



Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Student Bar Association

Meeting Minutes

Anastasia A. Elder, Secretary

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, LB060

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Call to Order: 6:03 p.m.

- Emily Stolfer

Approval of the Minutes:

- **Motion:** Kelynn
- **Second:** Stephen

Roll Call:

Name	Attendance
Tiffany Henderson	X
Claire O'Conner	
Anastasia Elder	
Nina Nager	
Lauren Holler	
Brandon Brown	X
Emily Stolfer	
Alexander Messina	
Jonathon Kapus	X
Noor Bahhur	
Nicholas Welling	X
Heather Holt	
Gary Whitla	X
Kelynn Carter	
Taurean (TJ) Shattuck	

Jasmine Taylor	X
Trank Triozzi	
Karly Huml	
Stephen Robison	
Peter Camba	X

Adoption of Agenda:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Dean Fisher Report

- a. He wants to get a sense of what SBA does
- b. Values relationships with the student body
- c. What can he do to be a better Dean? Q/A
 - i. Nina: Excited about everything Dean has been doing, i.e. presence around the school, engagement with student body; Q: Has his opinion changed about wanting to be permanent dean?
 1. He tells story:
 - a. This position came suddenly and he was asked to consider being the Dean
 - b. He applied to be Dean 5 years ago and was a finalist.
 - c. He always wanted to be a Dean, but decided that since he didn't get the position, that it might not be for him anymore.
 - d. Became president and CEO for a consulting company; has travelled for the last 5 years around the world seeking ideas for how to make American cities better
 - e. He said he didn't want to campaign for the position because he didn't want people to question his motives, since he has been in politics.
 - f. President and Provost voted against him being interim Dean because they said we needed a permanent Dean; faculty voted to relieve him from his commitment to be interim dean for 2 years;
 - g. Instead, he will be the Dean only during the searching process.
 - h. Decides in the next 30 days if he wants to be a candidate for permanent Dean
 - ii. Emily: Can we brainstorm another location for the exercise equipment?
 1. Yes.

2. Side note: Thinks the ping pong table should go in the café
- iii. Suggestions for ping pong table
 1. Café
 2. Store it in the SBA store
 3. Ball/paddle check-out from store
- iv. Suggestions for exercise equipment:
 1. Lower room in library
 2. Learning commons
 - a. Concept: socialize, TV, study group rooms, comfortable furniture
- v. Alex: What's being done to make sure parking isn't oversold
- vi. If there is only one thing that you can accomplish as interim dean what would it be?
 1. Make the law school financially sustainable
 2. i.e. if admissions continue to decline, then we won't survive
 3. wants to find ways to bring forth more revenue
 4. doesn't think you can "cut your way to the top"; therefore, it's time to invest more. Fundraising, use alumni network, find ways to attract more students to the school (i.e. out of state recruitment, eliminating difference between out of state/instate tuition, exploring scholarship retention issue; can't fix it retroactively)
5. looking for ways to maintain quality of classes, but increase enrollment
- vii. How do you think CM is distinguished from other law schools?
 1. Single best way to be competitive is to find distinctive advantage
 2. He's still learning but:
 - a. Loyal Fan Base: We have an unusually deep alumni network; doesn't think we leverage it for purposes of job placement...
 - b. Quality AND Opportunity, i.e. evening program
 - c. in the middle of a city that is going through a renaissance and is still affordable
 - d. we have to identify areas of curriculum
 - i. i.e. cyber security—shows that CM Law gets it and is predicting where the world is going (before other law schools)
 3. financially sustainable, have vision that others see, and ahead in our curriculum
- viii. Nov 1: State of the Law School Address
 1. Direction of the law school.
- ix. Have we reached out to the VA? VA at Cleveland State is the best in Ohio; good recruitment
 1. He'll look into it; Stephen will send him an email.

- x. Other Suggestions?
 - 1. Send him an email
 - 2. Stop up
- xi. Thank you!

Officer Reports:

President (Tiffany Henderson) (Presented By: Claire):

1. Vote Early—Can we send an email informing people that they can vote at the Board of Elections
2. Bathrooms are swipe only
3. Send bios to Tiffany this week

Vice-President (Claire O'Conner):

1. Sell Halloween Party tickets
 - a. We will sell at the door: \$25
2. CMBA Run for Justice: October 29, 2016 at 9 a.m. Burke Lakefront Airport
 - a. 1 mile walk
 - b. 5K and 5-mile run
 - c. we will fund 5 students

Secretary

No Report.

Director of Development

1. "Hi 1L's my name is Nina Nager. I've been emailing with you."
2. Do your store hours
3. Store Order is in ☺
4. Fundraising
5. Next Ride: Faculty and Profess
6. If you want to see your dean sweat so

Treasurer

1. Approximately \$22K
2. Agency: \$5,800
3. For Barristers AFTER the Halloween Party: \$2300
4. When was the agency and foundation account updated? Summer.
5. Volunteers for the GFAC Meeting: Friday at 1:30 p.m.: Emily.

Ombudsman

1. Dean Fisher gave State of Law School
 - a. School isn't going to be provided more money because the university is only giving to areas growing/up-and-coming in the university, i.e. college of engineering
 - b. Lifetime membership

- c. Getting more service/mentorship through the school
 - d. Trying to get more CLE's
2. Dems contacted Emily and want to do another seminar with students; Wednesday 12-1 p.m.; Panel Discussion about getting involved this election season; 7 person panel, Rm. 11

New Business

1. Lauren
 - a. No finance requests
 - b. We want to change Going to email club leaders with guideline for submitting reports, including:
 - i. What good requests look like
 - ii. turn it in by Saturday at noon.
2. Sign card for Dean Fisher for Keurigs

Open Floor

3. **Fall Meeting Schedule**
 - a. 10/23
 - b. 11/6
 - c. 11/20

Adjourn: 7:08 p.m.

- **Motion:** Alex
- **Second:** Noor