

LSU Student Bar Association  
Meeting Minutes  
August 15, 2023 at 1:00 pm  
Room 110



1. Call to Order: 7:18 p.m.
2. Roll Call
  - a. Katie Peppo - Executive President
  - b. Alec Keane - Executive Vice President
  - c. Brenna Macnamara - Executive Secretary
  - d. Hannah Cobb - Executive Treasurer
  - e. Gabrielle Daigle - Executive Director of Programming
  - f. 3L Class President – Trent Robertson
  - g. 3L Class Vice President – Cory Koch
  - h. 3L Class Secretary – D’Andrea Carter
  - i. 3L Class Representative – Olivia Parker
  - j. 3L Class Representative – Ansley Sumner
  - k. 2L Class President – Benton Alford
  - l. 2L Class Vice President – Drake Brignac
  - m. 2L Class Secretary – Julia Montgomery
  - n. 2L Class Representative – Courtney Fowler
  - o. 2L Class Representative – Lauren Devenzio
3. Adoption of the Minutes
  - a. Reading of the August 22nd Minutes
  - b. Motion to Adopt Courtney
  - c. Seconded by Dee
4. Public Input
  - a. Funding Requests
5. Committee Reports
  - a. ABA Representative: Haley Baker
  - b. Academics Committee Chair & Vice-Chair: Ann Marie Rome & Gabrielle Lecesse
  - c. Athletics Committee Co-Chairs: Jack Ducote, Damatria Willingham
  - d. Community and Media Committee Chair: Timothy Durr
  - e. Diversity and Professionalism Committee Chair: Victoria Louis
  - f. Elections Committee Commissioner: Nathan Jagot
  - g. Safety, Sensitivity & Sustainability Committee Chair: John Cashen
  - h. Student Technology Fee Committee Chair: Ethan Dupree

- i. Alumni Outreach & Event Planning Committee Chair: Thomas Frederick
- 6. Executive Officer Reports
  - a. President
    - i. Town Hall Topic
      - 1. Should it be about Parking?
        - a. Havent gotten any response from Parking guy
        - b. For people to realize there are two sides to the problem - people who are mad that they didnt get a pass vs. people who are mad they didnt get a spot
        - c. Can we try to come to a resolution about what to pitch to parking
      - 2. Should we have a Q&A session about what to do and how to do things
        - a. Help people have an understanding of how things work
        - b. What is the 4th floor
        - c. Send out a google form - get peoples questions and then answer them in the meeting
          - i. Send it out in the class groupmes
          - ii. Give them the questions in advance so they can actually give us and answer and give them the opportunity prepare for it
          - iii. SBA would also think of questions that maybe havent been asked
        - d. Get Dean Henry - maybe Dean Allen but dont want her to get thrown to the wolves
          - i. Maybe Dean Allen should be there because a majority of the students dont know her and dont really have the opportunity to know her
          - ii. Maybe Dean Allen could be the moderator - shes asking the questions to her peers
        - e. Should we just do the town hall and video it and share it with everyone
      - 3. Townhalls should be about putting pressure on people tho
        - a. Parking the pressure would be on us
        - b. 4th floor the pressure would be on the 4th floor
          - i. Also dont want to cause more tensions
      - 4. We could have multiple townhalls
      - 5. Olivia Motion to table this discussion to the next meeting
        - a. Second courtney
    - ii. Shout Out - Gabrielle all the GIFs are planned
  - b. Vice President
    - i. Thanks for the org fair help
    - ii. Corey - could we have a Spring fair
      - 1. Alec - yeah thats something I am planning to do
  - c. Secretary
    - i. Camera has come in and we will have that for future events

- ii. SBA Retreat
    - 1. Room reserved from 10-3, might not be as long
    - 2. Looking for photographers
- d. Treasurer
  - i. Account Balances
- e. Director of Programming
  - i. No GIF this week
- 7. Class Officer Reports
  - a. 3L Class
    - i. Had a meeting with the 4th floor - Haley Westfold and Bobby Z
      - 1. Hats and Canes
        - a. Alumni relations is paying for the champagne the hats and canes, the food, and the beer and wine
        - b. This of for the morning of Saturday
        - c. Families and invited and other law students are invited
        - d. They did inform us that it is possible that it will be a day game - no matter what time the kick off is the tailgate starts 4 hours before and the pictures 2 hours before
          - i. So of its an 11am game - tailgate starts at 7am and picture is at 9am
          - ii. Going to tell the class of 2024 now to be aware
      - 2. Briefly discussed grad fair and class gift
      - 3. Any ideas for class gift
        - a. Modern furniture for upstairs in the library?
          - i. Is the library getting remodeled
        - b. Scholarship - but would have to pledge an amount for like 5 years
    - ii. Funding Request for Hats and Canes Cocktail Party
      - 1. Motion to expend \$720 for a photobooth for 3 hours
        - a. Courtney Seconds
        - b. Motion Passes - Unanimously
    - iii. Basin/Hats and Canes
      - 1. Photographer and Photobooth done
      - 2. Bar wasnt included in the catering
      - 3. Catering isnt done yet - our old number was based on 400 people but we will likely have more
        - a. About 140 people have filled out the form and we have a little over 400 guests already
        - b. Think we may reach about 500 peopl
      - 4. Playing around with ticket prices - maybe \$30 per person
      - 5. Working on the tshirt
    - iv. DJ from Hats and Canes
      - 1. Dee moves to amend the previous motion for a DJ for Hats and Canes to use that DJ for Halloween Party

- a. Alec Seconds
      - b. Motion Passes Unanimously
    - 2. Halloween party is 8-10
  - b. 2L Class
    - i. Barristers Ball
      - 1. Signed contracts with the DJ and the band for barristers ball
    - ii. Lockers
      - 1. if locked out call the number in the locker room
      - 2. Plenty of availability - thinking about sending something out to see if there is anyone who still wants a locker
      - 3. A few broken lockers and have reached out to maintenance
    - iii. Merch
      - 1. Were originally doing Red Stick but they made it complicated
      - 2. So went to B-Unlimited and they have been super great
      - 3. Working to figure out what to do with the SBA
        - a. Brenna is meeting with Sanoski tomorrow
          - i. Trying to figure out if there is any way around it
      - 4. B-unlimited is waiting to do our mockups until we figure out the logo problem
      - 5. What about the 4th floor sale
        - a. Done through the alumni association?
        - b. Might have separate requirements
        - c. Probably wont want to share money with us
        - d.
      - 6. Once we get approval process from Dean Henry we can get that typed up and shared with other orgs
      - 7. Theres a bot sba merch going on in the 1L facebook
        - a. Has the sba logo on it
        - b. if you see that report it
    - iv. 4th floor is skeptical about our role in lockers
      - 1. Creating a locker procedure sheet - need an official process in case so its easier for future classes
      - 2. Want to add some stuff into the code of student responsibility about leaving stuff behind - want some official language in the code
  - c. 1L Class
  - d. LLM
8. Unfinished Business
  - a. Amending the Constitution
    - i. Corey Motion to limiting all commentary to 2 minutes
      - 1. Benton Seconds
      - 2. Motion Passes
    - ii. Ethics Committee
      - 1. Not a part of SBA anymore should be a separate entity

2. Don't want admin to pick certain people b/c certain people may have certain ideas to certain things and people, but also don't want to SBA members to pick it could turn political.
  3. Olivia → Don't love the idea of no student say for the ethics committee. Should have a jury of your peers.
  4. Brenna → student suggested to her that ethics committee should be further separated from SBA
  5. Dee → table talks about committees and chairs until next week so the chairs can be included
    - a. Corey seconded
    - b. Motion passes
  6. Hannah → keep in mind we are limiting SBA power and there are already others are trying to limit SBA's power
  7. Hannah Motion to limiting commentary on each issue to 7 minutes
    - a. Corey seconded
    - b. Motion passes
- iii. Eligibility of Membership
1. Hannah → Art. III Sect. 1(B) doesn't make sense
    - a. Are they members of SBA or can they be members of they choose?
  2. Drake → charge \$20 for full time and \$10 for part time. Dual students are probably paying main campus fees while enrolled in main campus classes
  3. Courtney → if they aren't eligible for membership, they can they still become members?
  4. Katie and Hannah said this statement just needs to be clarified.
- iv. Sect. 4 Fees
1. Trent → student fees should be managed by SBA.
    - a. Clarified to having language that mentions SBA manages money only for the outside account
  2. Hannah → we should but it's not going to happen. They won't even tell Hannah how much they spent on pizza last week.
  3. Drake → adding another section about expenses relating to orgs spending money i.e. they can request X amount for 1 event each semester
- v. Sect. 4(C) What's a reasonable fee?
1. Brenna → prices for tickets and gifs etc.
  2. Corey → don't limit it; reasonable is always used in lawyer world
  3. Alec → agreed ^
  4. Hannah → agreed ^
- vi. Executive Officers
1. Brenna → adding a Director of Diversity and Professionalism to executive board

- a. Courtney → chair of diversity committee but concerned about voting powers with future chairs later on
- b. Olivia → what's the advantage of having an executive position?
  - i. Brenna → Biggest thing is voting power for affinity groups. Various ways to do it like the graduate member position.
  - ii. Olivia → doesn't make sense to add the exec position b/c cause legal issues for LLC purposes
  - iii. Katie → would be on board of directors for LLC. Concern: do you want to give exec one more vote by adding this position. Could be seen as a power grab.
  - iv. Hannah → voting is non-negotiable. Traditional positions but in recent years a lot of execs are adding this position. Don't think it's a concern at all for adding the position.
  - v. Gabrielle → agrees
  - vi. Alec → important position to be added.
  - vii. Olivia → exec doesn't mean to her they have the most amount of power.
  - viii. Katie → other option would be like the LLM position and would have voting power
2. Motion → to add 5 more minutes to topic
  - a. Second by Dee
  - b. Motion passes by majority
3. Lauren → codifying for entirety is very very important. TX A&M stripped diversity from them. Very important as leaders to codifying to ensure the future.
4. Corey → concerns that the position could become token b/c what does diversity mean what does professionalism mean. WOULD they speak over BLSA, HLSA, OUTlaw, etc.
5. Dee → who votes for this position b/c committee chairs are selected? Issue with school voting on who becomes next diversity exec b/c then what if they vote for a person that's not "diverse"
6. Brenna → diversity committee responsible for keeping a log and were approving/maintaining list. Elections required you to be a member of the affinity group to vote for the position. Voted as an entire student body.
7. Drake → share similar concerns with elections and how it would work. Inherit problem with how committees function. They don't show up when they should be coming. Could have reasonable power. Troublesome to rise a committee up to exec and leave everyone else in the dust.

8. Please email suggestions to Brenna about suggests for this topic
9. Dee moves to table
  - a. Corey seconds
  - b. Motion passes
- vii. Graduate Officer
  1. Hannah → wants consistency; just make it LLM
  2. Corey → agrees read something similar in another constitution
  3. Courtney → are we picking one word for consistency or add new officer positions each time b/c what if another graduate program comes up
  4. Olivia → how does this relate to MBA and other programs?
  5. Courtney → vote on changing graduate to LLM for consistency
  6. Drake → any graduate member can run for LLM position
    - a. Katie → that's where we need clarification
  7. Olivia → all LLM reps are grad officers but not all grads will be LLMs
  8. Corey → motion to table
    - a. Alec second
    - b. Motion passes
- viii. LLM representative 30 member class
  1. Courtney → pissed her off b/c biggest class is 18 never 30
  2. Olivia → doesn't make sense numbers wise to have this LLM vote for just 15 people when 2Ls have 350 to represent
  3. Anisely → traditionally the LLMs leave and don't want to make too long of a lasting impact; they just aren't here long enough
  4. Corey → similar situation to Puerto Rico
  5. Courtney → why are they an officer instead of a committee
  6. Julia → more fair for LLM to have more power than no power. Why give them the position of they can't use it
  7. Olivia → Are LLMs interest that different from the class they are graduating with? Of they had a concern then why can't they just go to their class reps about them?
  8. Drake → why not have the LLMs vote for the 3Ls reps
  9. Corey → table
    - a. Alec → second
    - b. Send brenna input
    - c. Motion passes
- ix. Voter Eligibility
  1. Not discussing
- x. Impeachment
  1. Drake → ethics committee reserved full authority of EVERYTHING. What does fraud, theft, or malfeasance mean? Basically they said you need to be convicted of an actual crime. Add another category.

2. Corey → need a serious convo with ethics committee about impeachment
  3. Anisely → it's a debate on what we want to do
  4. Olivia → suggestion for ethics to be similar to a MRP.
  5. Hannah → trying to understand wth the ethics committee is
  6. Anislehy → they are separate and SBA use to pick them and they have their own set of rules. Admin now picks who is on the committee
  7. Drake → there was some kind of power trip happening. Impeachment case they didn't use due process.
  8. Olivia motion to extend 2 min
    - a. Katie second
    - b. Motion passes
  9. Lauren → need to hear from ethics committee
  10. Alec → be assertive and treat them like a grand jury
  11. Drake → add something about violating code of professional conduct
  12. Corey motion to table
    - a. Alec second
    - b. Motion passes
- xi. SBA officers make reasonable attempts to attend other SBA events
1. Everyone loves it
- xii. President Duties
1. No one has ever gone to some kind of national meeting add of possible
- xiii. Secretary
1. Maintain email but secretary doesn't have an email
  2. Wants to strike this
  3. Drake → could we use outside accounts funds to buy a domain
- xiv. Treasurer
1. Oversee proper use of debt card
  2. Yes
- xv. 3L Class Officers
1. Corey → keep in assault and flattery b/c of money concerns
  2. Olivia → Ass flat should be an organization. Realistically ass flat works on its own. 3l officers have nothing to do with it. Not a good look for SBA to be sponsoring an event that makes sex jokes about professors.
  3. Dee → SBA isolated ass flat b/c of racist jokes etc. Incorporate provisions that puts strict guideline on what ass flat can say and do.
    - a. Gabrielle → idk about adding restrictions on what they can say and do b/c of the 1st amendment
  4. Drake → CDC? Add tailgate? Part b that put ass flat and tailgate in their own class not an org but 3l officers responsible for helping them?
  5. Olivia → who decides what racist means? What if someone doesn't like something? Can't police humor/parody and comedy.
  6. Corey Motion to table



