

LSU Law Student Bar Association
Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 2nd, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
Room 303



1. Call to Order: 7:01 PM by Kenneth Barnes
2. Roll Call
 - a. Members Present
 1. Kenneth Barnes—Executive President
 2. Neal Favorite—Executive Vice President
 3. ReAzalia Allen—Executive Secretary
 4. Anne Kathryn Hunter—Executive Treasurer
 5. J. Andrew Bevinetto—Executive Director of Programming
 6. Mary Allen—3L Class President
 7. Eriel Robinson—3L Vice President
 8. Stephanie Frederick—3L Class Secretary
 9. Ahmed Mohamed—3L Class Representative
 10. Carmen Liriano—3L Class Representative
 11. Etienne Rene—2L President
 12. Hannah Grantham—2L Vice President
 13. Clare Sanchez—2L Class Secretary
 14. Adam Boyer—2L Class Representative
 15. Catherine Cranfield—2L Class Representative
 16. Caitlin Cline—1L President
 17. Caleb Huval—1L Vice President
 18. Ned Sonnier—Section 1 Representative
 19. Alexandra Zaunbrecher—Section 2 Representative
 20. Quinn Brown—Section 3 Representative
 21. Anouk-Gue`roult-Bellone—LLM Representative
 - b. Members Absent
 - i. J. Andrew Bevinetto
 - ii. Hannah Grantham
 - iii. Caitlin Cline
 - iv. Anouk-Gue`roult-Bellone
 - c. Quorum was established.
3. Public Input
4. Reading, Correction, and Adoption of the Minutes
 - a. Adoption of emails to meeting minutes
 - i. There is an addition to the minutes, the emails that were in discussion were some what like a meeting. We have to give notice before we have the meeting. Kenneth Barnes moves. These emails includes the
 - ii. Motion to add the emails from February 25, 2015 to last week's meeting minutes.
 1. Motion by Adam Boyer
 2. Second by Clare Sanchez
 3. No opposition, motion passes.
 - iii. Change resend to rescind.
 - iv. Mary Landrieu to Nancy Landry

- b. Motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2015
 - i. Motion by Clare Sanchez
 - ii. Second by Etienne Rene
 - iii. No opposition, Minutes are adopted.
- 5. Student Org Proposal
 - a. Mental Health Awareness & Wellness Organization.
 - i. Bret Sparks proposed this idea. He meets the status of having a faculty advisor, Professor Thomas and there are also eight members. The organization will be bringing different therapeutic sessions. Mr. Sparks has planned for someone from the Lawyer's Assistance Program of the Louisiana Bar to talk about the Bar Exam and other things
 - ii. Motion to grant this organization provisional status.
 - 1. Motion by Caleb Huval
 - 2. Second by Ahmed Mohamed
 - 3. No opposition, motion passes.
- 6. Funding Requests
 - a. The Torts Society
 - i. This will be the second meeting of the semester. The president, David Teter, was at the Counsel of Students Organization Meeting. This meeting will be held on March 15, 2015. There will be a guest speaker, Luke Williamson speaking on Personal Injury and War Stories. They have requested \$70.00. They anticipate about 50 people. They are requesting funding for \$70.00 dollars. The funding chart allows up to \$121.00. Kenneth Barnes stated that the organization is asking for \$70.00 and that maybe they have something already planned which would be cheaper. Kenneth Barnes states that the members may choose what they would like to allot. Neal suggested that we fund them up to \$111.25. Quinn Brown asked why
 - ii. Motion to expend up to \$111.25
 - 1. Motion by Ned Sonnier
 - 2. No second
 - 3. Motion dies
 - iii. Motion to table this topic until the next meeting
 - 1. Motion by Mary Allen
 - 2. Second by Adam Boyer
 - 3. No opposition, motion passes.
 - iv. Kris Thompson sent another funding request for \$111.25. The amount of \$70.00 was a reference to what they asked for their first meeting which they are waiting for reimbursement from Ms. Myriam
 - v. Motion to expend up to \$111.25 from inside account
 - 1. Motion by Clare Sanchez
 - 2. Second by Ahmed Mohamed
 - 3. No opposition, motion passes.
- 7. Committee Reports
 - a. ABA Student Representative
 - i. None.
 - b. Academics Committee
 - i. None
 - c. Athletics Committee
 - i. SBA Golf Tournament
 - 1. This event is still on track.
 - ii. Field Day
 - 1. This event is still on track.
 - iii. Race Judicata
 - 1. This event is still on track.

