# LSU Student Bar Association

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

**Tyson Room** 



- 1. Call to Order at 5:00
- 2. Roll Call
  - a. Members
    - i. Clare Sanchez—Executive President
    - ii. Adam Boyer—Executive Vice President
    - iii. Parish Tillman—Executive Secretary
    - iv. Michelle Kornblith—Executive Treasurer
    - v. Camille Walther—Executive Director of Programming
    - vi. Hannnnnnnah Grantham —3L Class President
    - vii. Alex Reed—3L Vice President
    - viii. Brienne Griffin—3L Class Secretary
    - ix. Kendale Thompson—3L Class Representative
    - x. Bryce Cohen—3L Class Representative
    - xi. Caitlin Cline—2L President
    - xii. Quinn Brown—2L Vice President
    - xiii. Megan Daily—2L Class Secretary
    - xiv. Alexandra Zaunbraucher—2L Class Representative
    - xv. Trenton Ball—2L Class Representative
    - xvi. Andree Comeaux 1L President
    - xvii. Audrey Gitz 1L Vice President
    - xviii. Bryan Kidzus Section 1 Representative
      - xix. Margaret Viator Section 2 Representative
      - xx. Russ Stutes Section 3 Representative
    - xxi. Thakshila Jayasinghe LLM Representative
  - b. Absent Members
    - i. Camille Walther
    - ii. Thakshila Jayasinghe
  - c. Ouorum was Established
- 3. Ethics Committee Interviews
  - a. Kristen Amond
    - i. Candidate stated she was busy but would be able to maintain here duties.

ii. Candidate has done her own research on changing the honor code and wants an open, serious dialogue on cheating policies.

### b. Nathan Judge

- i. Previous board of ethics experience.
- ii. Agrees with getting to face your accuser.
- iii. Prefers black letter law but adjustments need to be made for special circumstances.

# c. Jeffrey "Beau" Wheeler

- i. Was on the constitutional reform committee.
- ii. President of federalist society, works in STAR Clinic.
- iii. Would support tightening policies on cell phones.

### d. Steven Cheatham

- i. Degree in accounting from LSU, 37, married w/ three kids.
- ii. Wants to be on the committee to get involved.
- iii. Thinks background in accounting would be him serve on the committee.
- iv. Agrees with right to face accuser.

### e. Jordan Gasperecz-McMills

- i. Married, focuses on Health Law
- ii. Wants to work on the Honor Code in the future.
- iii. Concerned with right to face accuser in sexual situations.
- iv. Feels her background and experiences would allow her to make a valuable contribution to the board.
- v. Does not feel cell phones are a big problem.

#### f. Caroline Darwin

- i. Had to report a close friend to GBOD in undergrad. Also had to remove two close friends from office in her sorority.
- ii. Black letter law follower.
- iii. Caroline would like more clarity in rules for students.
- iv. Believes in opportunity to face your accuser, thinks it is a check and balance.

# g. Lacey Sanchez

- i. Former track athlete and Miss Louisiana.
- ii. Thinks it is important to be understanding of the circumstances when applying the rules.
- iii. Wants to join ethics to get involved and make a difference.
- iv. Would be willing to excuse herself if a conflict of interest arose.

### h. Jana Robinson

- i. Was on ethics last year.
- ii. Served on student conduct committee at ULM.
- iii. Suggested instituting a policy of checking in cell phones.

iv. Jana would like to see change. She thinks people are scared to come forward because they don't see results.

#### i. Adrienne Wood

- i. Wants to join ethics to become more involved.
- ii. Could not recall a specific provision she would like to change in the honor code.
- iii. Believes in right to face accuser.
- iv. Adrienne thinks her straightforwardness would benefit the committee.

### j. Jeanette Delise

- i. Jeanette wants to join to become more involved.
- ii. She has never served on an ethics committee.
- iii. Jeanette believes she is good at being neutral, setting aside biases.
- iv. Jeanette has experience disciplining children.
- v. Agrees with right to face your accuser but understands the desire for anonymity.

#### k. William Gore

- i. Served as a legislative aid in undergrad. Thinks his experience in politics helps him keep a level head.
- ii. Thinks exams need proctors and that a policy banning cell phones from exam rooms would be beneficial.
- iii. Served on standards with his fraternity in undergrad.
- iv. Believes rules on cheating could be more specific.

#### 1. Trevor Watson

- i. Interested in joining ethics because he wants to be a judge one day.
- ii. Leans toward being a black letter law follower.
- iii. Trevor stated that he is a logical person who is willing to have his opinion. He believes ethics committee would benefit from these qualities.

### m. James McKinney

- i. 37 y/o, diverse resume, and degree in economics.
- ii. He worked in investment banking before coming to law school.
- iii. Interested in joining ethics committee after his experience with corruption overseas.
- iv. Understands the value of gray areas.
- v. Demonstrated a detailed knowledge of the honor code.
- vi. Believes ethics committee would benefit from age/experience.

