Katelynn Melcher CLASS**
      23. **ABA Senator – Paige Callister PRESENT**
      24. **NYSBA Senator – Dhwani Patel PRESENT**
      25. **ACBA Senator – William Melvin PRESENT**
      26. **Diversity Senator – Jerusa Dhungana EXCUSED**
      27. **Spring Start Senator – Christopher Castor PRESENT**
      28. **Graduate-Et-Al Senator – Mattea Kallner PRESENT**

II. OPEN FORUM

a. **NLSA Budget Appeal**
   i. Jennifer: We want to appeal our first event at the Old English Pub on Oct. 21st. We want to reduce our original request for this event to $300 to be cognizant of other clubs.
b. **Immigration Law Budget Appeal**
   i. Jhoselyn: I was able to call Albany Central Gallery; based on the information we got from our call we want to adjust our budget request for

a total request of $1250. As a top Government Law School and to look towards other law schools that do similar programs, we believe students can benefit from learning from marginalized communities and encouraging a focus on immigration advocacy.
    ii. Kara: Why does the organization need frames for the artwork? Jhoselyn: We just want to make sure incase they are not able to because these are typically non-profit organizations.
    iii. Veronica: What is the attendance expectation? Jhoselyn: We are expecting around 50 people and there is a lot of interest.
c. **ALGAE Budget Appeal**
    i. Kevin: Requesting more funding for Halloween Extravaganza.
d. **3L Senate Budget Appeal**
    i. Kara: We are requesting funding for the Ice Cream Social and the Farewell Party. The Ice Cream Social is for all students; the funding for the Farewell Party is needed to secure a venue.
    ii. Veronica: Is there a preference. Kara: The preference is to fund the Farewell Party.
    iii. Safiyyah: Does it have to be Ben & Jerry's? Kara: The person will come with the utensils and clean up themselves so it's a good deal for the service.
    iv. Paige: Are there guest limits? Kara: Usually there is but if someone does not use all of their tickets those tickets are available.
    v. Natalia: Can we sell unused tickets to SBA to support extra guests? Dean Taranto: The fair way to do this is if a attendee cannot bring 2 guests they tell the 3L Senate and then those tickets can be used.
e. **PAD Budget Appeal**
    i. Isadore: PAD is requesting $141 for the Candygram event.
f. **Albany Law Gaming & Events Bylaws Update**
    i. Kevin: Request to recognize newly added positions in e-board.
g. **Cardozo Re-allocation of approved funds for Halloween Game Night**
    i. Kevin: Cardozo wishes to move some of their allocated funds to ALGAE for their game night.
h. **Approve Budget Meeting Minutes**
i. **Approve 9.23 SBA Meeting Minutes**

III. BYLAWS & BILLS

a. **Bill 168**
b. **Bill 169**
c. **Bill 170**
d. **Bill 171**
e. **Bill 172**
f. **Bill 173**
g. **Bill 174**

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE -Nicaya: We are meeting next week.
b. FINANCE COMMITTEE- Isadore:
    i. Total amount refunded by Finance Committee as of 10/1/26: $10,001.37
    ii. Remaining "cushion" for allocation re: budget appeals tonight: $2,663

iii. (Originally $4,081 of "cushion" as voted on 9/13 budget meeting; however, outstanding Men's Rugby refunds from Spring '26 subtracted 1,050; Yearbook Committee fund allocation subtracted another $368)
iv. **Reminders:**
v. SBA does not refund sales tax. If clubs do not want to eat taxes, get a tax-exempt form from the Business Office. If a vendor does not accept tax exemption forms and your club does not want to eat taxes, consider alternative vendors.
vi. If clubs want items bought through the school's Amazon account, email Julie Pierce and myself with the link to the item and the quantity you want them bought in. The Executive Treasurer must sign off on all Amazon purchases (by checking them against the budget!) before Julie can purchase them. Please try to get them in at least 10 days before your event so Julie has time to order them, and they have time to be shipped and delivered. Julie will let you know via email once they're here.
vii. Please try to refrain from submitting receipts as HEIC files. Windows computers cannot open them, and having to convert them to another file type so that the Finance Committee can open them is just something that slows the process a bit.
viii. The Finance Committee meets Thursdays at 5:30pm; anything submitted after that time during the week will be left until the next Finance Committee meeting.

c. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE- Jerusa: Kara: LALSA had their first gala and it was a success and very well attended. Tomorrow is the org fest in the gym from 6-8.
d. ETHICS COMMITTEE- Nicaya:
e. EVENTS COMMITTEE-Veronica: Spoke with Professor Bonventre about Justice Jackson event.
f. ELECTION COMMITTEE- Amanda:
g. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE- Frederick: We approved the ALGAE Bylaw amendment tonight.
h. TRANSITION COMMITTEE – Kevin:
i. ALUMNI COMMITTEE-Kara & Mattea:
j. SAFETY COMMITTEE- Nicaya: We are meeting next week.
k. YEARBOOK COMMITTEE-Ira: We had a good meeting. Next meeting will be soon.

