

LSU Student Bar Association  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 3, 2016, at 6:15 p.m.  
Room 303



1. Call to Order at 6:15
2. Roll Call
  - a. Members
    - i. Trenton Ball—Executive President
    - ii. Leah Brett—Executive Vice President
    - iii. Andree Comeaux—Executive Secretary
    - iv. Russ Stutes—Executive Treasurer
    - v. Jack Zeringue—Executive Director of Programming
    - vi. Patrick Geddes —3L Class President
    - vii. Caity Cline—3L Vice President
    - viii. Jana Robinson—3L Class Secretary
    - ix. Alexandra Zaunbrecher—3L Class Representative
    - x. Caroline Darwin—3L Class Representative
    - xi. Sara Keubel —2L President
    - xii. Audrey Gitz—2L Vice President
    - xiii. Margaret Viator—2L Class Secretary
    - xiv. Tyler DeAgano—2L Class Representative
    - xv. Derek Hoffman—2L Class Representative
    - xvi. Devin Vallier – 1L Class President
    - xvii. Ellie Kousoulas – 1L Class Vice President
    - xviii. Michael Edmonson – Section 1 Representative
    - xix. Jon Stanley – Section 2 Representative
    - xx. Brooke Delaune – Section 3 Representative
  - b. Absent Members
    - i. Margaret Viator
  - c. Quorum was Established
3. Public Input
  - a. Diversity and Professionalism Committee Update and Overall Purpose
  - b. Present to represent the Diversity Committee are Natalie Awad and John Peacock.
    - i. The committee was formed in Fall 2015 from the Diversity Task Force from October 2014.
    - ii. There will be a student meeting Wednesday, room 107 at 5 PM
    - iii. A statement to encompass what the committee will do was created by the students and faculty at the faculty Diversity Committee meeting
    - iv. *See document at end of minutes for proposed SBA constitutional amendment*

1. The language of 2(d) was brought up by Trenton and John Peacock, since the Faculty Committee does not think a 1L should be able to become a Chair Person.
  2. A(1)(a) was discussed by Caity – what are the recommendations listed?
  3. Brought up by Patrick – The “members” in 2(a) and (d) need to be changed since this is a defined term within the constitution.
  4. Jack has a question of structure – if there are three students, what do the students do that the faculty cannot do? John Peacock responds that the members will be a liason.
  5. Patrick thinks that language of voting rights is redundant since it is already included in the SBA constitution.
  6. Andree is confused what the purpose of three members as opposed to one would be. John Peacock said that is what the faculty wanted.
  7. Caroline recommends that Chairperson will be chosen by SBA, and bullet points need to be separated for at large members and the two other board members.
4. Reading, Correction, and Adoption of the Minutes
- a. Motion to adopt the minutes thus far subject to changing bowl to ball on 8.22 and 8.29 by Sara
    - i. Seconded by Patrick
    - ii. Motion approved by a majority vote.
5. Funding Requests
- a. HLSA requests \$67.00 for a meeting with Indian Bay Leaf for 30 people with a speaker to be held on October 11 during the lunch hour.
    - i. Motion by Patrick to expend up to \$50 from the inside account
      1. Seconded by Sara
      2. Motion passes with a majority vote.
  - b. I/W/H Reproductive Rights requests \$120.00 for “Domestic Violence in the Law” event with a guest speaker form the EBR office for an event October 27. They anticipate 30-40 guests and will have catfish trays and cookie trays. This event will be during Pre Law Week.
    - i. Motion by Caity to expend up to \$140 from the inside account for this event
      1. Seconded by Sara
      2. Motion passes with a majority vote.
  - c. Christian Law Society requests \$93.75 for an event with food expecting 35 people with a guest speaker to occur on October 18 during the lunch hour.
    - i. Motion by Sara to expend up to \$72 from the inside account.
      1. Seconded by Patrick
      2. Caity abstains
      3. Motion passes with a majority vote.
  - d. Tax Law Society requests \$50.00 for beer and wine for an annual mixer to occur on October 26. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Mixer, and they are expecting 25 people.
    - i. Motion to expend \$50 from the outside account by Caroline.
      1. Seconded by Alexandra
      2. Motion passes with a majority vote.
6. Committee Reports
- a. ABA Student Representative