- a. Corey and Gabrielle second of class
    - b. Motion passes
  - 7. Add 100 day, 50 day, and last first day
- xvi. 2Ls Officers
  - 1. Add lockers and merch
  - 2. Olivia → talk to someone about maybe making merch a committee especially the designing portion of it. Specifically get a person that can be a t-shirt chair.
  - 3. Hannah → 2Ls should still remain over it with the oversight. Don't want to give too much power to committees
  - 4. Courtney → no one submits designs. Committee won't follow through b/c so few submit designs
  - 5. Brenna → merch should go over to communications committee. Timmy submitted a lot of ideas.
  - 6. Lauren → should add merch to a committee b/c she is hella stressed and doesn't know what she is doing. Committee would be super helpful.
  - 7. Hannah motion to table
    - a. Olivia second
    - b. Motion passes
- xvii. 1Ls
  - 1. Add Still alive at 65
  - 2. Should there be an additional position
    - a. Brenna → no b/c they would have 6 compared to everyone else having 5 members
- xviii. Town Hall
  - 1. Add At least one town hall
  - 2. Dee → have affinity groups come into to discuss decisions like themes, music choices, etc. (i.e. 2015 plantation theme barristers ball)
  - 3. Hannah → meetings are open and no one comes. Maybe we should post topics that will be discussed so those affinity groups will know what's being talked about
  - 4. Katie → wanted to keep band and theme a secret to have a big reveal; want to keep tiers to increase prices
  - 5. Olivia → we were elected to representative the student body and should be making decisions that's best for student body.
  - 6. Alec → like idea having input from affinity group. Director position would serve as the check on us.
  - 7. Courtney → committees and chairs need to step up and be here. THEY should be here to give their voices.
  - 8. Olivia → should fall under diverse committee's job. THEY need to make sure SBA is functioning in an equitable way.

9. Dee → diverse committee is more important so there should be an executive position. They should have a say and vote b/c it's important issues and ideas.
10. Motion to table courtney
  - a. Corey second
  - b. Motion passes
- xix. Absence goes to president and secretary
  1. Drake → art. 7 sect 1
    - a. Idk
- xx. Hannah → issue with committees separating from SBA b/c they are doing their own thing without letting SBA know
  1. Dee → 100% agrees. Committees need to be discussed with chairs next week.
  2. Drake → require committee reports and require them to come once a month
    - i. Katie and hannah like that
    - b. Motion to move committee talk to next week
      - i. Corey seconds
      - ii. Motion passes
- xxi. Take out chancellor we have a dean
- xxii. Adding language voting through electronic messaging means
- xxiii. Funding for student orgs
  1. History and track record to orgs
    - a. Katie → disadvantage to new orgs
    - b. Alec → not a disadvantage i.e. HLSA has a big event every year
    - c. Corey → more people deserves more money and you have been here longer
    - d. Olivia → they have discretion to decide who to fund and how much
- xxiv. Requests for funding needs to be 2 weeks in advance
  1. Courtney → bylaws question?
  2. Hannah → language from 4th floor
  3. Olivia → should there be something about amending requests
  4. Alec → as long as initial request is made then any changes later on don't have to be made 2 weeks in advance
  5. Drake → CYA?
- xxv. Council of student orgs
  1. Quorum needs to be  $\frac{1}{3}$
  2. Alec → it's fine at  $\frac{1}{3}$
- xxvi. Something about duties and council for student orgs
  1. Idk brenna is looking into it
- xxvii. Allowing digital filing
  1. Yes

9. New Business

10. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Drake
- b. Second by Courtney
- c. Adjourned at 9:35 pm