

Student Bar Association  
April 1, 2020 (4:30 PM)  
Zoom Meeting  
Minutes

- I. Attendance
  - A. *All in attendance.*
- II. Minutes
  - A. *Approval of the 3/18/2020 (formal) and 3/25/2020 (informal) meeting minutes.*
    - 1. *Minutes approved.*
- III. SBA Roundtable
  - A. How are SBA members doing? (30 seconds/member)
- IV. SBA Awards
  - A. Email is ready to go.
  - B. How do we want to send it out?
    - 1. Student Affairs → can announce the winners in a video clip on the website.
    - 2. Will go out in an email to the student body (not announced at Res Ipsa)
  - C. How will winners get their award?
    - 1. Likely Student Affairs will hold them; students can pick them up.
- V. Building Access
  - A. Email sent out from security. Dean Wiersema reached out to get a plan.
  - B. IF people have a pressing need for a book → reach out to Dean Wiersema to set up a time to go into the building.
- VI. Timeline for decisions
  - A. Only have 4 SBA meetings left!
    - 1. 4th meeting = transition meeting.
  - B. Need to make our timing decisions by NEXT week (4/8).
    - 1. MONEY
    - 2. APPRECIATION DINNER
      - a) Gideon - How do monetary gifts work with tax?
        - (1) Chris - Would be taxed as a bonus so at least 25% of the gift is taxed.
      - b) Other ideas - gift baskets, food delivery
      - c) Claire - would it be helpful for her and Chris to meet to come up with 3 options that we can then vote on during the next meeting (4/8)?
        - (1) Action item - yes.
        - (2) Claire is contact with Lexi already. Chris suggests meeting with Paula as well.
        - (3) About \$200/person.
          - (a) Dean said he will also contribute so the total might be higher.
  - C. Post your ideas on TWEN!!
    - 1. Will pave the way for discussion and then allows us to make a decision next week!

VII. Bar update and email decision

A. Chris - some states are postponing their bar exam date.

1. Does SBA want to send out something about what our stance is on behalf of the 3Ls?
2. CU's class president wrote a 7 page letter on the impact on different aspects of the legal community, economic impact on graduates, etc. to emphasize why degree privilege should be conferred.
  - a) Does SBA want to send the petition to the 2020 list?
    - (1) Sending it out neutrally or saying that SBA endorses it?
3. Cole - has CU already sent this out?
  - a) Paper copy has not been sent out yet. Seems that they are still trying to get signatures.
4. Andrew - students endorsing it and SBA endorsing it are separate.
  - a) People will do what they want to do. SBA endorsing it probably won't really push people.
5. Jeff - there would likely be some upset 2Ls
  - a) Kaley - not fond of the idea of endorsing it in a representative capacity when not a 3L. Maybe should specify that the SBA 3Ls are endorsing it..
6. Edward - can we have time to read it before we decide if we want to endorse.
  - a) Jacob - will send it out tonight!
    - (1) **Will send it out from SBA to the 3Ls to say that we got this and are passing it along.**
    - (2) Then, can decide if SBA needs to endorse it.
7. Jordan - why are we only sending it to 3Ls and not 1L/2Ls?
  - a) Chris - tone of the letter is really focused on the fact that the harm is greater to 3Ls.

VIII. CDO

A. Does anyone want to email the CDO about ways to communicate coronavirus impact on law school to potential employers?

1. Chris - this was brought up at a meeting last Thursday already.

B. Andrew - how is CDO handling non-OCI (post-grad jobs, etc.)?

1. Chris - CDO is aware; have workshops on how to distinguish yourself, etc.

IX. Claire - law review candidacy editor reached out → how can people reach out to the 1Ls? Should SBA send out from their account? Student Affairs?

A. Chris - in general, encourage people to keep checking their Student Affairs emails for announcements!

B. Jeff - maybe have the LP professors send it out? The LP TAs?

X. Meeting Adjourned

A. *Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM on 4/1/2020.*