

LSU Student Bar Association
Town Hall Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 12:40 pm
Room 106



1. Call to Order 12:40 pm
2. Committee Reports
 - a. ABA Student Representative
 - b. Academics Committee
 - i. Cheating
 1. Presented a proposal to insert proctors in all exams. Faculty decided to ban all phones in ALL exams. “Can’t have a phone on your person.” Faculty will narrow down what this means.
 - ii. Academic Advising
 1. 1L or 2L in the library—3/13, 3/14, 3/15 and 3/17
 - iii. 1L Panels
 1. Tuesday April 3rd—2Ls will speak to each section to give helpful exam tips.
 - iv. 94 Hours Requirements
 1. Goal is to reduce the number of Hours from 94 to 92 hours
 2. Doing research on how this will benefit students and reduce debt.
 - c. Athletics Committee
 - i. Athletics Committee: Birdies and Barristers Tournament on April 6th
 - ii. Golf tournament. Shotgun start at 1pm
 1. \$400 for law firms, \$200 for a student team
 2. 6/7 teams signed up now – Need more Teams
 - iii. BRBA Softball Tournament
 1. March 24th- starts at 8pm. SBA is paying for it. If you want to play, contact Becca Indest.
 2. Southern Law has a team—so LSU law needs a great team!
 - d. Diversity and Professionalism Committee
 - i. No announcements at this time. LSU law strives to maintain diversity at the law center.
 - e. Elections Committee
 - i. Announcing 2018-2019 Officers; Congratulations
 1. Executive
 - a. Executive Pres- Carlos Coro
 - b. Executive Vice President- Wesley Davis
 - c. Executive Secretary- Christine Colwell (C.C.)
 - d. Executive Treasurer- Kate Wempe
 - e. Executive Director of Programing- Marianna Knister
 2. 3L Class Officers
 - a. President- Meagan Johnson

- b. Vice President- Alex Geissman
 - c. Secretary-Henry Pitman
 - d. 3L Representatives
 - i. Chris Roy
 - ii. Nena Eddy
 - 3. 2L Class Officers
 - a. President- Danny Bosh
 - b. Vice President- Reed Kreger
 - c. Secretary- Peyton Robinson
 - d. 3L Representatives
 - i. Lindsay Rich
 - ii. Indigo Diekmann
 - ii. Passed SBA constitutional amendment to update the name of LSU SBA to LSU SBA Student Bar Association
 - iii. Currently Now a non-profit corporation
 - f. Ethics Committee
 - g. Yearbook Committee
 - i. Ad hoc committee
 - 1. First yearbook will be free of charge
 - ii. Sara is taking over as chair.
 - iii. Working on Pictures; send pictures to PMHyearbook@gmail.com
 - 1. Working on a time to get 1L and 2L picture taken.
 - 2. If you want to start sending in pictures, say who is in the picture, where the picture is from, and that way we can include it in the yearbook.
- 3. Executive Officer Reports
 - a. President
 - i. Officer Transitions; Good Luck
 - 1. Wish all officers good luck for the next year. Working on the transition!
 - ii. Parking - No Response/ Update - Still in Progress
 - 1. Have contacted LSU parking about putting in gates. But not heard anything yet. Will keep everyone updated on any changes
 - iii. SBA Financial Records: Public Record
 - 1. SBA has two accounts: Inside and outside account
 - a. The Inside account has always been public record. Also in meeting minutes on SBA website
 - b. Outside account is also public knowledge. All expenditures are in meeting minutes. ALSO can always attend meetings.
 - iv. Liaisons - SBA is the liaison between students and the administration, come to us with all of your problems, no matter how small.
 - 1. Please come to SBA first and we will help you solve your problem!
 - b. Vice President
 - i. Football tickets for the fall
 - 1. Spoke with ticket office. All worked out so that next year the tickets are set up and ready for all students.
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer

- i. Inside account balance: \$22,969.20
 - 1. Funded by Student fees
 - a. Used to fund all student organizations.
 - b. Sitting at a healthy amount currently
 - ii. Outside account balance: \$36,437.71
 - 1. Raised through merchandise and other means
 - 2. Use this for student events- such as BRBA softball tournament
 - 3. Keep this account healthy so we can pay for things with this account that we can't pay for from the inside account.
 - e. Programming Director
 - i. Selling wristbands for St. Patty's Day party at earls Saturday
 - ii. 3L's will have a float- NO Gif this Friday
 - iii. March 23rd- Joint gif with vet school at Bogies
 - iv. Last gif at semester is at Ivar's—night of Golf Tournament
 - v. End of Finals Gif at Fred's- Friday of last finals, May 11, 2018.
- 4. Class Officer Reports
 - a. 3L Class
 - i. 100 Day Party
 - 1. Had this at Radio bar a few weeks ago. Had a very good turnout.
 - ii. Grad Fair/Composites
 - 1. Currently on going. 160+ people signed up for composites.
 - iii. Commencement Speaker
 - 1. Rep. Steve Scalise— Will be speaking June 1st at graduation
 - iv. 50 Day Party
 - 1. April 11- Crawfish Boil at Fred's
 - v. Assault and Flattery
 - 1. April 4- at the Varsity—Cover will be \$10 at the door
 - vi. Graduation
 - 1. June 1—at the PMAC
 - b. 2L Class
 - i. Barristers Ball
 - 1. Made profit off the event. Very successful event.
 - 2. 2L events are done for the semester.
 - c. 1L Class
 - i. 1L Family Weekend recap
 - 1. Just wrapped up. Had a great turnout.
 - 2. Decided to keep link closed and will not be re-opening t-shirt sales.
 - ii. 2L Officers elected
 - 1. 3 continuing officers and 2 new additions
 - iii. Merchandise sale - Fall 2018
 - 1. Already have some ideas for the merchandise sale
 - iv. Barrister's Ball planning for next year
 - 1. Excited for planning the event next year
- 5. Questions for the SBA Officers and/or Dean Galligan
 - a. Thank you to SBA for everything this year- Congratulations to the new team of SBA
 - b. Added New Faculty
 - i. Todd Venie- New Library director from the University of Florida
 - 1. Will be teaching legal research and writing/advanced research

