

LSU Student Bar Association  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:15 pm  
Room 303



1. Call to Order 6:15 pm
2. Roll Call
  - a. Present Members
    - i. Sara Kuebel – Executive President
    - ii. Russ Stutes – Executive Vice President
    - iii. Derek Hoffman – Executive Secretary
    - iv. Andree Comeaux – Executive Treasurer
    - v. Margaret Viator – Executive Director of Programming
    - vi. Sara Grace Sirera – 3L Class Vice President
    - vii. Shelby Dunbar – 3L Class Secretary
    - viii. Jackie Duhon – 3L Class Representative
    - ix. Brooke Delaune – 2L Class President
    - x. Carlos Coro – 2L Class Vice President
    - xi. Meagan Johnson – 2L Class Secretary
    - xii. Marianna Knister – 2L Class Representative
    - xiii. Aaron Koenck – 2L Class Representative
  - b. Absent Members
    - i. Audrey Gitz – 3L Class President
    - ii. Tyler DeAgano – 3L Class Representative
  - c. Quorum
    - i. Quorum has been established.
3. Public Input
  - a. **Nicholas Algero –**
    - i. **Federal Bar Association–**
      1. He is LSU’s point person with the FBA going forward.
      2. Aiming to increase LSU student enrollment.
      3. Interested in planning a mid-semester event for their board members to speak to the SBA membership as a whole. Wants info on how SBA can help.
        - a. Sara: send info to her, and she’ll help facilitate
    - ii. **Phi alpha Delta–**
      1. restarting – 15 on email list.
      2. They have a 1-2 year grace period for recruiting from national org.
      3. Goals: 50 members paid by the end of the semester, 100 by end of academic year.
      4. About Phi Alpha Delta;

- a. Largest international law fraternity; co-ed; pre-law, law, and alum chapters.
    - b. LSU used to have a chapter but never re-formed after Katryna. Tried to come back 5 years ago but it never happened. Nick approached them and wants to get it started back up. 85 fee; discounts at many vendors/hotels/etc (30+ benefits). Potential issue: 1 social event per semester. To offset cost, they wanted to charge \$20 per semester – how does this work?
  - 5. Event
    - a. They are tentatively planning an event for their members at the Rum House on the patio w/drink specials (cost = patio rental). Do they have to go through SBA?
      - i. Sara: doesn't think we fund events that aren't open to the entire SBA membership. She will double-check to confirm this.
- 4. Reading, Correction, and Adoption of the Minutes from 8/14/17 meeting.
  - a. Motion by Meagan.
  - b. Seconded by Brooke.
  - c. Passed unanimously. 8/14/17 minutes adopted and will be posted to the SBA website.
- 5. Funding Requests
  - a. None this week.
- 6. Committee Reports
  - a. ABA Student Representative
    - i. Andree has requested table for an event on September 7<sup>th</sup> (tentative).
  - b. Academics Committee
    - i. Mentorship program—students are currently being assigned. Not too late to sign up (see Sara's weekly email blast).
    - ii. Adrienne Wood is looking for input on needed changes.
      - 1. Cheating prevention.
        - a. Ideas = cameras on during exams; proctors; etc.
      - 2. Expansion of summer course offerings.
      - 3. Winter intersession.
  - c. Athletics Committee
    - i. Volleyball tournament will be Saturday, Sep 16 – Becca Indest getting this set up.
    - ii. Powderpuff will be Oct 20<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. Committee applications went out this week
  - d. Diversity and Professionalism
    - i. Natalie Ewoud (Chair) reached out about the remaining seats to be filled. Applications for the committee will go out next Monday and will stay open until the end of Sept. The remaining 2 at-large members will be voted on by the SBA Officers in collaboration with Natalie.
  - e. Elections Committee
    - i. Elections packet out today

