

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Rebecca Weis

Will Corrigan

Leah Campbell

Michael Swansburg

Adam Broadus

Jacob Taulman

Johnna Spicer

Sara Mikowski

Brian Bennett

Aaron Price

Andrew Swafford

Daniel Cameron

TJ Massey

Lauren Bean

Lucas Vance

Lily Chan

Rachel Carmona

Calvin Duncan

Colleen Goodman

Melissa Stilger

Jenna Glasscock Johnston

Adam Jarboe

Victor Revill (Guest)

John Martin (Guest)

Meeting Opened: 8:46 PM

REPORTS

President's Report

RW: Those of you who are taking lawyering skills I met with Dean Hall and Professor Blackburn, who is taking over as Academic Dean, is going to remove the litigation section. There were lots of complaints about the litigation section. They will replace it with "marketing" as an attorney and emphasize individual practice and contract lawyering. You will also be getting a student number for your assignments when you get those. Prof. Blackburn is also going to work on coordinating so that you don't hear work/life balance over and over.

Also, for reading materials, they should be putting a packet together for the reading materials for lawyering skills. It will be available for purchase, likely under \$10, in the copy center.

Questions?

AB: Is Dean Hall going to be here?

RW: Yes, he's still teaching. Also, if there are complaints about lawyering skills, Prof. Blackburn has the 2L Rep. info. I'm impressed with him so far in meeting with him.

SM: I want to have the 3Ls have the opportunity for the marketing guy to come and talk with us as well. We might want to solidify that with Kathy Urbach or Prof. Blackburn. It's important to 3Ls.

LV: Is there a reason this is on Fridays?

RW: I heard a rumor that the SBA President last year wanted it to be on Fridays. I guess they just kept it that way.

LV: We all work on Fridays, so that means we can't work now.

RW: That's a good reason to move it and I'll check.

LC: Has anyone talked to anyone about the intro to lawyering skills as well?

RW: I think that's governed by the KY bar, but I'm not sure.

BD: I think it's because we get a credit for it and I think that's why it's done.

CG: It's a pre-requisite to lawyering skills as well. One of those hours is required by the KY bar.

RW: If you want to talk with me about complaints, I'll take them to Prof. Blackburn.

2. We just had the etiquette session and a lot of folks were interested in her coming back. She's expensive (\$200) and we had to beg to get her today. If we bring her back for another hour, students might be dissatisfied. We might be interested in doing a sit-down to learn how to do a proper dinner, etc. I felt like I benefited from the experience. I think it's good to polish up on that if people are interested. We can't pay for it, so the idea is that we'd be willing to pay for 2-3 hours of her time, but students would have to pay for the actual dinner. We could do it somewhere like at Masterson's. We're hoping students might be interested. We're just looking for feedback now and ask folks about it later.

SM: Something else to think about with lawyering skills, she covered that today and did a great job. If she comes, she should do the 1L thing, the mock interview thing, and the dinner thing to get the most out of her. She's fantastic about all of those.

Vice President (Day)'s Report

WC: No report.

Vice President (Evening)'s Report

LC: No report.

Secretary's Report

MS: The refrigerators and microwaves are now clean. Thanks to Rachel Carmona for taking a few hours to help me out with this disgusting, though necessary, task.

Treasurer's Report

AB: No report.

Social Chair's Report

CG: If you have money to give back to me, I can take those now. Rebecca has agreed to sit in the lobby tomorrow. Ticket sales aren't going well right now. For the 1L reps, I need you to

make an announcement. The price covers everything. It's not just an admission fee. Please make announcements tomorrow (Thursday) that we're still selling tickets tomorrow and Friday during school.

RW: I had an idea and we should try this last-minute, but I wonder if people know that it's Friday. It's hard to advertise so we're thinking that if we made little reminders and put them in everyone's mailbox reminding folks to buy tickets. I think it's worth it.

CG: There are signs, but it's not as apparent as other items. I need you all to sell these tickets in the next two days.

Fundraising Chair's Report

LC: No Report. I will receive the t-shirts next week.

Public Relations Chair's Report

RC: I have some exciting things about student of the month. The two nominees are here at the meeting.

The BARBRI lady cannot come to any meetings this semester, but next. She's will to donate gift certificates to the student of the month winners. I thought about making some different signs since we didn't get too many nominations. We might also come up with a gmail account for the award nominations.

I also wanted to see if you wanted to combine Dec./Jan. since we're not here. Our two nominees are Victor Revill and John Martin. (Vote commenced).

Public Service Chair's Report

JJ: Kathy is trying to do a lot of stuff. She's sending email about job fair, etc., and she wanted to go in the spring and solicit lawyers to put in certain pay amounts toward a fund for a summer intern program.

WC: This is short term, but on Wednesday, Nov. 5, there's a clinic at Jewish Hospital. I haven't notified anyone, so if we know anyone that would be good. I've told Jina Scinta already.

RW: Those cell phone boxes were upstairs so they are in the lounge downstairs and by the store.

ABA Rep Report

BD: I contacted the KBA to see if there is a student program. The answer is that they don't have a program, but that they would get back to me. We want to know if we can get Bench and Bar and go to CLE's, etc.