### n. Cherry Roberts

- i. Two children, military experience
- ii. Wants to be on ethics because she perceived there were problems with ethics committee in the past.

- iii. Thinks here experience as a parent would help her contribute to the committee.
- iv. Candidate also thinks her army experience allows her to work with a variety of people.
- v. In favor of right to face accuser.

#### o. Jonathan Cobb

- i. Wants to be on ethics committee because he is interested in student government and is qualified for the position.
- ii. If he caught someone back-signing, he'd approach them and ask them to turn themselves in. If they did not, he'd then go to the professor.
- iii. Thinks there should be rules about student conduct outside the law school.
- iv. Thinks he would be able to handle disputes within a three judge panel.

# p. Julien Petit

- i. President of cadet Court & Honor Board at Texas A&M
- ii. Served on ethics last year.
- iii. Thinks we could benefit from proctors in the classroom. Also, thinks a policy involving cell phone check-in would be beneficial.
- iv. He supports extending code of conduct to outside of law school activities.

### q. Jumoke Dara

- i. Bachelors and Masters in accounting.
- ii. If she saw someone back-signing, she would go to that person first and then to the professor.
- iii. She believes the ethics committee will benefit from her experience with ethics in accounting, analytical skills, and different perspective.
- iv. Feels she is a black letter law follower.
- v. Jamoke has experience working in groups and feels this would allow her to work well in three judge panels.

### r. Kari Buckner

- i. Taught for four years before coming to law school.
- ii. Wants to be on ethics committee because she thinks it is an important part of the legal profession.
- iii. Wants a clear cut policy on cell phones and exams.
- iv. Believes her experience as a teacher would be beneficial to the committee.
- v. She served on Honor Council during her freshman year at Millsaps.
- vi. Agrees with right to face accuser.

### s. Derrick Hoffman

- i. Could not attend because of a family emergency.
- 4. Motion to Adjourn for Dinner by Alex Reed
  - a. Seconded by Caity Cline.
  - b. Motion passed unopposed.

- 5. Call to Order at 8:56
- 6. Motion to move into executive session Alexandra Zaunbrecher\*
  - a. Seconded by Hannah Grantham.
  - b. Motion passed unopposed.
- 7. Motion to move to open session by Caity Cline
  - a. Seconded by Alexandra Zaunbrecher.
  - b. Motion passed unopposed.
- 8. Ethics Committee Selection
  - a. Discussion of non-returning members
    - i. When polled fourteen member said they liked Jumoke, fourteen stated they liked James McKinney, thirteen stated they liked Steven Cheatham, thirteen stated they liked Chase Gore, five stated they liked Kari Buckner, and two stated they liked Caroline Darwin.
- 9. Motion to move to executive session by Bryce Cohen \*
  - a. Seconded by Kendale Thompson.
  - b. Motion passed unopposed.
- 10. Motion to move back into open session by Alexandra Zaunbrecher
  - a. Seconded by Hannah Grantham.
  - b. Motion passed unopposed.
- 11. Ethics Committee Selection Continued
  - a. Clare asked that all member write down their top nine.
  - b. All had Kristen amond in their top 9.
  - c. All had Beaurilla in their top 9.
  - d. All had Jordan in their top 9.
  - e. All had Steven Cheatham in top 9.
  - f. None had Caroline Darwin in their top 9.
  - g. Fourteen had Jana Robinson in their top 9.
  - h. Fourteen had William Gore in their top 9.
  - i. Fourteen had Julien Petit in their top 9.
  - j. Two had Kari Buckner in top 9.
  - k. All had Jumoke in their top 9.
  - 1. All had James McKinney in their top 9.
- 12. Motion to go back into executive session by Megan Daily\*
  - a. Seconded by Alexandra Zaunbrecher.
  - b. Motion passed unopposed.
- 13. Motion to move back into open session by Alexandra Zaunbrecher.
  - a. Seconded by Megan Daily.
  - b. Motion passed unopposed.
- 14. Ethics Committee Selection Continued
  - a. Board proposed following discussion.

- i. Kristen Amond
- ii. Jeffrey Wheeler
- iii. Jordan Gasperecz
- iv. Steven Cheatam
- v. Jana Robinson
- vi. William Gore
- vii. Julien Petit
- viii. Jumoke Dara
- ix. James McKinney
- b. Motion to appoint propsed board by Alex Reed.
  - i. Seconded by Brienne Griffin.
  - ii. Motion passed unopposed.
- 15. Adjournment at 10:06
  - a. Motion to adjourn by Bryce Cohen.
    - i. Seconded by Caity Cline.
    - ii. Motion passed unopposed.