



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

**April 1, 2020
9pm
Meeting Minutes**

- Round robin update on how everyone is doing
- **Resolutions**
 - 2020-2021-1: Chief of Staff Appointment
 - People speak very highly of Caitlyn Cook!
 - Passes unanimously
 - 2020-2021-2: Attorney General Appointment
 - People speak very highly of Luke Stegman!
 - Passes unanimously
 - 2020-2021-3: Streamlining and Restructuring Committees
 - Question and answers
 - Will removing outside SBA members and if this will overwhelm the committees?
 - We have enough SBA members that everyone will be on 1-2 committees and last year committee chairs felt they didn't utilize the outside members
 - Debate
 - Conversation with Nicole and Olivia lead us to believe these are good changes
 - Diversity committee changes (moving from a diversity committee to two co-liasons) is to make the diversity committee more functional
 - Passes unanimously
- **President Updates**
 - SBA email came out in Olivia's weekly email because SBA e-board wanted to make sure SBA made a statement about the grading policy
 - The body didn't get to discuss because of the timing
- **Vice President Updates**
 - Form for committee preferences will be coming out after this meeting
- **Open Forum (Grading Policy Discussion)**

- Students really want a decision to be made, it feels like this debate has been going on for far too long
- Reminder for SBA members to be conscious good stewards of information to the student body!
- There will likely be carveouts for year-long classes, clinics, etc. if the policy does change to mandatory
- Faculty meets on Friday and a decision may come out that day, but we are not sure
 - The policy will be opened back up for discussion, maybe a vote
- 1L was not included in the ad hoc committee likely because the committee was put together very quickly
 - They included only the SBA outgoing and incoming president
 - We are now having a take two where feedback is being solicited from students
- Adjuncts and writing professors do not vote in faculty meetings
- Suggestion to draft a “how to” guide for admin, on what students would like from admin when they need to create important policies
 - So that student input is gathered and heard
- Faculty and the Dean are definitely considering how this will affect employment and the Dean has been in conversation with partners at the major firms
 - Students would like to know what the firms are saying
- After grading policy is decided SBA will move focus to advocating for students needs with regard to OCI
- Only faculty will be in the faculty meeting (no students)
- Discussion about whether SBA will make a collective statement
 - Strong opinions both ways about whether SBA should take a side
- Push for professors (especially adjuncts) to be informed about the grading policy, whatever decision is made
 - This adversely impacts evening students especially
- Students would like information from the virtual info sessions that the Dean holds to be emailed out to students for those who cannot watch the info sessions
- Students are looking for more information on how the grading policy will affect journals, honors, etc.
- Strong opinions voiced on both sides of the grading debate

3 resolutions were passed:

- Caitlyn Cook was confirmed as the Chief of Staff
- Luke Stegman was confirmed as the Attorney General
- A resolution providing minor changes to committee structures to streamline and make committees more effective

Committee Preference Form is being sent out, and decisions on committees will be made before the next SBA meeting

Open Forum on grading policy:

- Students would like a decision to be made, are looking for clarity, and are looking for student’s voices to be heard
- Faculty is meeting on Friday

- Full professors vote (adjuncts and legal writing professors do not)
- After a grading decision is made, SBA will begin focusing on advocating for student needs with regard to OCI
- Students had strong opinions on both sides of the grading debate, and the executive board will discuss and consider whether it is appropriate for SBA to formally support a grading policy