

LSU Student Bar Association  
Meeting Agenda  
August 6, 2020 at 6:30 pm  
Via Zoom



1. Call to Order 6:30 pm
2. Roll Call
  - a. Patrick Riley - Executive President
  - b. Michael Dalman - Executive Vice President
  - c. Melanie Brown - Executive Secretary
  - d. Hannah Dardar - Executive Treasurer
  - e. Zachary Lester - Executive Director of Programming (Excused)
  - f. Keifer Ackley - 3L Class President
  - g. Bill Zloch - 3L Class Vice President
  - h. Adam Laliberte - 3L Class Secretary
  - i. Carson Delarue - 3L Class Representative (Excused)
  - j. Andrew Jarreau - 3L Class Representative
  - k. Austin Pottorff - 2L Class President
  - l. Alex Domingue - 2L Class Vice President
  - m. Reagan Moody - 2L Class Secretary
  - n. Heidi Bieber - 2L Class Representative
  - o. Shawn Waldron - 2L Class Representative
  - p. - 1L Class President
  - q. - 1L Class Vice President
  - r. - § 1-1L Class Representative
  - s. - § 2-1L Class Representative
  - t. - § 3-1L Class Representative
3. Public Input
4. Funding Requests
5. Reading, Correction, and Adoption of the June 25, 2020 Minutes
  - a. **Motion** to adopt the minutes by Bill
  - b. **Second** by Adam
  - c. **Motion passes, the minutes are adopted.**
6. Committee Reports
  - a. ABA Student Representative – Chair: N/A
  - b. Academics Committee – Chair: Braxton Duhon
  - c. Athletics Committee – Chair: Jared Tregre
  - d. Community and Media Committee – Chair: Olivia Nuss
  - e. Diversity and Professionalism Committee – Chair: Kristyn Couvillion
  - f. Elections Committee – Commissioner: Robert Carter
  - g. Ethics Committee – Interim Chair: Christian Redmon
  - h. Safety, Sensitivity & Sustainability Committee – Chair: Christian Redmon
7. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President
  - i. Amendments to the Constitution
    1. Kudos to Carson for putting in a lot of effort on this
    2. Floor open to ask questions or discuss the amendments proposed:
      - a. Hannah: Art 5 Sec 9b for voting of class officers, do 1Ls elect a secretary? No. The 1Ls elect their class reps, and once elected, the SBA 1L board selects one of them to serve as secretary
    3. **Motion** to propose the amendments by Keifer
    4. Second by Alex
    5. Motion passes, we will propose the amendments to student body for ratification
  - ii. Election Code Changes
    1. Keifer: why the change to passive online communication?
      - a. Patrick: it has been a big issue in the past. The language was unclear as to how you could safely run your campaign. Mainly because of COVID and more online communications in the future we decided to make this clearer to allow people to post on their personal social media that they are running without any targeted campaigning.
    2. **Motion** to adopt changes to the election code by Bill
    3. Second by Reagan
    4. Motion passes and the changes will take effect immediately!
  - iii. Update from the Dean re Fall Semester
    1. Our meetings will be on Zoom for fall semester due to restrictions on meeting sizes on campus.
    2. On campus events: are pretty much non-existent this fall, but we can have responsible off-campus events like the volleyball tournament. The policy according to admin is that you should only be on campus to go to class in and out.
      - a. Hats & Canes: as of now, Dean says the toast on the steps are ok. Suggested that we move the reception to the spring. She's not forbidding it but she doesn't think the venue will allow it. Need to make sure we are booking venues that have DOUBLE what we need in case there are still 50% capacity requirements.
      - b. Other events like GIFs: Dean is onboard with our alternatives like drive-in movie, trivia, etc.
        - i. She mentioned a Zoom cooking class, etc. It is possible that later on in the year it'll be possible for us to rent a bar but we will have to see.
    3. Structural layout: tables will be moved and added outside for social distancing, CCs will be open but the student lounge will have single seating instead. No communal tables. Library also has social distancing with only 2 people per table.

