

Chapman University School of Law Student Bar Association

Minutes for Wednesday, September 27, 2006, 8:30 p.m.

Kennedy Hall, Room 374

Members Present: Kitty Aguilera, Ariana Anderson, Chris Barnes, Jennifer Bender, Jimmy Blalock, Jennifer Boukidis, Hillary Bunker, Jason Burris, Bryan Clavecilla, Nakesha Dodson, David Huynh, Sam Kim, Jaclyn Kung, Travis Lillie, John Mavros, Megan Momeni, Gino Monteleone, Colin Nimsz, Sarah Nowels, Brooke Robinson, Jennifer Schwarz, Kaveh Soltani, Bethany Teel, Constance Trinh, Ruth Waggoner, Arlinda Wiko, Gil Yabes

Members Absent: Alex Kugelman

Non-Members Present: Ashley Jursca accompanied by staff of the Chapman Law Courier, Jeremy Katez, Rob (PDP Representative), Dean Jayne Kacer

I. **Call to Order**

- a. Jen called to order at 8:31 p.m.

II. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

- a. Minutes for 8/13/06 and 9/13/06 approved.

III. **Officer Reports**

a. **President – Jennifer Boukidis**

i. *Professor Jayne Kacer*

1. Jen informed the Board that Professor Jayne Kacer is now the new Associate Dean of Student Affairs. Dean Kacer says that her door is always open and students can feel free to talk to her about what she can do to make Chapman a better school for students.

ii. *Student Hurricane Network*

1. Jen has been in contact with the Student Hurricane Network, an organization of law students who organize trips to Louisiana to help Hurricane Katrina victims. These students organize trips to Louisiana during Spring and Winter breaks. The Network also does satellite work, which means students can do legal work for people in Louisiana without having to take a trip. A speaker will be coming to Chapman during a lunch hour and will discuss how Chapman students can get involved. Jen will keep us posted.

iii. *Dean's Search Committee*

1. Jen notifies the Board that there is no real progress within the Committee. The Committee is still soliciting for applications. A job-description will be going out shortly.

iv. *Town Hall Meeting*

1. Dean Kacer will have a Town Hall Meeting/Forum wherein students can interact with her and allow her to introduce herself. Hopefully the Board can be instrumental about the meeting so there will be a good turnout.

v. *Etiquette Class*

1. Jen wants to get thoughts on holding and sponsoring Business Etiquette class(es). Jen does not know how much it would cost but she has been emailing a few people in regards to this. Jen thought that these classes are a good idea so students can learn proper etiquette when going to interviews and meeting people. Jen says these classes will be held during lunch hours.

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- b. **Vice President – Jennifer Schwarz**
 - i. Nothing to report
 - c. **Secretary – Jaclyn Kung**
 - i. Nothing to report
 - d. **Treasurer – Kaveh Soltani**
 - i. Kaveh made revisions to the Budget. Kaveh reported that only a couple clubs were added and some SBA expenses came through. There were no major changes.
 - e. **Parliamentarian – Gino Monteleone**
 - i. Proposed changes to another set of By-laws will be posted on TWEN this weekend.
 - ii. Attendance Policy will be discussed later during this meeting.
- IV. **Committee Chair Reports**
- a. **Student Affairs – Hillary Bunker & Ruth Waggoner (“H&R”)**
 - i. *Refrigerators in Student Lounge*
 - 1. H&R informed the Board that they cleaned the fridge out today. They will be expecting complaints from students about their stuff were thrown away. However, notices have been posted on the fridge doors since Monday.
 - 2. Jason & Chris offered to clean the fridge two Wednesdays from tonight.
 - ii. *Better Food for Lunches*
 - 1. Carlo is working on an arrangement to have food cart come over on the law school side during lunch hours. The cart will sell foods like sandwiches, salads, sushi, etc. Carlo will talk to someone next week. H&R hope to give us more information at the next meeting.
 - iii. *Recycling Program*
 - 1. The program will start at the end of the semester. There will be one bin for all recyclable things so there won't be a need to separate the items.
 - iv. *Alumni Pictures*
 - 1. The pictures of our graduates will be moved around.
 - v. *Room Temperature*
 - 1. Ruth brought the Board's attention to the temperature of the room and suggested that it is no longer as cold. Ruth told the Board this is a good start.
 - vi. *Wireless Network*
 - 1. H&R talked to Carlo and Carlo gave 3 possible/likely reasons why wireless doesn't work:
 - a. Student's computer is not configured with Chapman Network.
 - i. Students can take their computers to the undergrad's library (basement). They have techs there who will help students configure the computer by setting up a script on his/her computer
 - b. Student's computer does not have a good wireless card
 - c. Wireless is bad in specific areas on campus.

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- i. Carlo will send an email out shortly about what to do when wireless is not available when it should be. However, students should let Carlo know, specifically, the location of the student. This will help tech support resolve the situation more efficiently and quickly.

vii. *Free Printing & Page Limits*

1. Chapman Law was going to cut off free printing, which means students will have to pay for the stuff they print out. The school did not do this. However, there are still problems with students printing out too much stuff for personal reasons or for their organizations, which were given \$500 by the SBA for these purposes. The new idea is to set a page limit, i.e. 750 to 1000 pages per student per semester. H&R notified the Board that they first rejected the idea, but the number of pages allowed seems reasonable. Hence H&R is presenting this idea to the Board.
 - a. Kitty agreed. She asked that if too little, it would be able to change how many pages later.
 - b. Chris asked for clarification as to whether the 1000 page-limit is for each semester or each year.
 - c. Hillary answered that the limit is 1000 pages for a semester.
 - d. Jen S. added that when this issue was first brought up, Jen had called every law school in California and they all charged their students for printing.

viii. *Examsoft*

1. H&R notifies the Board that other law schools do not require a separate floppy drive when using the Examsoft program. Instead, everything is saved online. The school will test this option in 2 classes this semester. Ruth was not sure which classes they will be. If the tests go well, then students might not need a separate drive at all starting next year.
2. Jaclyn asked whether Mac users can use Examsoft. H&R will inquire.
3. Bethany told the Board that other 1Ls have been complaining to her about having to buy a floppy drive. She told them at this point nothing can be done. She asked H&R if that was an appropriate response. H&R answered in the affirmative and concluded that students will have to deal with this until Chapman updates our technology.
4. Jimmy expressed his concern as a 1L, and said that purchasing a floppy drive is not a good investment if 1L's will only be using the floppy drives for a year. Jimmy asked H&R if there is any way the school can test it out on 1Ls first. Hillary said that would not be a good idea because it'd be risky.
5. Kitty asked if students can request for more financial aid in order to make these purchases. Hillary does not see why not.

b. **Academic Affairs – Nakesha Dodson**

- i. Nakesha informed the Board that 2L's are concerned about the Bar Exam. Most 2L's are "lost" as to the cost(s) of taking the Bar, options for Bar Prep classes, how much more loans to take out, etc. Nakesha suggested to have a Bar Information Session for incoming and current 2L's so they have a better understanding of what to do now to prepare for the Bar and/or Bar Prep.

c. **Event Affairs – Constance Trinh**

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i. *Barristers' Ball*

1. Connie said the Ball is tentatively set for Feb. 23, 2007.
2. Connie is currently looking at possible locations for the Barristers' Ball.

The three places are:

- a. Hilton Waterfront – a lot of people liked the venue last year
- b. Marriot in Dana Point
- c. Westin at South Coast Plaza – this location might be cheaper than others
- d. Disney's Grand Californian – “really fabulous” but expensive

ii. *Bar Review*

1. Connie is trying to schedule the next Bar Review for Oct. 26.

iii. *BBQ*

1. Connie said the BBQ should be on Thursday Nov. 9th or 16th.

d. **ABA-LSD – Jennifer Bender**

i. Jen B. had nothing to report from ABA

ii. *Mobile Live Scan*

1. There was a very good turn out for the mobile live scan service. 112 3L's (out of around 180) used the service. The guy that did it is willing to come back another day for students who didn't have the chance to do it today. Jen B. suggested that 2Ls should do the same thing next year because it was so convenient.

V. **New Business**

a. **Request for Funding**

i. *Chapman Law Courier* [Ashley Jursca]

1. Ashley informs the Board that the purpose of Chapman Law Courier (“CLC”) is to encourage communication of and between students, faculty and administration. Board members asked general questions about the publication can Ashley informed the Board of the following: Publication of the CLC is monthly but is dependent on the funding they receive. There is a calendar on CLC; Ashley is trying to get student organizations to fill in this calendar so the student body won't get bombarded with emails everyday. CLC is soliciting outside businesses to fund the publication by advertisements.
2. There was a concern expressed by various Board members regarding a personal attack on a student in the last issue of CLC. However, other Board members conceded that CLC might have had a bad start but are content and agreed to the creation of CLC. They are impressed by the fact that this group of students has taken it upon themselves to compile a publication together.
3. Jen assured that if CLC is going to develop, it will be made clear to them what types of content is appropriate and what is not. Funds will be provided CLC upon the condition that its content be appropriate. Dean Kacer also suggested speaking to CLC directly if students find the content inappropriate. Dean Kacer informed the Board that CLC's Faculty Advisor is Professor Donald Kochan.