A month or so ago at the LBA I talked with some attorneys about how the 1Ls participate in mock interviews with 2Ls and 3Ls. The attorneys didn't agree with that and agreed to take on that responsibility. The young lawyers section is looking to have maybe 15 or so attorneys at the Aegon building next January to participate in a mock interview session with 1Ls from UofL.

RW: Is that just for 1Ls?

BD: If there's room left, let's put it to 2Ls and 3Ls. The more people we get, the better.

LB: My concern is that being thrown in front of lawyers might be nerve racking as the first line. Could we do both ours and do it with the lawyers?

RW: I think your point is well-taken. Technically that's also meet-and-greet time as well.

LB: I don't want 1Ls to completely "blubber" it.

Bookstore Manager Report

MStig: No report. Bookstore is great.

WC: If someone loses their locker key what do they do?

RW: Basically, whatever person picked the lockers picked high security lockers without a master key. When we re-keyed every locker, PPD has locks and breaks into the locker and replaces it with an entirely new locker back. When we re-keyed them, they used all the parts. PPD refuses to order more of those until we have a mass quantity to send to the manufacturer. Students are sticking them in the wrong way and breaking them. Basically, because we're going to eventually pay for the entire thing to be re-done, they lose their deposit and we have to keep the \$25. I also have to take out of the locker key account to pay for the work order to break-in, which costs \$22.50 apiece. I need what hours they're available, locker # and a cell phone # so PPD can call and meet them. If they want a new locker they can see Melissa.

Career Service's Chair's Report

JS: One thing. If you went to the difficult job market presentation and have feedback, let me know. One thing Kathy discussed was the concept of contract lawyering. We're just looking for feedback for whether this is an area we should go into. There are lawyers that have this need. It can be for clerking positions where you're not an employee but you are housed there and get certain cases. You don't have taxes taken out and don't receive insurance. It's kind of like a temp thing, but you don't get hired necessarily. What she will do is have a seminar where employers have this need to meet with students who are interested. Prof. Blackburn was going to participate as well, due to the tax implications. Given the lack of jobs is this a good avenue?

SM: I was at the meeting and lots of people responded. I think it's something to try and see. People who have passed the bar are still without job.

WC: I've heard that contract lawyering is absolutely horrible. You don't receive any benefits, but also you're not an attorney with a firm and there's the pecking order problem and you might be marginalized. I think it's basically document review for discovery, etc. If that's all that's out there though....

RW: I think it's a situation where it might not be a full-time job, but she's also having financial firms come in to discuss student finances or graduate financial programs. If you're interested in that thing, there are jobs there as well. People will need to start expanding their portfolios. The legal jobs just aren't there. I think we need to give her a lot of credit for going above and beyond what is needed. If people are willing to do it, I think it's good to have it. You're still doing legal work. Also, Johnna and I met with her and she's basically frustrated with what firms come to the spring. At most schools, the big firms only come in the fall. She wants to expand the spring list of firms. She wants to get members of SBA who are interested in some meet-and-greet time, she's compiling a list of firms and we'll make up a script for phone banks to solicit firms to come to the law school to talk with students. If we can get volunteers for that, that would be good. It might happen after finals.

JS: One more thing about contract lawyering. She did tell me that she had a friend who does that now because of the flexibility. So, it does have some perks. Her friend has kids, sets her own hours, etc. There are some perks. Also, for the Northwestern Mutual event about financial planning, those jobs require JDs. She asked them to say that anyone who submits a resume gets an interview.

AB: Is that an estate planning gig? Otherwise, those aren't JD specific jobs.

JS: She said that there are jobs that require a JD.

SBA Reps Report

LV: No general report because of the meal plan problem. They keep bringing up accountability problems, but that might not be a problem here. Keep your face out there and let them know what you do.

3L Reps Report

SM: No report.

2L Reps Report

LB: **No report.**

CD: We're trying to collect food for KY harvest and the box is empty. I don't want to have to call KY harvest to tell them to pick up an empty box. If other classes are raising cans and don't have anywhere to move them, it runs until Nov. 11th. I'll call them to see what is the last day.

1L Reps Report

DC: No report. I have been telling my section that Decedent's is on Friday, but money appears to be the problem.

LBA Rep Report

AP: I met with some folks who are going to give me materials for a membership drive. Also, Scott Furkin said that the solo practitioner group wants to plan something again. If that's something that Kathy wants to plan, that would be good.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

RW: Any other orders of business? I have bill that says I won't spend more than \$200 on candy for the Decedent's mailbox stuffers. That's what I'm asking. Any problems with this? I'm going to try as get as cheap (but good) as possible. It's worth it to try to get people to come. Motion? (Seconded) All in favor? Yes. Opposed? (Unanimous vote at 9:40 PM).

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

LV: Are there any other creative ways to get it out there?

LB: What about the facebook groups?

VR: There's a big problem about the schedule for next semester. I have heard of some classes that might be conflicted, including Bus. Orgs and Con Law. I've also asked about moving lawyering skills.

RW: If you're interested in moving, we should start a petition to get the Dean's attention.

SM: I heard that the ABA wanted us to have it on Friday because we don't have too many Friday classes. I've heard that they won't change it.

RW: Anything else? Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 PM