

Georgetown University Law Center Student Bar Association House of Delegates Meeting

April 7, 2020 8:00 PM Meeting Minutes

### Guests: Dean Treanor, Dean Bailin, Dean Ohm, & Dean Pasachoff

- Commencement
  - Virtual commencement
  - Small on-campus events around commencement date
  - Looking into LLM events in different cities to celebrate
- Diversity
  - 4 initiatives: continue hiring diverse faculty, reporting bias via the main campus procedure, expansion of resources to RISE and offices that offer support
- Fall 2021 Semester
  - Detailed announcements in about 2 weeks
  - 3 new clinical hires this year
  - Hired 2 new business law scholars
  - Focusing in on student facing offices (ODOS and Career Planning Offices)
  - 3.6% tuition increase to make this all possible (lowest in a decade)
- Over the past decade have more than doubled financial aid
- US News Rankings drop
  - Most of our graduates go to DC or NYC in 2019, NYC and DC were down in terms of the market but the LA market was very hot and went up
  - US News changes its metrics one of the changes they made this year was that they started to count GREs and we take a good number of students with GREs and this hurt us in the US News rankings
    - Public Interest Fellowships aren't considered jobs in the US News rankings and this also hurts us
- Questions
  - Is there a consideration of expanding RISE to LLMs and other graduate program students?
    - Dean Treanor thinks this is a great point and he will think about it
    - 3rd year of RISE program and it is over 100 students this year going to provide more funding for RISE this year
    - Longer term goal is to provide similar resources to these students how do we go about this? 1 big program? 1 big program with smaller sections? Separate programs?
  - Will Georgetown be receiving American Rescue Plan money?

- Yes, but the allocation to the law school has not been determined by university leadership yet
- Will the gym be open this summer?
  - Dean Bailin wants to ask to leave it open the way it is now over the summer
- What is the plan for community building programs as we go back (Bar Review, etc.)?
  - We will follow pandemic rules, but we want to build community and get back to normal as much as we can, as soon as we can
- What is going to happen for evening students with pass/fail and Dean's List GPAs, etc?
  - This is on Dean Ohm's agenda
  - Will we have WeWork access this summer?
    - It is a Georgetown level decision not law school, but it is something they are thinking through
- Will we need vaccinations for access to campus in the fall?
  - No definite answer yet
- Are all our exams going to be take-home this spring?
  - Yes

### Updates:

## • President Updates

- Shuttles between GULC and Georgetown main: COVID concerns because the windows don't go down and little demand from students so probably won't bring this back until the fall
- Would consider putting SBA support behind a tuition something when the time comes
- Wants to bring back SBA Member of the Month (will do it at the last meeting of each month)
- Gewirz: Dean Bailin is putting on 2 listening sessions (one today and one next week)
  - A lot of the issues will be coming to an end soon (AC will be on next week and hopefully that gets rid of mice)
  - Open to the idea of monetary compensation because situation has been abhorrent

## • Day Vice President Updates

- Committees are set up
- Evening Vice President Updates
  - No updates
- Graduate Vice President Updates
  - Met with Dr. Perez-Carro Nicole Llorenz, and Maura DeMouy and all support an expansion of RISE
- Treasurer Updates
  - Summer funding seems unlikely this year because it is determined by main campus but trying to change this for the future
  - o Going to push main campus to give more money to student organizations

- Secretary Updates
  - E-Board: please send bios
- Chief of Staff Updates
  - No updates
- Attorney General Updates
  - o Training was not recorded if you want the powerpoint, let Christian know

## **Resolutions:**

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  - 4: Committee Chair Appointments Resolution
    - McCall introduced the resolution
    - Passed by majority vote because no one voted against
  - 5: Committee Membership Resolution
    - McCall introduced the resolution
    - Passed by majority vote because no one voted against

# Open Forum:

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  - Can we get 1L tutoring for the spring as well?
  - o Additional P/F option?