

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, March 3, 2014

Meeting Location: SBA Office, McGeorge

Approval: Monday, March 10, 2014

1.0 **Call to Order (Mario Walther)** Meeting called to order at 5:08 PM

2.0 **Roll Call (Selena Farnesi)**

Name	Title (Candidate Positions)	Organization	Present
Mario Walther	President	SBA	YES
Jared Christensen	Evening VP	SBA	YES
Mirwais Haider	Day VP	SBA	YES
Jacqueline Logan	Treasurer	SBA	ABSENT
Selena Farnesi	Secretary	SBA	YES
Monika Troike	Representative at Large	SBA	YES
Michelle Scheinman	4E Representative	SBA	YES
Christopher Wu	3D Representative	SBA	ABSENT
Lexi Howard	3E Representative	SBA	LATE
Aparna Agnihotri	2D Representative	SBA	YES
Stephen Guichard	2E Representative	SBA	YES
Shoeb Mohammed	1D Representative	SBA	YES
Megan Donaghey	1E Representative	SBA	ABSENT
<i>Jay Mootz</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Pacific McGeorge</i>	
<i>Dorothy Lansberg</i>	<i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i>	<i>Pacific McGeorge</i>	
Quorum Required (9/13) - Quorum Satisfied (9/13)			

3.0 **Public Comment**

Public Comment is a time for any member of the public to address the Board on any issue affecting the SBA, Pacific McGeorge, ABA, or student life in general

4.0 ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda (Mario Walther)

- Mirwais Haider moves to approve, Aparna Agnihotri seconds
- All present approve
- No amendments

5.0 ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Minutes (Selena Farnesi)

5.1 Meeting Minutes 2.3.14

- Monika Troike moves to approve, Stephen Guichard seconds
- All present approve
- No amendments

5.2 Meeting Minutes 2.24.14

- Monika Troike moves to approve, Aparna Agnihotri seconds
- Mirwais Haider abstains because he was absent, all others present approve
- No amendments

6.0 Unfinished Business

7.0 New Business

7.1 ACTION ITEM: Approval of Town Hall Letter (Monika Troike)

- Talked about changing format of letter
- Monika will rewrite and e-mail out a second draft
- Planning to add substance
 - Specifically services available to students
 - Support pod info
 - PPLW info
- Also discussing curriculum changes and whether or not those should be included in the letter
- Might want to include after SBA presentation today
- Michelle Scheinman suggested that we add some language informing people of the changing relationship of this campus and the university
 - Integrated campus
 - Business programs
- Monika Troike asks that if anyone has notes from the Town Hall they can send them to her and she will incorporate it into the letter
- Feedback should be into Monika Troike by this Wed. at midnight
- NO VOTE TAKEN

7.2 INFORMATIONAL ITEM: PLSS Auction (Mario Walther)

- 90th Anniversary Celebration of McGeorge
- Excellent club that does a lot for the campus and students in terms of scholarship and activities and networking events
- Ticket sales for students are low
- \$30.00 for a ticket for the first two weeks
- Starting today tickets are \$40.00
- Event is on March 14th

7.3 INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Bylaws and Policies (Selena Farnesi)

- Passed out draft of Bylaws and Policies
- Everyone should bring substantive concerns to the informational meetings on Wed. from 12 – 3 or Friday from 9 – 12
- Typos and other types of friendly amendments can be emailed to Selena Farnesi
- The Election Committee will be available at the next meeting to talk to the changes that were made between now and next meeting, and why

RECESS CALLED AT 5:20 PM

MEETING RECALLED TO ORDER AT 5:29 PM

7.4 INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Core Curriculum (Administration Presentation @ 5:30 PM)

- **Dean Mootz Presents:**
- 3 year process
 - Year 1: Last year we implemented advance lawyering curriculum which is now referred to as the experiential curriculum
 - Top 12 schools in the country rated by national juris for having practiced focused curriculum
 - Year 2 (this year): First year required curriculum and upper classman required curriculum
 - One of the issues we face as a legal educational institution is that law practice is changing
 - Common law first year classes aren't as necessary since most laws is now statutory
 - Committee addressed this issue by adding an immediate focus on statutory interpretation and law to the required first year curriculum
 - Committee was also motivated by the Carnige Report in 2006, which indicated that schools should work more with clients
 - Introduce professionalism in the first year as oppose to just cognition

- Forms want students who know how to comport themselves professionally
 - Requiring every course tested on the CA Bar is not appropriate
 - Students have different career paths and interests
 - Research doesn't support that students who take these classes do better on the bar
- Year 3: Next year, the committee will tackle a comprehensive review of the writing curriculum and deal with the “middle” or the elective courses
- **Dean Lansburg presents:**
- For a 1D student they will have 15 units in the fall including GLS, Torts, Property, Criminal Law, and a skills hour
- The second semester will include GLS, Contracts, Civ Pro, and an introduction to the legal profession
- An evening students will be similarly structured but have fewer units per semester
- School expects to put more students on directed study and expect more of them
- Upper 50% of the class will not be required to take Business Associations, Will and Trust, Remedies, Community Property, or Criminal Procedure
- Michelle Scheinman asks – civ procedure is marked at 4 units in some places but 5 units in other places
 - This is because classes that have already taken it took it at 5 units
 - But students who have not taken it yet will take it as a 4 unit class
- The administration is confident that these changes are reflective of the best practices of law schools
 - Recognize that it is a big change but believes it will help students pass the bar and help students in practice
- Michelle Scheinman asks if schedule will change tuition prices and Dean Lansburg answers that it will not
- Some confusion amongst students about what satisfies the externship requirement versus the practicum requirement versus experiential
 - Administrations will make sure these are noted on the schedule even though class descriptions will stay the same
 - Designation of classes are subject to change
- How is this information going to get out to students?
 - Maybe a town hall?
 - Administration will meet with SBA to discuss the best way to disperse the information but currently thinks a day and evening town hall would be the best approach

- Also expect to “roll out” material so that students can really handle the materials before a discussion of it and institute individualized advising
- All the materials that 1Ls receive indicate that the curriculum can be changed so students should not be surprised that they are subject to these changes
- Students who find themselves in unique scheduling situations should contact Dean Lansburg and/or Dean McGuire
- Exceptions for students who cannot meet new requirements may be made
- Lexi Howard asks how the class percentages (top 50% v. bottom 50%) is determined
 - Depends on which freshman class you entered with
- Jared Christensen asks if there is an appeals process for student who get put into the bottom 50% and must take directed studies
 - No
 - And it is not possible to earn your way out of the directed studies program

8.0 Closed Session

9.0 Reports

Reports is a time for each member of the SBA Board to report on any projects they have been working on in the capacity of their position

10.0 Campus Issues

Campus Issue is a time for any member of the Board to bring to the Board’s attention on any issue affecting the SBA, Pacific George, ABA, or student life in general on behalf of himself or herself or a constituent

11.0 Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM