



**Kern County College of Law**  
**Student Bar Association**

Board Meeting  
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Saturday, January 22, 2022 | 10:00 am  
Zoom

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Kwon at 10:00 am.

**2. Roll Call**

Members Present: Mike Kwon, Mitzy Cuxum, Erika Martinez, Jazmine Barba Suarez, Ana Ovando, Brenda Silva, Sandra Mitchell, Flor Zalaya, and Bryn Allard.

Members Absent: Emma Doty and Mariah Martin.

Also Present: Dean Budd Starr and Bobbie Hernandez.

**3. Introductions**

None

**4. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda**

M/S by Sandra M./Lizet P. motioned to approve the Agenda. Agenda approved by consensus.

**5. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes (prior meeting)**

M/S by Brenda S./Jazmine B. motioned to approve the Minutes from the prior meeting. Minutes approved by consensus.

**6. Public Comment**

None

**7. College Concerns/Issues**

None

**8. New Business**

**a. Information Item - Dean Starr and Bobbie Hernandez**

Dean Starr introduced himself and informed the SBA Board that he has an open office policy, that he is always available, and always willing to help. If he does not know the answer, he will find the appropriate person who does. He also touched upon the school's goal of helping all students pass the bar exam because, if a student does fail, it

is a failure to the school.

Bobbie Hernandez, Campus Administrator, also introduced herself and informed the Board about her working hours, 9 am to 12 pm. Mike asked about the available for students to study on campus and Bobbie replied by stating that she is able to accommodate based on need and availability.

**b. Information Item - 3L - Special Election**

Mike announced that there was a vacant 3L position because Courtney Mayo Dunbar resigned. Per the SBA Bylaws, he has the ability to select a student to fill the role or have a special election. The Board had no hesitation on Mike reaching out to Mariah Martin, 3L Rep., for a student to fill the other 3L role. He will work with Mariah to identify a student and have that student confirmed at the next SBA meeting.

**c. Information Item - Current SBA Funds**

Erika Martinez announced to the Board that the SBA currently has \$12,553.92. Those funds can be used broadly so long as the Officers approve of the expense prior to the charge.

**d. Information Item - SBA Social**

She also announced a possible SBA social event, similar to a "Meet and Greet". Possible venue locations would be the Bakersfield Country Club where food and drinks would be available to purchase. This event would most likely take place in March or April. Mitzy Cuxum stated that she preferred people to be vaccinated if they are planning on attending. Erika stated that she would look into attorneys donating wine and that students would be given two free drink tickets. She added that having local attorneys present at the social events would be an excellent way to network.

**e. Action Item - Approval of the date and time for SBA Board Meetings**

Lizet Powell announced the meeting dates for the SBA:

February 26, 2022

March 26, 2022

April 23, 2022

May 28, 2022

June 25, 2022

July 23, 2022

August 27, 2022

September 24, 2022

October 22, 2022

November 19, 2022

December 24, 2022

She will be editing dates for Holidays or breaks, but will let the SBA Board know. She will also be emailing the SBA meeting dates to the SBA in a group email.

M/S by Lizet P./Bryn A. motioned to approve the SBA meeting dates. The dates were approved by consensus.

**9. Old Business**

None

**10. Class Representative Reports**

**a. 4L Class Representatives**

Ana Ovanda reported that the 4L students are getting ready to take the Bar exam in February. She also mentioned that she was able to secure a doctoral cap instead of the traditional caps. Because the SBA does not fund graduation costs, the officers will look into supporting other aspects of the graduation.

Ana also mentioned that the possible venue for graduation would be the Bakersfield Country Club or Bakersfield College.

**b. 3L Class Representatives**

No report

**c. 2L Class Representatives**

No report.

**d. 1L Class Representatives**

Flor Zelaya announced that her class will be transitioning from in-person to Zoom because of the rising cases of COVID-19. She also added that some students were having a hard time adjusting and are discouraged in continuing law school. Lizet suggested that the 1L students reach out to 2Ls for guidance and because the 2L class has only done Zoom learning and will be able to offer a lot of good feedback and encouragement.

**11. Kern County Bar Association Student Representative Report**

Mike announced that Emma is the KCBA student rep. However, he reported that he and Emma will be attending next month's meeting. He also encouraged all SBA members to sign up for the KC Bar Association because it is free of charge.

**12. Executive Officer Reports**

**a. President**

Mike reported that Dean Xyr and Dean Bennett will be assisting him in putting together a Zoom session on mental health. Because of the pandemic, a lot of students are mentally drained and discouraged. A possible session would be on Tuesday from 5:15 – 6:15 pm. Ana also suggested that Mike reach out to the Law Students Association through the CA State Bar Website for mental health workshops.

He also encouraged students to take advantage of the 10 free counseling sessions that the law school offers.

**b. Vice President**

Mitzy reported that she paired all 1L students with mentors. Through the mentorship program, she is hopeful that upper class students will give advice and help 1L students.

She also encouraged the 1L reps. to reach out to her to find other ways of helping the

class. Lizet spoke about how workshops were offered when she was a 1L by 2L's last year via zoom and that it was really helpful. Mitzy concluded by stating that the SBA is here to help the students and to reach out to her for ideas.

**c. Secretary**

Lizet reported that she will be sending out the SBA meeting dates so that students can have it on their calendar.

**d. Treasurer**

Erika reported that she will be creating a survey to send out to students regarding the meet n' greet event. She hopes to capture the best time and date for everyone and see if students are comfortable with attending an event in-person.

**13. Closing Remarks**

None

**14. Adjournment**

M/S by Erika M./Mitzy C. motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.

Approved on: 2/26/2022

Noted and Recorded by:

Approved by:

*Lizet Powell*

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Lizet Powell, Secretary

*Mike Kwon*

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Mike Kwon, President