2. Clare asked whether there would be a staggered or pistol start. Kimberly
- iv. Mango's Volleyball
 1. The amount is \$324.00 with our discount. There was a profit made on this event. There will not be a discount. Kenneth Barnes asked are we opening this up to undergraduates or will it be a law school exclusive event. Mary Allen asked is there a Pre-Law Society, Kenneth Barnes stated that there is one and they are having a meeting here at the law center in the coming week. Everyone was in agreements with opening up the even to the members of the Pre-Law Society. Dominique asked if we had any contact with members in the MBA. Anne Kathryn stated that she has a contact for the MBA.
 2. The event is on April 3, 2015. The money is due by April 3, 2015. Etienne stated that this was an Easter Break. Dominique stated that the following week of April 10, 2015 would have to be the date.
 3. Kenneth Barnes asked was there any one opposed to signing the contract. There was none. At the next meeting we will be voting on the contract.
 - v. BasketBall
 1. This is in conjunction with PILS and Southern Law Center. Southern is not willing to compromise. They are stating that the even has to be on March 19, 2015 which is the same day as Res Judicata. If there is no compromise this will not happen.
 - vi. Soft Ball
 1. Softball is back on the table. It was voted off, however, there has been interest. The Athletics Committee Meeting is next week.
- d. Elections Committee
 - i. Quincy Mouton made a request that anyone who would like to speak to potential candidates come to the informational meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.
 - ii. Kenneth Barnes asked if we see a Constitutional Revision that needs to be made. Clare Sanchez stated that we are too close and that there wasn't a rush to do anything.
 - e. Ethics Committee
 - i. Many complaints about the student speech. There is nothing in the Student Code of Conduct to address these violations, however, this goes directly to the Chancellor. Jared Schick asked was anyone on the SBA interested in adding to the Student Code of Conduct a "Respect Other Students Clause," so that the Ethics Committee can hear these complaints. Kenneth Barnes asked what is the procedure that we need to follow to add this to the Ethics Code. Jarred Schick stated that he thinks it is another amendment. Kenneth Barnes stated that he would look into the procedure. Mary Allen, stated what is the purpose of having a Constitutional Scholar to research these issues? Kenneth Barnes stated that he really doesn't know this person's job. Mary Allen stated that this is great idea, but punishing people for speech is the underlying issue because of the First Amendment. She states that she was waiting for the scholar to come back to us. Kenneth Barnes stated that speech can be limited to fighting words, however, it has to be in that context. Jarred Schick researched that other schools has this Respect Other Students Clause in their Code of Conduct. It is just to determine if there is probable cause. It is not just if you said something, that one would have to get sanctions. Kenneth Barnes stated that some professor are inclined to this. Kenneth Barnes asked Jarred Schick to bring in further research on the topic and at the next meeting that we will be able to view the research.
 - ii. There was a complaint with the 1L class. If there is any back signing or cheating, do not discourage people to file a complaint. He states that it is better to investigate these issues.

- iii. He looked over the revoking of the refunding of the trip for the Counsel of Student Body Presidents. He looked up the Roberts Rule of Order on Revocation. You can revoke any action except for certain circumstances when something can't be undone. Jarred Schick decided that you have to count the refundable ticket as a part of the whole, and it is a part of the whole action, which this can't be undone. They decided that the action was unconstitutional because of the ticket being purchased. It is also \$200.00 for a transfer according to Vice Chancellor Smith.
- iv. Mary Allen stated that she would like to propose changes. Kenneth Barnes stated that anything that is going to last past this year will need to go through a Constitutional Meeting.

