



**Georgetown University Law Center  
Student Bar Association  
House of Delegates Meeting**

**March 18, 2020  
Meeting Minutes**

- General Meeting etiquette:
  - Mute microphones
  
- Reflection on the year
  - Comradery throughout the year (General Body retreat, Tower Green Halloween, general feeling of the delegates representing the student body)
  - Melody thanks everyone for their hard work!
  - Even for the body transitioning out, please still try to communicate to peers if they have questions/concerns during this time
  
- COVID-19 Q&A
  - Olivia and Melody are student representatives on committee that Dean Ohm convened to make a decision on grading
    - They are trying to get a decision out by late this week or early next week
    - Weighing pros and cons of the options
    - Committee is aware of the grading policies that our peer schools have adopted
    - All versions of Pass/Fail are on the table
    - General policy line → trying to make students feel like they have control, when it's a situation where people feel like they have very little control
    - Committee had about 40 pages of student opinions
    - All relevant offices (OPICS, OCS, Registrar, Dean of Students, Registrar, etc.) were involved in the call
    - Career wrote a really thoughtful letter, thinking about the effects of a P/F policy on every year of law students
      - They have really thought about this, and believe that students will be okay even with P/F
        - Also a lot of other peer institutions have already gone to P/F
    - Likely will be language/decision about 3L papers
    - Fall semester grades becoming P/F is likely not on the table
  - If people have questions, generally they should look at the FAQs Melody and Olivia sent out
  - If anyone gets sick, contact Dr. WinklerPrins (main campus/health side of things) and Dean Bailin (law center side of things)

- Right now SBA is not forming a COVID-19 committee, but the new SBA e-board can consider it, right now everything is day by day
  - The question about whether we will get tuition money back has not been raised yet, but Olivia plans to raise it
    - Georgetown Law students do not pay an activities fee, so any money back would not be for that
  - Right now no one knows when commencement will be rescheduled for
  - Dean Bailin is thinking about whether leftover money from committees/student groups can be used for care packages or other help for COVID-19
    - Dean Bailin will be speaking to a few other administrators about this
  - Money student groups weren't able to use this year will not affect how much money they will receive next year
  - CAPS is doing remote appointments
    - They have some restrictions based on jurisdiction, CAPS has that list and a secure portal they are using for privacy
  - All Beaudry tryouts going forward are virtual, although they had a few in-person tryouts over the last two days
  - If students have an academic issue (internet connections, study spaces, etc.) they should contact Maura DeMouy
  - Follow-up of all policies is a necessary component of this work!
  - No decision on exams has been made yet, but they will likely be considering time-zone issues
  - For seniors graduating, there are graduating stoles in the SBA office
- Transition
    - We had a great year!! Best Barristers, Fall event, great wine downs, LLM reps, 1L reps, etc.
  - Executive Board Updates
    - President
      - SBA has felt more relevant to the student body than ever before, we want to keep this up in the coming year!
      - E-Board has two members who are non-voting members
        - Attorney General: Master of procedure and rules, guide us through debate and resolutions, beautification amendments for the constitution
        - Chief of Staff: Flexible position, established to help with special events, recently has taken on working with student-faculty committees
        - Brief application will be released tonight, apply if interested! Contact Olivia if you want to have a conversation about it
      - Moderate committee restructuring at the next SBA meeting
        - Stand-alone service committee
        - Combine campus services and campus environment committee
          - Get rid of umbrella structure

- Remove or limit non-SBA delegates from the SBA committees
    - Students will have more notice for applying to student-faculty committees, and we will try to distinguish student-faculty v. SBA committees
    - Upcoming dates:
      - April 1, April 15 SBA meetings
      - Chief of Staff/Attorney General application due March 24 at 8pm
      - Committee Preferences due April 10
    - Olivia plans to have office hours before SBA meetings in the fall, in the meantime just let her know if you want to talk anytime!
  - Secretary
    - Voting via Zoom will use the yes/no button
  - Vice President
    - Sign-ups for 1-on-1s with Jade going out, that's a time to talk about committee preferences
  - Evening Vice President
    - An emergency fund exists for students going through financial hardship
    - Message will be going out to alumni to update them on the current situation, and encourage them to support the emergency fund
    - If anyone needs financial assistance right now, they should reach out to Dean Bailin, Mary Novak, Maura Grant-Hayes, Dr. Perez-Caro
- New Body Intros