4. Honor code: will be amended to include the health and wellness policies. If you repeatedly refuse to comply you may be in front of the ethics committee.
5. Faculty will not be meeting with students in their office, all Zoom and email.
6. SBA office will be open to us. Need to get our keys.
7. Michael and Melanie: Attendance policy:
  - a. Patrick: Dean Carroll is working on that but for asynchronous attendance will be certification like spring. For the synchronous classes, you have to attend and same with in-person. There should be updates to leniency but you still have to go to class... not sure about people opting for the online versions. Not sure if there will be a roll call or passing the roll.
8. Orientation is fully online now.
9. Reagan: Update on library for asbestos and studying?
  - a. Patrick: Library is open, seating and desks are spread out. The only caveat is mask policy including no eating/drinking in library. So it may be... uncomfortable.
  - b. No update on asbestos.
  - c. Not sure how renting out the study rooms will work because of cleaning concerns and all that.
10. Classrooms: Clorox wipes and sanitation will be available, but its up to students to clean for themselves.
11. Heidi: what happens if someone gets sick? We don't want students to feel like they have to go to school for attendance if they are sick. Exceptions?
  - a. Patrick: I don't know, this is all speculation... it's been brought up. Doesn't make sense to ding someone absent due to COVID but really not sure how that's going to work.
12. Keifer: Finals: Curve? Pass/Fail?
  - a. Patrick: Exams will likely be mostly online except 1Ls, and during the actual time slot. Very very unlikely that this semester will be pass/fail. You can still fill out the form for conflicting exams, but if its fully off-campus then they'll change it to be like spring.
13. Bill: Is U-High doing online classes?
  - a. Patrick: No clue, but most elementary-high school are still doing class in person with a delayed start date.
  - b. Shawn: At law school today, U-High operating parent pick up pretty normally.
14. Bill: Is face mask policy inside only?
  - a. Patrick: In building must wear mask, outside I think you can take it off.
15. Melanie: Spring classes with online options? So people could move home if needed and not be in Baton Rouge. Would be nice if spring had online options for classes for people that need to give up their apartments/save money/distance etc.

- a. Patrick: No updates on that or apprenticeship week/trial ad, or on spring classes but we sign up for classes in October. Will probably make last minute decisions
- iv. Update on the Main Campus Senators
  - 1. Last meeting we discussed these Senators. Patrick went back and forth with SGA, main campus, admin etc.
  - 2. Main Campus believes that these Senators were “validly” elected, even though we didn’t have proper notice or opportunity to elect our own and would like to.
    - a. We would have to initiate a recall of the student reps that we actually didn’t elect.
      - i. One of them is causing issues slamming SBA and sending emails to main campus and admin, acting unprofessionally
      - ii. We have tried really hard to do this in a way that’s not public or damaging to his/her law school career but at this point we have no option.
    - b. We would issue a notice to the law school noting “for the above reasons, we are initiating a recall of the law school senators” etc. There are 3 seats with one vacant, so we could still have an election in the fall to fill the empty seat regardless.
    - c. Heidi: she has personally seen some of the communications and he/she is very rude about SBA and has been very unprofessional. They moved into these positions as undergrads also and that’s not fair.
    - d. Patrick: 1Ls actually are behind the recall because they do not like this representation.
    - e. Michael: Even if they are recalled they can run again and may get elected, but at least we protected ourselves procedurally.
    - f. Melanie: If this person isn’t willing to work with us now, he/she definitely won’t be good to work with in the future. If they get re-elected appropriately, that’s fine but at least we protected the procedure for the future.
    - g. Patrick: Need to give them another opportunity to resign peacefully but then we will initiate a recall.
  - 3. **Motion** to recall main campus Senators by Bill
  - 4. Second by Andrew
  - 5. Motion passes, we will initiate a recall of these two senators
- v. Regular SBA meetings
  - 1. We have to meet with some regularity like normal but we don’t have to meet weekly. We can meet bi-weekly. Need to pick date/time good for everybody. Can discuss in GroupMe.
  - 2. No way to do public input easily unless we invite people to speak. New constitution has provisions to allow to private meetings since we are technically meeting off campus.
  - 3. Hannah: BOA does username and password