8. Executive Officer Reports

a. Treasurer

- i. Anne Kathryn Hunter stated that she is sorry for the confusion. The point is that if it is in parenthesis, it means it is negative. However, there was money that had already been pledged to Barrister's Ball and this money is spent. All of the Motions for Barristers Ball has been passed.
- ii. Account Balances
 - 1. Outside: -\$5,305.71.
 - a. If we do not sell enough tickets for Barrister's Ball, she will not write the check for \$10,000.00 for Alcohol. She states to push the sale because she doesn't want to bounce the money. She states that there is \$3,000 dollars in tickets that needs to be sold. Clare Sanchez that they have sold 120 tickets.
 - b. Anne Kathryn Hunter commends the 2L's for planning Barrister's Ball and staying under budget.
 - 2. Inside Account: \$2729.53
 - a. The payments for the composite and for the Band for Barrister's Ball has gone through. The payments for the food have still been discussed and so is Kenneth's trip.
 - 3. For the 99 Days Party—Roux House was granted \$200.00 for the Keg. However, they tacked on gratuity, in which the total came out to \$254.00. They sent us the bill with Gratuity and task.
 - a. Motion to expend \$54 from the outside account to pay for the gratuity and tax on the Keg for the 99 Days Party.
 - i. Motion by Carmen Liriano
 - ii. Second by Mary Allen
 - iii. No opposition, motion passes.
 - 4. Austin Trip—
 - a. This was supposed to paid for from the inside account instead of the outside account. So there is an extra \$700.00 in the account.
 - 5. Reimbursement—
 - a. It's very simple to reimburse the inside account. She writes a check and it gets deposited. VC Smith suggested that we do this going forward so that we have enough money for the 1L's Family Day.
 - 6. Payment for the Executive Officers—
 - a. Traditionally, this comes from the inside account. It has to be approved each semester. Anne Kathryn Hunter stated that this was raised during her 1L year, the reason that this was increased because it was the SBA's money. There is no by-law or constitutional amendment that the board has to pay the Executive Officers. If the money comes out of another account, the SBA has to submit a proposal to VC Smith and Chancellor Weiss, why endowment funds would have to pay for a credit for the SBA

members which are elected position. As of right now, it has never been paid out of another account.

7. Kenneth's COSPB DC Trip—

- a. The original motion was to expend \$1,117.00 provided that he finds a good faith effort to room with someone else. Kenneth Barnes sent the minutes to Ms. Hancock that approved the trip, VC Smith approved. Ticket was purchased on February 19, 2015. The ticket was \$295.70 and the ticket is non-refundable.
- b. Anne Kathryn Hunter met with VC Smith about the number of proposal. The ticket can be reimbursed to the inside account. The ticket can be cancelled and used next year and there would be a \$200.00 resurge fee. VC Smith states that if we cancel a plane ticket without using it, we can be subject to auditing, however, the SBA account is not under strict scrutiny as the other accounts in the school. While it might raise a red flag with audits, it is the SBA's decision.
- c. Kenneth Barnes stated that he is not using the money for the hotel room, the extra \$700.00. We are unsure if we can make a motion to cut this out. With the inside account, Kenneth would have to go through the 4th Floor and Anne Kathryn Hunter.

b. President

i. COSPB DC Trip

1. Kenneth Barnes passed out the agenda for this trip and will be sending a copy to the members of the SBA's email.
2. LSU System has about 3 or 4 students going. Southern has a number of students going. Every school in Louisiana will have representation. We will be able to discuss a lot of issues. Kenneth will be bringing concerns to the representatives who represent us in Louisiana.

ii. Town Hall

1. We have to have a Town Hall Meeting.
2. Kenneth Barnes asked for date options. Neal Favorite stated that March 24th, is the 1L Academic Success Session. Mary Allen asked if we can do this at the same time as the SBA Informational Meeting. Neal Favorite stated that Monday, March 23, 2015 a good option and so is March 12, 2015. Clare Sanchez stated that on March 23, 2015, we can host the town hall and introduce the new officers. Neal Favorite stated that the new officers will not take office until May 1, 2015.
3. Kenneth Barnes stated that he will move forward to March 23, 2015.

iii. Next Monday's Meeting—

1. Kenneth Barnes stated should we have the meeting on Monday or not.
2. Everyone is in agreements with having the Meeting on next Monday, since he will not be present.

iv. Kenneth Barnes also talked about transparency and if anyone wants to speak with him they can.

v. High School Day at Southern—

1. This Friday, Kenneth Barnes will be going to speak

c. Vice President

i. CSO meeting

1. This meeting was a success. There were about 46 people in the room. Over three-quarters of the student reps were present.
2. VC Smith talked about the budget crisis and how that will affect student organization.
3. Neal Favorite is compiling the government documents on the :R/ Drive