- i. none
  - b. Academics Committee
    - i. none
  - c. Athletics Committee
    - i. none
  - d. Elections Committee
    - i. none
- 7. Executive Officer Reports
  - a. President
    - i. Lunch with Dean Galligan. October 19th 12:40-1:40 in the Tucker Room. SBA members need to RSVP.
    - ii. Procedure for amending SBA constitution needs to be reiterated. The gravity of amendments is very heavy.
    - iii. LSU Law College Council will have a rundown after meeting.
  - b. Vice President
    - i. Headshots may go on the website.
  - c. Secretary
    - i. Agenda and Minutes have been posted!
    - ii. Meet SBA!
  - d. Treasurer
    - i. Account Balances
      - 1. Inside Account Balance: \$16,410.19
      - 2. Outside Account Balance: \$34,987.27
  - e. Programming Director
    - i. Party Czar has nothing for this week
- 8. Class Officer Reports
  - a. 3L Class
    - i. Hats and Canes was over the weekend was a success and made a profit.
    - ii. Merchandise sales went well, too. The profit is over \$8,000.
      - 1. There is a hiccup with long-sleeve t-shirts since main campus did not approve yet.
      - 2. Motion by Patrick to refund Jana for \$18. 30 for Hats and Canes tins and canes
        - a. Seconded by Audrey
        - b. Motion passes with a majority vote.
  - b. 2L Class
    - i. Barristers Ball contract at Club XO is coming soon.
    - ii. The Brews and Barristers Fundraising event will be at the Draft House at November 10 from 6-9. Attire will be business casual.
  - c. 1L Class
    - i. Halloween Party may be at 1913. We will have the upstairs.
- 9. Old Business
- 10. New Business
  - a. Next meeting tentatively set for Monday, October 10 at 6:15 PM.

11. Adjournment at 7:43

- a. Motion to adjourn by Sarah
  - i. Seconded by Audrey
  - ii. Motion Passed unopposed

*(proposed amendment; refer to bullet 3(a)(iv) above)*

*A. Diversity and Professionalism Student Committee*

*1. The duties of the Diversity and Professionalism Committee shall consist as follows:*

- a. Strive to address the remaining adopted recommendations of the Diversity Task Force as passed in September 2015;*
- b. Foster an inclusive environment addressing diversity and professionalism issues through educational programming, and through the development of resources to cater to the needs of students;*
- c. Collaborate with the Diversity and Professionalism Faculty Committee; AND*
- d. Address any other concerns the Dean may have with respect to the overall mission of the committee.*

*2. Composition*

- a. The Diversity and Professionalism Student Committee shall consist of three (3) appointed members of each class 1<sup>st</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year and an unlimited number of at large members. Only the three representatives will serve on the joint faculty/student committee.*
- b. The Association shall take applications from existing and newly admitted students at the beginning of the Fall Semester of each year for the Student Chairperson position. The Student Chairperson can only be a 2<sup>nd</sup> year or a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student. The Association will evaluate the applications selecting three finalists. These selections should be made in accord with any and all faculty recommendations and opinions.*
- c. The Association will hold interviews with the final three candidates making the final choice.*
- d. Once the Student Chairperson is elected that individual in collaboration with the Association will select two other members from the non-represented classes. I.E. Student Chair is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student then that individual will select a 3<sup>rd</sup> year and a 1<sup>st</sup> year student.*
- e. Once all representatives are selected the Diversity and Professionalism Student Committee will operate independently of the combined student/faculty committee and endeavor to engage at large participation of all interested parties on campus. This student committee will function to ascertain the concerns of the student body and better address those needs.*
- f. The Student Chairperson will be a member of Student Bar Association without voting rights.*
- g. The Student Chairperson and the Diversity and Professionalism Faculty Committee shall strive to have a Committee whose composition shall be reflective of the diversity of the Members of the Association.*

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