

LSU Law Student Bar Association
Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 9th, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.
Room 303



1. Call to Order at 6:35 PM
2. Roll Call
 - a. Members
 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. Kenneth Barnes
 - ii. J. Andrew Bevinetto
 - c. Quorum was established
3. Public Input
 - a. None
4. Reading, Correction, and Adoption of the Minutes
 - a. VP Report—CSO Meeting, compiling the government documents on the :R/ Drive
 - b. Motion to adopt last meeting's minutes
 - i. Second by Hannah Grantham
 - ii. No opposition, motion passes. Minutes are adopted.
5. Funding Requests
 - a. Energy and Mineral Law Society—Stuart Theriot presented. Meeting is on Monday, March 23, 2015. Margaret Blackwell is the speaker. The meeting will be about Water Reservoir and Engineering based. Neal Favorite asked has this meeting been approved by Cindi Winn. Neal Favorite stated that we will table this now and we can do an E-vote, however, we can't entertain a motion until the event has been approved.
6. Committee Reports

- a. ABA Student Representative
 - i. None.
- b. Academics Committee
 - i. Jana Benson was present. Meeting this week on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 5PM. 1Ls will have their Academic Success sessions on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 12:40 PM. Jana Benson wants to make sure that they have sessions filmed for the 1Ls and there will not be any food.
- c. Athletics Committee
 - i. SBA Golf Tournament
 - 1. The deadline to sign up is March 14, 2015.
 - ii. Field Day
 - 1. Dominique Boykins stated that PILS wants to pull out because there has not been a lot of sign-up. They have established a deadline for tomorrow March 10, 2015, otherwise PILS wants to pull out of this. The Athletics Committee will not be able to put this event on in 4 days. There needs to be at least three more teams signed up. Neal Favorite asked if anyone wants to pull together to put together a team. The 1L officers stated that they are going to be forming a team. People can send an email to Dominique Boykins. She will need the check/money and team name.
 - iii. Race Judicata
 - 1. March 19, 2015.
 - 2. Tables and Chairs for the Crawfish Boil. An Active.com has been set up, so they didn't get all of the \$30.00 for everyone who signed up through Active. They will have to do another request for money. Stuart Theriot stated that they have 62 people signed up and they are going need about \$150.00 more possibly. They are going to be asking people if they want to do the race and crawfish and no t-shirt.
 - 3. Neal Favorite asked Anne Kathryn Hunter, what are her thoughts, she stated if they are going to ask for it out of the outside account we will be clear and that she thinks that more people will sign up. Neal Favorite stated that this can be reviewed next week.
 - iv. Mango's Check—
 - 1. April 3, 2015
 - 2. Ahmed Mohamed asked are there teams signed up. Dominique Boykins stated that we have some teams. Eriel Robinson asked if she can double check with the facility to see if we can change the date due to the 3rd being Easter Break.
- d. Elections Committee
 - i. Information at 12:40 PM on March 10, 2015.
 - ii. The Election forum is on March 17, 2015 and it will be recorded.
 - iii. Constitutional Amendments
 - 1. Mary Allen's first amendment to strike the language of the Officer's Salary in Article IV: Officers and then Article XII: Funding For Travel.
 - 2. First Proposal is to Strike Officers Salary—Article IV, Section 8. [Please See Attached Language]
 - a. If this is voted on by a 2/3rds vote by the SBA and then the student body if it passes. Ahmed Mohammed stated that this would benefit the students more and stated if we need to talk with the Chancellor about it and maybe funding the Executive Salary through the 4th Floor. Ahmed Mohammed stated that he doesn't see an alternative and states he doesn't think that is necessary. Mary Allen stated that al the SBA Members would have to petition the fourth floor to get paid. Anne Kathryn Hunter stated that if the language is to remain this means that the board will be able to vote on a different salary or not vote a salary.

