



**Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Student Bar Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Anastasia A. Elder, Secretary**

**Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, LB060**

**Sunday, November 20, 2016**

**Call to Order:** 6:04 p.m.

- Emily Stolfer

**Approval of the Minutes:**

- **Motion:** Jon
- **Second:** Stephen

**Roll Call:**

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

Jasmine Taylor	
Frank Triozzi	
Karly Huml	X
Stephen Robison	
Peter Camba	X (Unexcused)

**Adoption of Agenda:**

- **Motion:** Kapus
- **Second:** Stephen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Happy Thanksgiving!!!

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

1. Alumni Outing Suggestions for next semester
  - a. Bowling
  - b. Speed Networking
  - c. December 13, 2016: Next meeting with Alumni
2. Please take the Library survey if you havne't already
3. Send any suggestions to Tiffany for

**Vice-President (Claire O'Conner):**

1. Barrister's Ball
  - a. Location TBA- It's a surprise
2. End of the Year Social: December 16
  - a. Time:4-7p.m.
  - b. Location: Parnell's

**Secretary (Anastasia Elder):**

1. No Report.

**Treasurer (Lauren Holler):**

1. Agency Account: 15, 957
  - a. \$3,000 for End of the Year Social
  - b. Remainder: Barrister's
2. Breakfast/Snacks during finals
  - a. Will discuss with Emily about what we did last year:
    - i. General Fee Funds: approx. \$500

**Director of Development (Nina Nager) (Presented By: Claire):**

1. New stuff in the store! ☺

- a. T-shirts and zip-ups go up to 4XL
- b. Polos are on the way
- c. Money from our sales go to our Liquor

**Ombudsman Report- (Emily Stolfer)**

- 1. Last store hours are next week!
- 2. November 28 - December 1: Please work your hours!

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Funding Request

a. **BLSA**

i. **Norman S. Minor Holiday CLE**

- 1. Mental Health and Professional Ethics
  - 2. The speakers normal fee is \$10K; NSMBA has a discount but they asked for our help
  - 3. Speaker also agreed to come to the school to do a brown bag about voter protection
  - 4. They want \$1,500 from BLSA
  - 5. Requesting \$500
  - 6. Recommendation: \$500, but in the event that the Dean's Budget doesn't give 1000, we will recommend \$1,500
- ii. Ultimate Request: NSMBA/Midwest Conference/Scholarship Banquet (\$9,629), BLSA is asking for less than \$400 more than normally, including the NSMBA request above.
  - iii. If we fund in full for all of these events, then SBA will still have enough funds to take care of all other events without going to GFAC. (We will also have
  - iv. New Recommendation: \$1,000
    - 1. Motion: to fund \$1,000
    - 2. Second: Brandon
    - 3. 13-0

b. **Midwest Conference**

- i. BLSA is the host chapter for the conference
- ii. Request: \$3129
- iii. 39 members; 30 have committed to go to the convention
- iv. BLSA is funding \$750
- v. Includes a hotel room for local BLSA/Midwest officers: Kelynn Carter, Jzinae Jackson, Amanda Orr
  - 1. They will be there to early times in the morning
- vi. Recommendation in full
  - 1. Motion: Kapus
  - 2. Second: Stephen
  - 3. Vote: 13-0

**c. Scholarship and Awards Banquet:**

- i. Last year: \$5,000
- ii. This year's request: \$6,000
- iii. Total Cost: approx. \$15,000
- iv. BLSA contribution: \$4,000
  1. Remainder: Law firm contributions and ticket sales
- v. Last year BLSA received the full amount
- vi. Last year BLSA requested for Nationals. Last year SBA gave approx. \$4,000. Their request this year will be less than last year.
- vii. Recommendation in full:
  1. Motion: Kapus
  2. Second: Stephen
  3. Vote: 13-0

**d. Academic Review Committee:**

- i. Contacted Borden
  1. Moved Corporations, Tax, etc. not to overlap.
- ii. **Comment:** Lauren
  1. 2L's are frustrated about the way times open for enrollment
  2. **Reasoning** (Nina): if you are closest to graduation, you enroll into classes first, so you can graduate on time
- iii. **Comment (Tiffany):** Let Tiffany know about these issues because she meets with Dean Fisher and Borden on a regular basis.

**e. Curriculum Committee:**

- i. Voted on "Semesterization" of Con Law—Likely to be passed.
- ii. Voted on Upper Level Requirements
  1. Getting rid of all requirements except ABA required:
    - a. One writing course past legal writing with faculty supervision
  2. Suggested that legal writing, upper level writing, etc be in one class
- iii. Recommendations:
  1. Voted to Eliminate: Perspectives, Evidence, Con Law—as required courses
    - a. Comment (Tiffany): People who have passed the bar have mentioned how much more rough it would be if they didn't take Evidence.
    - b. Response: We talked about Bar Passage v. Students who don't want to practice law; question presented-- What makes it so that Evidence and Con Law are more important than other Con Law courses?
    - c. Response (Tiffany): She was under the impression that i.e Wills (you can learn on your own), but that Con Law and Evidence couldn't be learned easier on one's own/without Barbri.

- d. Response: i.e. Not taking Secured, Corp, Commercial is also hard to learn on your own; politically, the committee's thinking is just to rid all of the required courses outside of ABA. Once the committee got past the bar stuff, it made the decision easier; The committee is not getting rid of the courses; They just aren't requiring them.
  - e. Pretty sure Con Law will pass. Over all curriculum stuff is HOT.
2. When the committee meets do they speak with the Planning Committee? Do they look at other schools?
    - a. Yes: What they found is that Con Law is the only one required. Top 50 schools require it, but other schools pretty much don't. Writing standards vary at other schools.
    - b. They haven't looked at what classes students think helped most.
  3. Comment: (Heather): Talked with Dean Fisher about how to make us more distinctive. Certificate programs have been up in the air.
    - a. Not requiring something like Evidence for JD advantage students, would help them be able to better obtain certificates.
    - b. Comment (Gary): Something like Con Law might be diluted if students have the option to take or don't take.
- f. **Bar Update** (Heather): Incentives for People to Complete Barbri
    - i. 75% completion= \$500
    - ii. 90% completion = \$1000
  - g. **Class for Students at Risk:** Prof. Robertson and Nick DeSantis are thinking to teach the class.

### OPEN FLOOR:

1. **Dean's Cabinet:**
  - a. Goal Setting Worksheet
    - i. If there is anything we want by the end of the fiscal year, then we need to put in on this sheet.
    - ii. Comment: Dean Fisher's events haven't been geared to evening/MLS students
    - iii. Side Comment: MLS student aren't apart of the Student Bar Association
2. Good Luck on your 1L Finals!
3. Suggestions for Spring Commencement to Tiffany
4. Spring Meetings
  - a. 1/22
  - b. 1/29

- c. 2/12
- d. 2/26
- e. 3/5
- f. 3/19
- g. 4/2
- h. 4/16

**Adjourn:** 7:07 p.m.

- **Motion:** Kapus
- **Second:** Brandon