V. SENATE REPORTS

a. EXECUTIVE BOARD
   i. President Andrea Olano– *Clubs and Organizations should not be emailing the entire student body. There will be a process for such situations. An email will be sent out in this regard.*
   ii. Vice President Nicaya-Isabella Rios – *We had students ask the 2L Board to reconsider the use of Ouija board during Scarristers for personal and religious reasons.*
   iii. Secretary Kevin A. Titus –

b. SENATE REPORTS
   i. Third Year President Kara Walker – The Bar event with Professor Bollana was a success.
   ii. Second Year President Frederick Anson – Please sign up for Scarristers sign-ups.
   iii. First Year President Safiyyah A. Savage – Dealing with exams but

meeting went well; we checked in with everyone to see how everyone was doing.

iv. Flex-JD Report Joshua& Lawrence& Katelynn–
v. ABA Senator Paige Callister – Webinar on Oct. 9 for mental health by ABA.
vi. ACBA Senator William Melvin – Join ACBA.
vii. NYSBA Senator Dhwani Patel – Join NYSBA.
viii. Spring Start Senator Christopher Castor –

c. FACULTY REPORTS
   i. Dean Taranto – There has been some concerns about professionalism during events at the foyer. I strongly encourage students to dress professionally during professional events and make the best impression.

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

VI. *EXECUTIVE SESSION*

a. **BYLAWS AND BILLS**

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iii. **Bill #0168 Immigration Law Society Budget Appeal**
   1. **Purpose: This bill provides the Immigration Law Society with funding for the Art Show event.**
   2. **Motion: Fund the event**
   3. **Status: 2-15-2 REJECTED**
   4. **Reasoning:**

ii. **Bill #0169 3L Senate Budget Appeal and Additional Funding Request**
   1. **Purpose: This bill provides the 3L Senate with funding for the Ice Cream Social and additional funding for the Farewell Party.**
   2. **Motion: Fund these events**
   3. **Status: 3-10-7 REJECTED**
   4. **Reasoning:**

iii. **Bill #0170 ALGAE Additional Funding Request**
   1. **Purpose: This bill provides ALGAE with additional funding for the Thanksgiving Extravaganza event.**
   2. **Motion: Omnibus with #0170, #0173, and #0174; No funding**
   3. **Status: 15-0-3 PASSED**
   4. **Reasoning:**

iv. **Bill #0171 Non-Traditional Law Student Association Budget Appeal**
   1. **Purpose: This bill provides NLSA with funding for the Meet and Mingle #1 event.**
   2. **Motion: Fund event.**
   3. **Status:4-12-2 REJECTED**
   4. **Reasoning:**

v. **Bill #0172 Phi Alpha Delta Budget Appeal**
   1. **Purpose: This bill provides PAD with funding for the Holiday Candygrams event.**
   2. **Motion: Fund event in full $141.00**

3. **Status:15-1-2 PASSED**
4. **Reasoning:**

vi. **Bill #0173 Albany Law Gaming & Events Bylaws Amendment**
1. **Purpose: This bill approves the amending of ALGAE bylaws to include new e-board positions.**
2. **Motion: Omnibus with #0170, #0173, and #0174; Approve By-law amendment**
3. **Status: 15-0-3 PASSED**
4. **Reasoning:**

vii. **Bill #0174 Cardozo Re-allocation Bill Halloween Game Night**
1. **Purpose: This bill approves the re-allocation of funds for the club fair ($140) and the GIM ($80) for a total of $240 towards the ALGAE Chess Club Cardozo Halloween Game Night on October 29th 2026.**
2. **Motion: Omnibus with #0170, #0173, and #0174; Yes to reallocation request**
3. **Status: 15-0-3 PASSED**
4. **Reasoning:**

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 15-0-0, PASSES

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elizabeth: the ALGAE Halloween event will be having an escape room on October 29th.

Isadore: OutLAW is doing tabling next Monday Oct. 12.

Kara: 3L Senate is planning a networking event. 3Ls please be on the lookout for commencement email. November 5th to December 15th is the period when ordering regalia is free, afterwards there is a cost.

Andrea: Scarristers is October 23rd.

Frederick: Ouija board will be removed from Scarristers event.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

a. The next SBA meeting will be at October 21th at 7:15pm in room 425.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED, 15-0-0, PASSES