- b. Motion to accept this proposal striking Executive Salary from the Constitution Article 4, Section 8
 - i. Motion Ahmed Mohamed
 - ii. Second by Ned Sonnier
 - iii. 12 In Favor; 2 Against, 1 abstention.
 - iv. This will be brought forth to the student body to vote on in the upcoming elections.
- 3. Executive Officers Having Votes—Proposal by ReAzalia Allen
 - a. The Executive Officers are not able to vote. Neal Favorite stated there is apprehension with the Executive Officers voting. Hannah Grantham stated that it's a big balance of power thing when you have a 3L Executive Board it doesn't balance the power at all and that we have over representation by 3Ls or 2Ls. Quincy Mouton stated that we can have 2L's as well as 3L's as members of the Executive Board and that it is not limited to just 3L's. Someone brought up the notion that the 1L's would not be fairly represented if the Executive Board Officers were able to vote. Carmen Liriano expressly stated that she didn't think that there would be any language that could be drafted by the proposer of this motion. ReAzalia Allen stated that the language could be drafted, if the board would give it a chance. ReAzalia Allen's position was that if we can't get a salary and they are choosing to do away with this, then the Executive Board Members should have a vote when it comes to decisions being made and that there would not be an unfair advantage as other boards in other organizations have allowed Executive Board Members except those who hold the title of Chair/President or Parliamentarian.
 - b. Neal Favorite asked if they would like to table until we have tabled language. Quincy said make a summary language.
 - c. Motion to table this topic until there is actual language
 - i. Motion by Catherine Cranfield
 - ii. Second Caitlin Cline
 - iii. 1 in favor, 14 decline
 - iv. Motion dies
 - d. Motion to vote on the proposal to allow Executive Officers to have Voting Privileges.
 - i. Motion by Ned Sonnier
 - ii. Second by Hannah Grantham
 - iii. 14 in opposition; 1 abstention—Motion dies.
- 4. Article XI, Section 4: [Please See Attached Language]—Mary Allen
 - a. Singular student can come to SBA to ask for Money should the school not approve the funding. Neal Favorite stated that he has issues with groups of students having the opportunity for Groups of Students who are not sanctioned by SBA coming to get funding. Neal Favorite stated that basically, you don't have individual students who come in front of the SBA to ask for money. Trial Ad and Moot Court are getting cut, but we are not their only source of funding.
 - b. Mary Allen stated that the purpose of this position is that we don't make Arbitrary Decisions, it allows for more people to ask the Bar Association for trips. The treasurer would decide if it is feasible to fund it. Anne Kathryn stated that we should mirror the 4th Floor Policy. After the travel, they would have 30 day to turn in receipts to get Per Diem which would mirror the 4th Floor policy.