4. Melanie: Maybe add comment block to website for public interest
- vi. To-Do List Coming Up:
  1. 1L election
  2. Ethics Committee interviews
  3. Senator recall
  4. Appointments and applications for other committees, up to the chairmen of each committee besides ethics
- b. Vice President
  - i. Council of Student Organizations
    1. Will likely be on Zoom but waiting to hear back from Admin
      - a. Emailed Melinda and Christina last week about this meeting, which includes heads of all the student orgs and it is supposed to happen once a semester.
      - b. Will be on Zoom, probably very short... if constitution didn't require it, it could just be a detailed email.
      - c. In theory if a club has fewer than ten people, they can meet. For example: PILs officers.
        - i. No food sharing.
    2. Tabling likely will not happen this fall at all. Don't want people stagnant but waiting for more concrete info.
  - ii. Tables N/A
  - iii. Funding Requests N/A
- c. Secretary
  - i. Note on voting procedure – pay attention to Patrick after the debate on a motion so we can just do affirmations, oppositions, and abstentions as a group. Probably no more roll call unless absolutely necessary
  - ii. Have a great last few days of summer!
- d. Treasurer
  - i. Inside Account
    1. Emailed 4<sup>th</sup> Floor for balance
      - a. Student fees are added to this account
      - b. Funds for this account are used to benefit entire student body at the Law Center
  - ii. Outside Account
    1. Balance: \$49,380.47
      - a. For reference, on 7/31/2019 (one year ago) it was \$55,727.76
      - b. We have a little less but not a big deal since we won't be having as many expenditures this fall.
  - iii. Profit/Loss Template for SBA Events
    1. Must turn in to Exec Treasurer within 2 weeks of event
    2. Attach receipts, invoices, any documentation available
    3. The constitution requires that the VPs report expenditures but people haven't been doing that! So we are going to do it like we are supposed to.
    4. It is not hard just do it. It is formulated to calculate for you so just fill in the numbers
  - iv. Constitution changes for Exec Treasurer

- v. Still have not received accounting from former treasurer Will Bell
  - 1. Deadlines are for a REASON. Very important to turn things in at the end of your term and keep good records. This goes for everyone. Back up your computers and keep good track of your information so this does not ever happen. Be responsible!
- vi. Thoughts on improvements that can be made to the Law Center with student funds
- e. Programming Director
  - i. Football tickets
    - 1. University is waiting to determine capacity of the stadium, and then they will announce how students will get tickets
    - 2. 2 ways they may do this, either lottery for the whole campus OR small # of tickets allocated to the law center and we will have to have our own lottery. Either way, they will be limited.
  - ii. Drive-In Movie GIF
    - 1. Emailed Dean Lockridge, open to ideas re logistics
- 8. Class Officer Reports
  - a. 3L Class
    - i. Hats & Canes
      - 1. Capacity of the event center is only 200 so we may have to move it but the deposit is refundable.
      - 2. Challenge will be all of the events crammed in the spring... Setting those dates early will be key. Friday Oct 23 is booked currently with Heirloom doing bar and catering, we can decide further in semester if its needed to move to spring.
  - b. 2L Class
    - i. Merch
      - 1. Reagan: Waiting on proofs for T-shirts and long sleeves, things we do every year. Plan to send a poll for specialty items like hats or wooly threads.
        - a. Shawn: Idea to use the poll to determine the special items.
        - b. Reagan: distribution maybe be Geneologie distributing straight to customer via shipping.
    - ii. Locker reservations
      - 1. Austin: all locker reservations are online and about 110 people have already done it. People have until next week to claim their stuff from the locker cleanout. Video to explain lockers!
    - iii. Barristers Ball
      - 1. Austin: Got with L'auberge, casino themed Barristers ball, they won't give us date until they hear more but they are in communication with us.
    - iv. Parking proposal
      - 1. Alex: 2L officers thought about ways to benefit students at PMH with inside account. Thought parking gates could be something we fund! Created a proposal 3-4 page paper in detail. 4 different ways we could fund and implement this. This would be a long-term benefit. Concerns all covered in the proposal, including key cards

and chain of command. Increase of student body at PMH but stagnant parking amount.

- a. Patrick: Accidentally sent to the other Patrick Riley an undergrad on campus, we need to help him because he accidentally gets hundreds of emails. Anyway, would have to get facilities and admin involved. Who we want to go to first.
- b. Going to send to Patrick, then after review send to rest of SBA.
- c. Austin: last year there was discussion about a gate with admin that seemed promising so

v. Family day shirts from spring

1. Austin: came in during pandemic, school wouldn't allow them to go to SBA office while they were working on lockers.
  - a. Patrick: we should get access to SBA office around the 10<sup>th</sup> so when that happens they can get the shirts.

c. 1L Class

d. LLM

- i. We do have two new LLMs this semester! They are more than welcome to serve as reps.

9. Old Business

- a. Reminder to send bios and photos to Olivia for the website
  - i. Send whatever photo you want, maybe a headshot

10. New Business

- a. Congrats on the engagement Austin!
- b. Weird year with COVID but allows us to be innovative! We have the time and the team to work hard and do cool new stuff.
- c. Next meeting probably first week of school.

11. Adjournment

- a. **Motion** to adjourn by: Keifer
- b. Second by: Bill
- c. Motion passes, meeting adjourned! Bye!