

# Student Bar Association



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Office of the SBA Executive Council

Agenda: Sunday, March 14, 2021--7:00 p.m.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://campbell-edu.zoom.us/j/91251202020>

## I. Call to Order: Vice President- John Garrett

- a. Morgan Dunn Called the meeting to order

## II. Conversation with Dean Leonard

- a. Family Law Clinic: I've been a huge proponent of clinical education. Some of you may have been involved in the Blanchard Community Clinic. My due diligence has sent me to this family law clinic. This is the area where we have the most desperate need. It's also a great pedagogical tool because many of you wish to practice in this area. Clinical education is the most expensive thing we provide to you. But we have received grants that have made this clinic possible. The clinic is a 3-credit course, capped at 8 students. So this will be a course that you register for when fall registration opens. We don't yet know who is going to run it. But this Friday I will be able to post the position of Clinical Director and I'm confident that we'll find someone.
- b. Graduation: Graduation is a moving target. I was told to begin to think about what your graduation might look like. I was convinced that we could have an outdoor graduation safely, and I've been making some plans in that vein. But Friday night I received a memo from Main Campus that takes away my discretion about graduation. The memo said, "All commencements will be virtual." So that's the bad news. But the good news is that the committee does want to provide flexibility for smaller gatherings to celebrate graduation outside the official ceremony. I do believe there is a venue close by that could meet all the governor's guidelines and permit you to have 3-4 of your close family, spouse, friends, to participate. We're going to try to make it be as special as we can. I appreciate the good humor and flexibility all of you have shown this year. We're going to try to put together a good ceremony. And any ideas you have are appreciated.
- c. Forward-looking COVID regulations: See Dean Tilly's email about summer school. But we are going back to in-seat classes if that's what the professor wants. And I am hopeful that we are going to return to normal. The President said last night that everybody over 18 can get a vaccine by May 1<sup>st</sup>. If that's the case, then we should have what is known as "herd immunity" by the time we get back to school. I have every hope that we'll be back to normal come August. I do have a pandemic task force that worked tirelessly to come up with guidelines that got us through this year. There are some scary variants out there in Brazil and South Africa, and England. But our hope is that pandemic year is just one-and-done.
  - i. Q: So should we plan not to have our family attend a graduation?

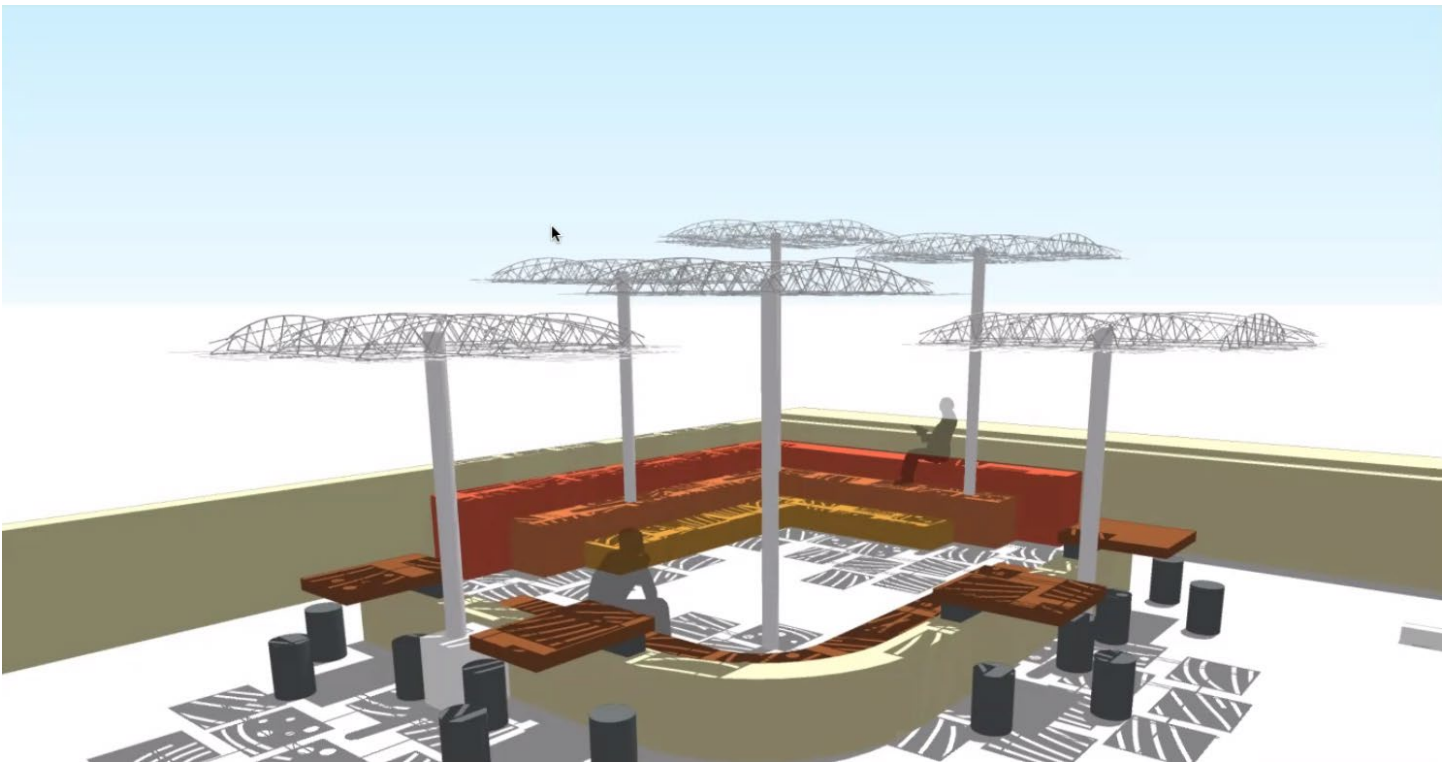
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- ii. DL: Give me a day or two. At the very least we will do the hooding ceremony. Last year, we developed that ceremony at the last minute. If that's enough to bring your families here, that will happen at a minimum. But I hope that more will happen.
- d. Class Gift: It became really important to us to build an outdoor meeting space/classroom/hang-out spot in an unused corner of our parking lot. And we're pretty far along with designing and planning that project. We're confident we're going to pull it off this summer and have it ready this fall. And it's going to have a surprise dedication. So you can see what it's going to look like. It will have electricity so you can plug in. It will be lit. It's a beautiful enough concept that resources have been fairly easy to come by. I think at the end of the day we'll be able to pull this off and it will be a real addition to our campus. What a great place for a student group to meet. What a great place for a seminar class. What a great concert venue.



