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- I. Call to Order:** 12:10 – Open in prayer
- a. Members absent but excused: Emily
- II. Executive Update by President**
- a. Honor Council - Jess Monnette was planning to be here but gave Leandra the information on Honor Council to give to the Senate
- i. Honor council approved all applications and they have now gone to the faculty to approve the application packets. After they do that, they will go back to the honor council and than we will get them. Ryan will get with Jess.
1. Students who were nominated have until Monday to turn in packets. They will still need to go to the faculty so there will probably be a delay.
- ii. Saundra – what is the senate’s role in this? SBA has the final say in who honor council members are, they have the election process but we have the final say. We are the go between for the students and the honor council.
- b. Attendance Requirement – Meetings are mandatory.
- i. Suggestion of Dean Gantt - we could vote on a teleconference for senate members who are absent.
1. Mykell - Motion to open this for discussion – second, ayes have it.
- a. Mykell is ready to resign effective immediately. Relates this to Amber’s situation with the teleconferencing. Never real discussion about this back at the beginning of the semester when Amber was unable to be here due to ACLJ. Mykell went to Leandra recently about not being able to be in the meetings this semester. Afterwards, Mykell was sent an email about her absences.
- b. She said she was told it was not a problem that she will be absent from the meetings and now she is being told it would be a problem.
- c. Thinks video teleconferences would be appropriate.
- d. She has been part of the things required for being a senator.
- e. She thinks there are three options:
- i. Video conferences
- ii. Change dates
- iii. Mykell will continue to miss meetings
1. 7 meetings left.

- f. Mykell - suggests we do video conferences – as a forward thinking, “are you global” and if not everyone will be able to come.
2. Chelsea – How would that effect the 2L thing coming up with a new senator? Amber’s ACLJ is different than this situation.
3. Leandra – if you cannot finish term because you’re with ACLJ? Suggestions about teleconferences made by Dean Brauch in passing, and Dean Gantt said he doesn’t think it’s feasible.
 - a. Mykell – said Dean Gantt said it was feasible.
4. Najwa – it’s not that impossible to do the video teleconferences.
 - a. Amber has been helping over the phone and by email.
 - b. No problem with teleconferences.
 - c. Now were voting for someone new – didn’t know we were replacing Amber.
5. Leandra – had already talked to Amber and said she knows she has no voting rights.
 - a. Najwa – we told COGS they couldn’t so how come Amber can?
 - i. Leandra – she is not on the committee, just helping out since she already started and knows about it.
6. Brandon – said you had sent Amber a message – are our hands tied?
7. Brent – why not everyone teleconference? Slippery slope.
8. Saundra –teleconferences will take a lot of time – and we knew when we ran and when we were voted for that we would need to be at every meeting. The meetings were already set up and it’s not fair to change everyone’s schedule now for one person.
9. Ryan – Mykell was asked to step down from the community services b/c she was doing a poor job and because she is overcommitted.
10. Mykell – thought it was just because of time commitment.
11. Ryan - If you can’t meet 30 minutes a week for SBA – over committed. The meeting times are the same as last semester. Doing conferences while driving down the road is not going to work
12. Mykell – there are other options, need accommodations for people who are going to be absent
13. Jordan – whole essence is if SBA needs to move forward – room for that. In Amber’s situation, she may have time for constructive criticism and add to discussion in a videoconference.
 - a. In Mykell’s situation – maybe not the same, if you have all these time commitments, are you able to adequately represent the students? Do we want to go towards the slippery slope of IM’ing each other as our meeting?

- b. Should be on a case-by-case basis. Can you effectively do your job when you are not present?
 - i. Mykell – present at meetings?
- 14. Leandra – precluded now but can be changed for next spring
- 15. Brandon – Mykell is part of student body but Amber is not. More reasonable to have someone that cant make a meeting but is still here.
 - a. Jordan – agrees
- 16. Mykell- What ever we change it to doesn't have to stay like that next semester. This is who she is and she says people like her for it. There are other options, so we could change the time. Its not in the bylaws that we have to have it at 12 on Wednesday.
- 17. Leandra – motion on the table for whether teleconferencing would be sufficient.
 - a. Jordan – can we table it.
 - b. Leandra – personally she thinks we should table it.
 - c. Ann – maybe we should vote on whether we should change the meetings.
 - d. Jordan – move to table Ryan's motion on teleconferencing.
 - e. Aaron – we need to see if teleconferencing is even logistically feasible. Do we have that technologies and access to equipment.
 - f. Ann – solve problem by seeing if we can change the day.
 - i. Motion to table - Second – ayes have it. Brandon nayed.
- 18. Mykell – she has the capabilities of hands free device – she can't be here b/c late for job.
- 19. Aaron – that seems like your job is more important than the SBA meetings, asking us to make a concession for the body when you didn't make concessions for the body
- 20. Mykell - That was why she went to Leandra and asked. Yes she said she had to choose, she did choose this and she has to think of her future as well.
 - a. Leandra – said she never said that.
 - b. Ryan – tabled this till next week.
 - c. Ann – solve this problem today.
 - d. Chelsea – we need to see another time the meetings can be changed to before we vote.
 - e. Aaron – there are 13 other people who have planned on this day. Don't mind if we take it semester by semester and now troubled we're making ad hoc changes b/c other schedules will be affected.

21. Brandon – if it doesn't mess with anyone's schedule, should try and change.
22. Mykell – said had she known – she's not going to be impeached, that goes on our record for the bar exam.
 - i. Leandra – it is not an impeachment
 - ii. Ryan – you knew all of this.
 - iii. Mykell – under a misconception.
 - iv. Saundra – its going to be really hard to find another time everyone else can meet.
 - v. Leandra – what time can you be here if we change it.
 1. Discussion – on times – none worked.
23. Aaron – will work on video conferences
 - a. Brent – opposed to the whole thing.
 - b. Ann – is this for the ACLJ? No
 - i. Leandra – it's just people in Mykell's situation
 - c. Brent - Motion to vote on videoconferences at all?
 - i. Aaron – if it is a possibility, don't want to set a precedent of 11 senators not here.
 1. Ryan – unexcused absences – has worked that when you have something come up, let us know, that's our flexibility. If kid is sick, can you miss? Of course.
 - ii. Najwa – weary b/c the deans are suggesting and we need to know ourselves. We shouldn't be contradicting what the Deans want.
 1. Ryan – we met with them and said they it could be an option but not that we need to do that.
 2. Mykell – Dean Gantt said it was an accommodation that can be made.
 - iii. Saundra – there are obviously two sides to this so maybe we should just vote on it and see where the numbers come out.
 1. Leandra – senate interpretation of bylaws
 2. Brent – not wanting to find out about things if no one wants to pursue it.
 3. Leandra – vote on whether we should pursue.
 4. Motion on whether to have videoconferences at all for the semester?
Second. Ayes - Aaron, Jordan, Nate, Mykell, Najwa, Ann.

- 5. Opposed – Ryan, Sandra, Chelsea, Brent, Brandon, Lindsay, JoRae.
 - a. Mykell– other option is excused absence? Leandra said that is not an option.
 - c. Mykell – tendered resignation as 3L Senator - 12:47 p.m. - Gave copies.
 - d. Proposed Bylaws Amendments
 - i. Change dues amount
 - ii. Media services,
 - 1. Strike “tasks associated with the Alumni web-site”
 - 2. Change “and the publication of the student newsletter” to “the publication of the SBA newsletter”
 - iii. Description of Executive Secretary responsibilities
 - 1. Strike Subsection 8 - Don’t think we do that anymore
 - 2. Strike Subsection 11 - “See that 3 copies are given”
 - a. We no longer produce The Reporter
 - iv. Class Composite
 - 1. Composite picture layout
 - 2. Every time there is another journal added we wont have to amend the bylaws to reflect that.
 - v. SBA care fund
 - e. Events
 - i. Professionalism Week – go to events
- III. Executive Update by Vice President - none**
- IV. Class Updates**
- a. 3L Class Vice President – class meeting soon
 - b. 2L Class President - none
 - c. 1L Class President – no date yet
- V. Committee Updates**
- a. Academic Affairs – letter was delivered last Wednesday for the late professors.
 - b. Student Affairs – none
 - c. Student Events - none
 - d. Community Services - none
 - e. Media Services – will have a proof in plenty of time for graduation
 - f. Barristers Ball - none
 - g. Graduation Banquet – none
- VI. Old Business**
- VII. New Business**
- VIII. Motion to Adjourn – second, ayes have it**
- a. **Meeting adjourned - 12:53 p.m.**