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4. Motion to approve funding for Chapman Law Courier by Jason. Nakesha second. 24 in favor. 4 opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.
- ii. *Kennedy Hall Historical Society* [Jeremy Katez]
1. Jeremy came before the Board for recognition of the Kennedy Hall Historical Society. This organization will hold social events, like a 1L Halloween Costume Contest in Fall, and an Oratory Competition in Spring. The club also hopes to organize a Talent Night. Jeremy informs that Board that other schools, like Stanford and San Diego, have similar events.
 2. Connie liked the idea but feels that a lot of ideas coming from Jeremy can be done via SBA. This is because SBA has a permanent presence at Chapman. Chris agreed and added that the events proposed are the same as the ones SBA's Events Committee is responsible for. Gino disagreed; and suggested that the SBA is not the primary source for events. Gino believed that if there is a club on campus and there is enough interest to get it started and generate participation from students, the club deserves a chance. Bethany and Sarah believe that SBA might not be able to attend to all students; this club might be able to get more students involved with school activities. Jen B. said that she was confused by the name of the organization and she is worried that the same may confuse students. Jeremy responded that the name can be changed through amendment. Bryan further suggested that SBA can co-sponsor events and that ideas that didn't come out of SBA can be exercised without having to form a club. Connie suggested that there should be a bigger purpose to the club. Jen agreed and explained that the school does not throw certain parties because the school imposes restrictions on SBA, alike other organizations. Jason suggested to get more information from other schools to see how these events are organized.
 3. Motion to approve funding for Kennedy Hall Historical Society by Jason. Nakesha second. 8 in favor. 14 opposed. 2 abstentions. Motion fails.
- b. **Attendance Policy**
- i. Gino explained to the Board that provisions regarding SBA's current Attendance Policy in the Constitution do not reflect SBA's actual practice.
 1. The current policy is summarized as follows: members are limited to three absences per year, after which a 2/3 majority vote is needed to have member *off* the board.
 2. Currently, SBA votes for a member to stay *on* the board.
 - ii. The proposal is as follows: There will be at least one unexcused absence. The Board retains the power to define what is unexcused, and that is simply by a majority (2/3) vote. If excused, there will be no consequences. If not excused, then there is one unexcused absence on record. The proposal is to strike out Article 8 Sections 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 and replace such with Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4.
 - iii. Sam expressed his concern that a "one-absence policy" would not be efficient for the Board. It would be a waste of time for us to do this every time when someone is absent.

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- iv. Motion to approve (which does not mean voting yes, but that the Board can talk about the proposal further) by Jason. Nakesha second.
 - 1. Gino said that the proposal could be amended so the Board will only vote after three absences, instead of one. He has no problem with changing it to reflect the desire of the Board. He is only asking for feedback as to the proposed changes. Jen reminded the Board that it only has four meetings left for the semester and seven for the next semester. If a member is missing three meetings, he/she is missing six weeks of SBA, which is unacceptable. If a member cannot be present for three meetings, he/she shouldn't be on the Board because that is not enough representation for the student body.
 - 2. Jason withdraws motion.
- v. Gino moved to table Attendance Policy until next meeting. Bender second. All in favor. None opposed. No abstention. Motion passes.

c. Bowling League

- i. Connie informed the Board that Alex has been in contact with Linbrook Bowl in Anaheim.

d. Diversity Week

- i. Dean Kacer informed the Board that Diversity Week will be held on the week of October 9. She is already working with student organizations. There are events set for Monday (Oct. 9) at noon and a Food Fair on Wednesday (Oct. 11).
- ii. Jen suggested that SBA should cosponsor or organize an event for Diversity Week. Jen S. suggested to have a Movie Night during the week of Oct. 9. Jen S. suggested showing the movie "Crash" one evening and have a discussion period after the showing. Jen S. would like ideas for a moderator.

e. Student Events Calendar

- i. Bryan announced to the Board that Jimmy Blalock has volunteered to take over this task. They are working on getting updates from Career Services Center and other organizations/events.

VI. Announcement

- a. Next meeting is on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 8:30 p.m. in Room 374.

VII. Executive Session

- a. Entered into executive session at 9:41 p.m.
- b. Out of executive session at 9:50 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.