- ii. Lisa Avalos
 - 1. From University of Oregon- Will teach mostly criminal/criminal based classes
- iii. Madeline Wasilczuk
 - 1. Cornell international death penalty clinic- Coming to head the Juvenile Justice Clinic
- iv. Nick Briner
 - 1. UCLA environmental justice program
 - 2. Admin, energy, environmental subjects
- v. Leticia Vincent
 - 1. Hired last year—not in the U.S. yet. Will teach civil law and business classes.
 - 2. Unfortunately, her Visa has held her up.
- c. Proctors
 - i. Will have a roaming monitor in addition to no phones
 - ii. Just having discussed the issue—had no reports of cheating in the Fall.
- d. Parking
 - i. Still no response. Said they were going to do gates. Still haven't done them yet. Will go again.
- e. Stress
 - i. Jennifer Gros- Thursday she will be here with JLAP to talk about stress, depression, fatigue, anxiety etc.
 - ii. Anything you say to her will be confidential under state law.
 - iii. 9am-3:15 in W306- Sent out in email. Can make appointment or just walk up that day.
 - iv. Goal is to bring her in a few times a semester and build from there to have someone regularly in the building

6. Questions

- a. Q “Moving to match Main campuses schedule, how are we going to do that?”
 - i. Trying to match their schedule for a few reasons.
 - 1. Spring break—good idea for student
 - 2. Joint Degree programs—want this program to match with law schedule
 - 3. Housing/Facilities—we start early, and the building is not ready when we get to campus, because main campus starts
 - ii. ABA Number of Requires Weeks/Apprenticeship week
 - 1. Some logistical things that need to be worked out
 - 2. But would like to be as close as we can to the main campus schedule
- b. Q “Problem with financials: want to see budgets, income statements etc. Want to get a budget from the beginning of the school year, and overall through the year so that we can see where the money is going?”
 - i. Want a budget from SBA at beginning of school year
 - ii. And at the end of the year an income statement to see how SBA is meeting goals etc.
- c. Q “Council of student organizations. Not sure what it is or where it exists?”
 - i. Needs to be phased out of constitution.
 - ii. Nick Alegro—wants to keep the council of student organizations in place. Think it's important to have student organization leaders attend the meeting.

- iii. Con: student organization leaders don't attend the meeting in the past.
- iv. Current student organization leader's think this is a good idea
 - 1. Nick Allegro wants it to be if you don't come don't get funding
- d. Q "What would you talk about at this meeting that we can't talk about at SBA and then not get funding?"
 - i. Want more of the beginning of the semester talking about scheduling of events, to work out scheduling conflicts
 - ii. Getting together to try to create a calendar that works for all organizations.
- e. Q "What student organizations are you speaking for?"
 - i. Currently only speaking for 5 organizations now. Think that in order to establish plan of action to improve clubs, need to coordinate with SBA.
- f. Conclusion
 - i. Will reintroduce the council of student organizations—will be re-implemented
- g. Q "Swipe card access to the library to prevent undergrads using the library?"
 - i. Brainstormed swipers to get into the library—this is a future idea/item
 - ii. But will have people patrolling and kicking people out
 - iii. Dean Galligan would like swiping for the library, or for the whole building after a certain hour. Want to eventually establish a welcome center at the entrance to build to control who comes in.
- h. Q "Status of Water fountain?"
 - i. Submitted several work orders
 - ii. Waiting on LSU main campus to come fix it—be working on it a few times, but not fixed yet.
- i. Q "Reminder- Not Q- Academic advising in library today, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This is high quality advising."
- j. Q "60 min hours moving to 50 min hours- there was discussion on this."
 - i. Committee is still discussing this. It hasn't moved. Still talking about it
 - ii. Issue—number of credit hours required for graduation and if I lose 10 min a hour over a course of 42 classes, turns out to be losing 7 classes
 - iii. First year curriculum—can we accommodate with these if we are using the 50 min hours?
 - iv. Many issues that still need to be worked out if we try to change these things.
- k. Q "Has there been a resolution on the hours requirement under the energy certificate?"
 - i. NO- recommendation to get rid of the service requirement- this has passed
 - ii. The grading requirement has not passed yet. Goes from curriculum committee to the full faculty
 - iii. Further along than the 50-min hour requirement
- l. Q "Status on reducing the degree hours requirement?"
 - i. Status is still 94. Big undertaking to change. Will take a lot of work from staff and students. Working on lowering it more. Seeing how it will affect recruiting.
 - ii. Law school has a positive attitude towards 94—willing to propose and listen and talk. But issue is that, we need more hours to teach two systems. But also do we really need 94, can we reduce this and still teach the material?
 - iii. Most schools in country are between 89-90
- m. Q "What about allow students to choose common law v. civil law?"

- i. Has not been talked about a lot. But you can say you have a choice after your first year. The first year you get exposed to all systems, and legal problems between two perspectives, which is a good thing.
- ii. Maybe can look at whether we have the right mix of courses in the first year.
- iii. Do though have a choice after the first year.
- iv. Academic is looking into this currently.
 - 1. Argument against this—chose to do common law, but end of the 3 years decide to stay and take the bar exam and fail and can't pass because they didn't take the civil law courses.

- 7. Old Business
- 8. New Business
- 9. Adjournment