



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

**September 1, 2021
8:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

Sarah Stanley introduced herself.

Updates:

- **President Updates**
 - Trying to create the community we want through social events, etc. so institutional memory doesn't erase the community we had
 - Want OCS to become more inclusive and not be as Big Law focused
 - Trying to circle back on BLSA/SBA Resolution

- **Day Vice President Updates**
 - Kicked off student faculty appointing process - if any questions, contact McCall

- **Evening Vice President Updates**
 - A lot of evening students are concerned about the lack of accommodations made for people with unvaccinated children, immunocompromised individuals, caregivers for immunocompromised individuals
 - Dean Treanor agreed to set up a meeting with evening students who are parents and Ida and Jade will have a meeting with Dean of Academic Affairs and Dean Treanor

- **Graduate Vice President Updates**
 - Worked this summer to better support graduate programs:
 - Worked with administration to make graduate students more included

- **Treasurer Updates**
 - Budget

- **Secretary Updates**
 - Meetings will be in person in Hotung 1000

- **Chief of Staff Updates**
 - Working with Jade and chairs to bring back social events

- **Attorney General Updates**

- No updates

Committee Updates

- ❖ Academic Affairs (Ida)
 - Working on (1) trying to extend P/F Resolution, which failed... a couple of COVID measures we will probably see extended; (2) in sync option for parents but does not seem like that is going to be happening
 - P/F elections by September 24 but haven't voted on whether P/F will stay so will be electing on the last day of classes
 - Hybrid classes going on at 7:30 am and other hybrid classes going on but they don't think it's pedagogically sound to extend it to everyone
 - Thinking about increasing P/F credits to 10 but won't happen this semester
- ❖ ABA and DC Bar Liaison (Braydon)
 - Amy working with Matthew to create a Federal Bar Association chapter
 - Picking up ABA materials and fliers tomorrow from Dean of Students Office and will send announcements
- ❖ Alumni (Amy)
 - Going to work with alumni to see if it is possible to have in person events
 - Hoya Gateway is online database that alumni affairs uses so sign up for that (like LinkedIn for Georgetown alum)
- ❖ Campus Services (Charlie)
 - Some students are concerned that the gym is open but pool is not so Jade is going to email facilities
 - Might have to use Hotung 3 as a classroom so unsure about basketball court
 - A lot of people can't go to the gym if it closes at 8 and they have class until 7:30
- ❖ Career Services (Panya/Cameron)
 - Going to meet with OCS and OPICS folks to debrief on OCI and see how virtual OCI 2 went
 - No career student faculty committee this year
 - Got approval and funding for a new career services person
- ❖ Diversity (Evan/Alyssa)
 - From summit, going to have meetings on the first Tuesday of every month with affinity groups
 - Met with Dean Bailin
 - Office of Diversity and Inclusion created a resource page
- ❖ Elections (Madison)
 - Election dates for 1Ls, transfers, LLMs, and grad VP - open nominations the week of the 13 (towards the end) to make the meeting for the 29
- ❖ Mental Health and Wellness (Aaron)
 - Problem with CAPS staffing - program director for CAPS retired this summer and 1 full time counselor left and no administrative staff
 - Diversity in CAPS staffing
- ❖ Service (Josh)
 - No updates
- ❖ Sexual Assault (Lindsey)

- Dean Foster is creating an inclusion council that is supposed to set up an environment for survivors
- ❖ Social (John and Anna)
 - Meeting with Bailin on Friday to discuss what Bar Review and Wednesday Wine Downs look like
- ❖ Special Events (Jace)
 - No updates
- ❖ Sustainability (Chelsea)
 - No updates

Resolutions:

- **Resolutions**
 - **10: Student Organization Budget Resolution**
 - Suzanne introduced the resolution
 - Student Org requests went up much more than SBA budget went up
 - Create UBI and then cut the remainder by the % difference between the requests and the SBA budget and then added diversity funds
 - Alyssa Jones speaks in favor of the resolution
 - Cameron moved to close debate - seconded
 - Vote by general consent - adopted

Open Forum:

- **Open Forum**
 - Want to echo that evening students are very upset that they are forced to come to class (Madeline)
 - Disappointed in treatment of classmates who expressed concerns (Madeline)
 - Potential to organize faculty who are unhappy with the policy (Madeline)
 - Evening student meeting - push for the inclusion of immunocompromised and people caring for the immunocompromised (Madeline)
 - Been in classes with no masks, no social distancing so not super safe (Madeline)
 - Might be nice for organizations to mirror our asks - SBA meetings as Zoom links, bar reviews at outdoor bars (Madeline)
 - Lots of issues with InternX platforms (Cameron)
 - Divergent opinions on COVID policy from both ends of the spectrum and so we should be measuring the temperature maybe with a survey to see what cultural problems exist or to have data for the admin (Christian)
 - Not comparing 2 equal sides (Ida)
 - Day and evening students have different concerns (Diane)
 - Meshing policies that aren't consistent and isn't being enforced (JD)
 - Professor said they policies wouldn't line up (JD)
 - Eating and drinking policy not being enforced (Malcolm)
 - Guest lecturer policy - does one exist? (Malcolm)
 - Something they are actively working on (Jade)
 - All guest speakers have to be vaccinated (Madeline)

- Clinics - clients that aren't vaccinated have to be in "more ventilated rooms" (Ida)
- Admissions Office policy on distributing merit scholarships - the way it's being done now is unfair... only considered for them if you send them an email and ask for them, don't go to who need them the most or deserve them the most (Jace)
 - Jade wants someone to write a resolution on this - Jace is willing to spearhead this