- c. Neal Favorite stated that he doesn't like that the language in part B(1) be struck out. However, Section (A) states the same thing. Anne Kathryn stated would students have access to the travel agency to the school if it was cheaper. Mary Allen stated that Missy Gregoire would not have a problem to work with people who need to do it. This funding would be coming through the inside account. There is an addition of a subsection C. Funding Travel which outlines the requirements for approvals. The funding proposal has to be within 14 days prior to travel. Neal Favorite stated that he didn't like (3) days before travel for good cause. Clare Sanchez stated that this may be necessary if the alternative source of funding can't provide for something.
- d. Clare Sanchez states why is it necessary to add the language when Section (C) now (D) as a policy. She is stating why can't we adopt it as a policy. Mary Allen is trying to err on the side of caution. It's better to have all of our policy in writing so that the student's know. Clare Sanchez stating that they can be on the website with the policies. She is then stating that the ABA rep could easily request up to \$500.00. Some students may not be able to fund a lot of money in advance. Hannah Grantham stated that it seems really restrictive to her because of this. Mary Allen stated that the student can be able to petition to the 4th Floor.
- e. Motion to accept this as an amendment to the constitution to be brought forth to the student body to vote upon during the upcoming elections.
 - i. Motion by Carmen Liriano
 - ii. Second by Hannah Grantham
 - 1. Discussion: Stephanie Frederick stated if anyone was in favor of this being a constitutional amendment or policy. Neal Favorite stated if the members were to vote this motion down as being a constitutional amendment, we can vote it as a policy and it be placed on the policy. Ahmed Mohamed stated what would it take for the SBA to deviate on the policy. Neal Favorite stated it could be handled the same as the Funding Proposal Requests. Clare Sanchez stated that if students didn't make things available at that time, then they do not get a chance to do this—to request funding for travel, then their application will fail. Clare Sanchez also stated that there would be no room for people to make a decision and exercise judgment because there would be a hard brightline rule if this is in the Constitution. Anne Kathryn Hunter stated that the policy that we have for Funding Proposals is in the Board of Supervisor's Policy. It's not the SBA Policy, it's the policies of the workings of the student account.
 - iii. 9 Opposed, 3 Abstentions, 1 in favor, Catherine Cranfield stepped out of the room at the time of the vote and so her vote was not counted.
 - iv. Motion Fails.
- f. Motion to adopt these provisions as a formal SBA Policy
 - i. Motion by Clare Sanchez
 - ii. Second by Etienne Rene
 - iii. 12 in favor, 3 abstentions—Motion Passes
 - iv. This will be adopted as a formal policy and will be made available to the students via the websites.

7. Executive Officer Reports

a. Vice President

i. Legislative Preview

1. Neal Favorite has confirmed three legislatures: Walt Leger, Chris Broadwater, and Senator Elbert Guillory. Neal Favorite will start working on a budget and a spread from Matherne's.

b. Treasurer

i. Account Balances

1. Outside: \$15,051.14
2. Inside: \$2,729.53
3. Anne Kathryn Hunter stated that she would like to entertain a motion to reimburse the inside account from the outside account for either \$5500 for the food from Barrister's Ball or the \$2500 for the Brass Band. Hannah Grantham stated that she thinks we can still do both amounts. The sales of tickets from Barrister's Ball including the sales for the t-shirts was a grand total of \$22,648.65
4. Neal Favorite asked if we could do this by E-Vote. Anne Kathryn Hunter stated no, and that a decision needs to be made now.
5. Motion to reimburse the inside account \$5500 for the food from Barrister's Ball.
 - a. Motion by Hannah Grantham
 - b. Second by Catherine Cranfield
 - c. No opposition, motion passes.
6. Anne Kathryn, ReAzalia Allen, and Neal Favorite commended the 2L's on a good job with Barrister's Ball.

c. Secretary

i. None

d. Programming Director

i. None

ii. There is no GIF this week.

8. Class Officer Reports

a. 3L Class

i. None

b. 2L Class

i. Barrister Ball Recap

1. Everything went smoothly. Security by Gulf Coast Recovery Agency was utilized. Hannah Grantham encourages the incoming 2L Class to utilize security as well.
2. Adam Boyer paid \$43.60 for wristbands
 - a. Motion by Etienne Rene
 - b. Second by Catherine Cranfield
 - c. No opposition, motion passes.

c. 1L Class

i. Family Day Update

1. The 1L Class is still working on solidifying the plans for Family Day.

d. LLM

i. None

9. Old Business

a. Constitutional Amendments

b. Student Tragedy Procedure

- i. Neal Favorite should be getting the proofs together this week at some point and will be emailing those to the members.

c. Pause for a Cause—

- i. Ashley Plunkett stated that it was a very successful event and that almost everyone who stated they were going to attend the event, attended the event. The list of those who attended and where they served has to be given to the Fourth Floor in which she will also provide a copy to SBA.

10. New Business

11. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn

- i. Motion by Etienne Rene
- ii. Second by Ahmed Mohamed
- iii. No opposition, motion passes.
- iv. Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 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.