4. The Legal Association of Women will be coming back. Several students expressed an interest in taking it over.
 5. Kenneth Barnes stated that he is trying to compile constitutions of the different organization and placing this on a drive so other students can know how these organizations were ran by their predecessors and how they can have something to follow.
- ii. Legislative Preview
 1. Walt Leger has committed and he will be here April 1, 2015.
 2. Neal is trying to commit three more legislators/public officials and after he does this he will submit a request for funding for the reception.
- d. Secretary
 - i. None
 - e. Programming Director
 - i. NO GIF due to Barristers Ball
9. Class Officer Reports
 - a. 3L Class
 - i. None
 - b. 2L Class
 - i. Barrister Ball
 1. March 7, 2015.
 2. It is very important that we get people to sign up. Ticket sells are low at this point. Please encourage everyone to purchase Barrister's Ball. There are a lot of empty time slots that we need to get filled to sell tickets.
 3. Clare Sanchez stated that they are trying to limit the number of ticket sales at the door to avoid issues with the contract.
 4. There is no hard copy for tickets, people will just give their names at the door. Etienne Rene stated that they need help with the door for 30 minutes from 9PM to 9:30PM and Neal Favorite volunteered for this.
 5. Food For Barrister's Ball
 - a. Chicken Tenders
 - b. Seafood Pasta
 - c. Mediterranean Pasta Salad
 - d. Crawfish Pies
 - e. Seafood Boudin Balls
 6. After Party—
 - a. They got the Roux House from 12am-2am.
 7. Early arrival is strongly suggested.
 8. They are inviting the MBA Students. Hannah Grantham will be going over to sell tickets at the MBA School. However, one more person is needed from 3:30PM to 4:30PM to do this.
 9. Mary Allen stated that the 3Ls want a Barrister's Ball King and Queen. Neal Favorite stated that this was done at the Barrister's Bowl Auction. However, at one point this was done, and it can be brought back. They would have to have a ballot. Kenneth Barnes stated that for the Ballot we can use Qualtrics if they want this to be done.
 - c. 1L Class
 - i. Family Day
 1. Quinn Brown stated that they are still working on Family Day. The Sports Day on Friday, there wasn't a great turnout. They could have advertised it more. There are popsicles left over in the freezers.
- d. LLM
 - i. None.

10. Old Business

- a. Pause for a Cause
 - i. No further updates.
- b. Student Tragedy Procedure
 - i. VC Smith approved the \$225 for the 250 cards.
 - ii. Putting a link on website for students to request condolences
 - iii. Correspondence would be from the Executive Secretary to send out the cards to the person who the condolences are for.
 - iv. Mary Allen also stated that when we allow the students to request the condolences, could they request the funding for flowers. The suggestion was that we can put that SBA's Condolence Policy is that we send a card. Kenneth Barnes stated that there could be an option to send a flower, however it would be prerogative of the organization and the situation. Ahmed Mohamed was stating that if you feel this situation warrants additional SBA resources, then comment and then the SBA Secretary will review and bring this to the board. Carmen Liriano stated that opening this up would be arbitrary and this seems like something that a friend would do and that it is personal. Kenneth Barnes stated that he would get with Computer Services to put a link up on the SBA Website so that students can do request a card to be sent out for condolences.
- c. Field Day—
 - i. Neal Favorite asked, have they locked down the Parade Grounds. Dominique Boykins stated that we would go out and do a renegade thing. The parade ground can be reserved however, it will be more expensive. Neal Favorite stated that he talked to someone about this last week and he stated that they might start to reside the field at the UREC because the weather is getting better and if this happens we will not have a place. Kenneth Barnes stated that the Natatorium Field can be another consideration.

11. New Business

- a. Budget Cuts
 - i. F. King Alexander sent out an email and stated that we are looking at a 78% cut to higher education.
 - ii. Caleb Huval has been looking into combatting the budget cuts.
 1. Caleb asked was there anyone who wanted to help so that we can make our voices heard through the legislature
 2. Mary Allen stated that April 13, 2015 is the day of Opening Session for the Legislature. Southern is on board. Kenneth Barnes stated that he would like to have some proposed legislature with us on that day. Kenneth Barnes, Ahmed Mohamed, Mary Allen and Stephanie Frederick are volunteering.
- b. Constitutional Discussion by Mary Allen
 - i. Regulating funding for student trips
 - ii. Eliminating the salary of the Executive Board.
 1. Kenneth Barnes stated that this has to be voted on this year. We just need language to have it stricken or how will they will be paid.
 - iii. Mary Allen stated that we can brainstorm and come up with something at the next meeting.
 - iv. Kenneth Barnes stated to keep in mind that other people have to live with the decisions that we make and it may be arbitrary for the future although it may make sense now.
- c. Gubernatorial Candidate Forum
 - i. Neal Favorite asked was there any interest in co-hosting this even with the Main Campus. The board agreed.

12. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Stephanie Frederick

- b. Second by Adam Boyer
- c. No opposition, motion passes.
- d. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Note: The Student Bar Association reserves the right to enter into Executive Session, if needed, in accordance with R.S. 42:16 et seq.