- ii. Info meeting Tuesday (tomorrow) in 110 – 12:40 pm for 1 hour. Need officers to attend. Hopefully 1Ls attend.
  - f. Ethics Committee
    - i. See President's announcements
- 7. Executive Officer Reports
  - a. President
    - i. Brews & Barristers
      - 1. Tomorrow – huge turnout expected. Invite judges and attorneys from your network. Food truck will be on site. 5 – 8 pm.
    - ii. Yearbook Committee
      - 1. No committee for somewhere between 4-10 years.
      - 2. Some interest in response to Sara's weekly email.
        - a. Sara has a chairperson in mind with a lot of relevant experience.
      - 3. Used to be funded by a fee added to fee bills.
        - a. To do this again, SBA membership (entire PMH student body) would have to vote for the fee increase.
        - b. Alternatives include using the outside account, or holding a separate sale in the spring semester.
    - iii. Dean Galligan's Panel next Tuesday
      - 1. Next Tuesday, 8/29 @ 6:15 pm in the auditorium. Forum to discuss the Charlottesville events.
      - 2. SBA officers encouraged to attend. Please invite your classmates.
    - iv. Football tickets – reserved seating
      - 1. Student tickets – email was wrong, seating is reserved (not GA). If you are asked, please tell your classmates that PMH seating **will be reserved**, not GA as the email yesterday said.
    - v. Contract approval process
      - 1. Rundown of the process:
        - a. Inside account – 4<sup>th</sup> floor is more rigorous in how they review the contract and are more particular with the contents.
        - b. Art 5 sec 11 – only officers have to approve for the outside account.
          - i. 4<sup>th</sup> floor assists for oversight/precaution.
        - c. Sara will help facilitate with any contract approval issues.
    - vi. Ethics Committee—interviews/appointment of new members
      - 1. Proposed date = Sunday after 1L elections – Sep 17
        - a. This date works for the majority. Meagan will be out but everyone else present indicated that they are available.
      - 2. Last year we had 25 candidates to interview for 9 seats.
      - 3. This year we have 12 seats to fill thanks to the amendment to the SBA Constitution that was passed in the Spring 2017 semester.
    - vii. Labor Day meeting
      - 1. Monday Sep 4<sup>th</sup>, so we won't have a regular meeting.

2. Sara will send a survey to identify a good date/time for a make-up meeting.
- b. Vice President
    - i. Application for Provisional Group Status for the Louisiana Cannabis Law Society.
      1. Just an intro – don't need action at this time.
      2. Jacob Irving wants to create a student organization called the LA Cannabis Law Society.
      3. SBA will have to vote for them to get provisional status.
      4. Russ still working with them now but we will probably entertain a motion in coming months.
        - a. Article 12 of the SBA Constitution governs new student organization. Officers please familiarize yourself with the provisions of Article 12 (and the entire Constitution for that matter).
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
    - i. Inside account balance: \$25,997.00
    - ii. Outside account balance: \$19,497.31
    - iii. Update on last week's discussion—SBA does have a TIN and a checking account. Andree and Russ are still working on the account issues and will continue to provide updates.
  - e. Programming Director
    - i. This week's GIF
      1. Drafthouse 8-10, flyer on FB and around the law center.
      2. Drink specials will be available and wristbands will be out on Thursday.
        - a. To clarify: wristbands do not have to be paid for nor reserved. Just pick one up and come to the GIF. If wristbands run out, just mention LSU Law at the door.
    - ii. Ideas for future GIFs—Ivars, Pelican House, Bulldog.
      1. Q from MJ: what are we supposed to do if a bartender says they aren't honoring the drink specials?
        - a. Margaret: sometimes managers don't make it clear to bartenders, and it gets busy. So just keep calm and find Margaret and she'll help. If she isn't there then please find a manager and ask for their help.
      2. Q from Aaron: non-alcohol events – 2Ls interested; he told them to email Margaret. Looking to plan some mid-week events for those interested....**not** get rid of GIFs!
        - a. Laser tag, bowling mentioned as possible ideas.
8. Class Officer Reports
    - a. 3L Class
      - i. Hats n Canes update from Sara Grace
        1. 2L Officers visited the Manship Theatre last week. There are too many issues (event same night; area that is available too small). Won't be using this venue this year.

2. Looking @ new venues with a few in mind – still working on this.
3. Also working on caterers and vendors.

b. 2L Class

i. Barrister's Ball

1. Venue and band at a standstill until contracts approved.

ii. Merchandise sale

1. Ideas approved by the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Designs to artists this week. Also meeting with graphic designers this week.
  - a. Crest from composites will be used in shirt designs.
2. Adding a coffee mug (“Far more than a common law school”)
3. Re-doing sweatshirts & bringing back croakies
4. Sara: we may want to do some koozies for Hats n Canes to give to alumni. Is this feasible?
  - a. Brooke will check it out.

iii. Lockers

1. 2L officers visited all 3 1L sections to review locker instructions. Seems to have helped as there have been far fewer complaints.

9. Old Business

10. New Business

a. Parking complaints

- i. Sara will discuss w/Dean Galligan.

b. If SBA members come to you with concerns, **direct them to SBA**. Please do not direct them to Dean Galligan, or anyone else for that matter. Put them in touch with SBA. Direct them to Sara; not Dean Galligan. SBA's role is to serve as a liaison between the students and administration, and this only works if students go through SBA.

- i. Brooke: had a complaint about the water filter on the water bottle filling station.
  1. This is being addressed.

ii. If you hear people complaining about issues @ PMH, please tell them to reach out to SBA!! Put them in touch with Sara or one of their class/section reps.

11. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Brooke.
- b. Seconded by Aaron.
- c. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.