- e. Question about graduation: Who on Main Campus should students reach out to to advocate an in-person graduation? DL: The Provost.
- f. Lambda Law Zoom: I was not on that call so I was not completely aware. Our Lambda Law group partnered with the LGBT+ group in the community to do a webinar about legal issues facing LGBT people. Someone joined with an unrecognized name; no camera; but when he did turn on his camera someone was standing with a gun and he looked like a shot himself. We are

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confident that did not happen, for a number of reasons. We think it was just an attempt to terrorize our group. And it did. We have Dean Grant, Dean Tilly, talking with our students who were involved in that Zoom call—trying to work it through with them. I think it's behind us. We're not singular—Zoom bombers are everywhere, according to deans across the country.

- g. Question about the family law clinic: Will the family law course be a prerequisite for taking the clinic? DL: I don't think so. Certainly, with the Bankruptcy Clinic, we have let the clinical directors do the substantive instruction. When we hire the clinical director, he or she will have some say in the curriculum. But I don't think so.
- h. RS: I understand that Main Campus is not giving us institutional autonomy. But doesn't it matter that 70-80% of the population will be vaccinated? DL: I'm 100% with you. Like I said, I got this memo Friday night. I've been closely monitoring what other schools are deciding to do. It would be the height of irony if we're the only school in the state that has remained in-seat but we are required to have a virtual graduation. If we have a live graduation the Dean at Nottingham will come to confer the degrees.
- i. Question about hiring a veteran support. DL: We are under an absolute hiring freeze, campus wide. COVID hit us very hard. Not our law school. But Main Campus. So I have five positions currently frozen, that were once filled, but I can't get permission to fill. So the opportunity is not there.
- j. Question: Who will be the graduation speaker? DL: I don't know that we have a graduation speaker right now. And I'm not sure you want a virtual speaker. This is not going to command a great deal of attention if it's virtual. I have some feelers about as to who could do it live.
- k. Question about whether Campbell has services to aid minority students applying to law school. DL: Not sure what you mean by services. We certainly work hard to reach out the HBCU campuses. We've got a new First-generation program led by Dean Cutright. DC: Yes, the program launches tomorrow. DL: I will say: Both our minority applications and acceptances are way up, for next fall.
- l. Question about the café staying closed. DL: I have made my protest known. It was closed without any consultation or knowledge. Main Campus closed it without notifying me. I have every confidence that if we swing back into in-seat in the fall, it will be back.
- m. Question about a full-time mental health counselor. DL: Yes, I think we can get one. I have been furious that one of the things that happened with the economic pullback is we lost one of our mental health services here at the law school. And we have suffered for it. And I have been emphatic that that has to come back this year.
- n. Question about the bar exam score being lowered. DL: It was lowered two points as a pandemic accommodation. But it will no longer be lowered. It only mattered for like five people. Historically, we have had an excellent bar passage rate.

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- o. Question about graduation regalia. DL: There was an email from Dr. Newsome about that explaining exactly what you had to do.

### III. Roll Call: Secretary- Ash Giri

- a. Apologies: Nelson, Kasia, LeAnne

### IV. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

- a. Last meeting's minutes were approved.

### V. Special Orders

### VI. Committee Reports

- a. Barristers (Lillie Rhodes)
  - i. Appropriation for Cookout
    - 1. Spring Cookout will be March 31<sup>st</sup>. The total is just under \$5,700.
    - 2. The council moved for \$5,700 for the spring cookout.
    - 3. The council voted to approve the appropriation of \$5,700 for the spring cookout. (Unanimous).
  - ii. BBQ Event in April: The best thing to do is move it to April 14<sup>th</sup> rather than a reading day. More students should be available that day.
- b. Budget (Christina Belville)
  - i. \$250 (\$500?) for more coffee
    - 1. VM: We're just going to make a repeat request for \$250 for coffee refill.
    - 2. The council moved for \$250 for more coffee supplies.
    - 3. AL: Moved to appropriate \$500 instead of \$250 (because the supplies run out so quickly).
    - 4. The council discussed whether the K-cups would expire. Those in favor of the larger appropriation outnumbered those against.
    - 5. The council voted to approve the appropriation of \$500 for more coffee supplies.
- c. Constitution (Wyatt Bland)
  - i. WB: Just want to make sure the constitution vote is included on the ballot, for the exec election.
  - ii. MD: DEG is creating that ballot.
  - iii. VA: The point was to put it on the exec ballot. And if we don't have enough responses on that ballot we can get it on the general ballot.
- d. COVID-19 Task Force (Bekka Parent)
  - i. There is information released about how to get your vaccine.
- e. Diversity (Melvin Holland)
  - i. Nothing that can't be an email
- f. Elections (John Garrett)

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- i. VA: Me and Melvin are not participating in any election activity.
- ii. MD: Yes, that was something we discussed and worked out. Thanks, Victoria.
- g. Family Day (Matthew Grice and Kasia Jarosz)
  - i. No updates
- h. Graduation (Morgan Swink)
  - i. Update and Appropriation
  - ii. MS: We heard some updates about graduation. We usually have a reception that follows the rehearsal. But it seems unlikely that that reception will happen this year. I looked up last year's cost for the reception. It was \$9,400. At the reception there's usually awards. In lieu of that reception we were thinking about putting together a graduation gift for the graduating students. Something like a care package.
  - iii. The council moved to appropriate \$10,000 for this bar prep care package.
  - iv. The council voted to approve the appropriation of \$10,000 for the care package. (Unanimous).

Asking for \$10,000	Approx. \$60 per 3L	
c/o 2021 Shirts	\$23	\$3795
Campbell Tote Bag	\$7	\$1155
Highlighters (4 each)	\$4.05 per dozen	\$295
Pens (4 each)		
Index Cards (pack of 100 each)	\$0.76	\$126
Legal Pads (2 each)	\$17.15 per dozen	\$480.20
Sticky Notes (3 pack each)	\$2.92	\$482
Mug/Cup	\$4.05/	\$669/\$880
Stress Ball	\$1.02	\$169
Stopwatch (likely to replace) Snacks/candy/gum instead?	\$6.89	\$1137
Estimated total thus far		\$8,519.20

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- i. SBA Cares (Lexus Sanders Njie)
    - i. We were allocated money this semester. But we have an excess of \$10. We want to print out and frame the awards and give them to the professors who won Spotlight Awards.

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- ii. We have one more award to give out to the security guard—we really want to award our staff as well as our faculty. We just wanted to let everyone know that our last award will go to a staff member.
- j. Student Life (Carter Cole)
- VII. **Executive Officer Reports**
  - a. President- Morgan Dunn
    - i. See the extra dates at the end of the agenda
    - ii. Enjoy your pause days and let everyone know that was the result of SBA advocacy
    - iii. VA: the shirts have been approved and we should be getting the designs out soon.
  - b. Vice-President- John Garrett
  - c. Secretary- Ash Giri
  - d. Treasurer- Ginna Mutter
    - i. We have money for all of the appropriations that have been appropriated
    - ii. MD: A lot of these have also been replacements for events that were cancelled.
- VIII. **Virtual Suggestion Box Matters**
- IX. **Open Floor (Council)**
  - a. LS: Will alumni be given any notification about them not being able to walk? (Last year's graduates never had a chance to walk)
  - b. MS: That is definitely something I can ask about. I'm not sure who we would talk to. But that's definitely something I will bring up.
- X. **Public Comments (Student Body)**
- XI. **Old Business**
- XII. **New Business**
- XIII. **Adjournment**
  - a. Meeting adjourned.

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### Save the Date(s):

March 15-19	SBA Exec Board Elections
March 16-17	Pause Days
March 22-26	SBA Council Nominations
March 24	NCAJ Networking Event
March 25	NC BarCares Talk with Fellows (SBA Cares)
March 28	SBA Meeting, 7pm



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<b>March 29-April 2</b>	<b>SBA Council Elections</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>SBA/PBC Talent Show</b>
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Family Day</b>
<b>April 11</b>	<b>SBA Meeting, 7pm (<i>will have new Exec Board</i>)</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Java City Jam</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Graduation</b>