

PACE UNIVERSITY

Elisabeth Haub School of Law

Alumni Association Board of Directors

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 20, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Zoom/Telephonic

[April 13, 2022 Minutes were approved on April 21, 2022 by 19 Members]

Present: Michael Calandra, Jr., Esq. '05; Jeremy Farrington, Esq. '11; Stephen Forte, Esq. '08; Michael Frankel, Esq. '03; James Garvey III, Esq. '80; Rebecca Gigliotti, Esq. '18; Michael Gilberg, Esq. '07; Lisa Gladwell, Esq. '10; ; Michael Goldstein, Esq. '06; Jennifer Gray, Esq. '06; Jasmine L. Hosein, Esq. '12; Adele Lerman Janow, Esq. '90; Sameera Ansari Kalra, Esq. '09; Ashley Kersting, Esq. '16; Caesar Lopez, Esq. '12; Benjamin Lowenthal, Esq. '14 (late); Andrea Madrid, Esq. '12; Joseph Martin, Esq. '91 (Dir. Em.); Joseph Mazel, Esq. '97; Mark Meeker, Esq. '09; Gail Mulligan, Esq. '09; Susan Mulliken, Esq. '11; Hon. Carole Levy '83 (Dir. Em.); Diana Neeves, Esq. '16; Raymond Perez, Esq. '00; Thomas Persico, Esq. '18; Cassia Schaeffer, Esq. '15; Leanne M. Shofi, Esq. '94; Judson Siebert, Esq. '85; Andrew Teodorescu, Esq. '13; Nicole Varisco, Esq. '10

Excused: Patricia Bisesto, Esq. '92; Aharon Diaz, Jr., Esq. '12; Hon. Sandra Forster '79; George Haddad, Esq. '15; Michael Kremen, Esq. '08; James Lenihan, Esq. '91; John Mulligan, Esq. '88; Jacqueline Parker, Esq. '95; Patrick J. Paul, Esq. '16; Christopher Psihoules, Esq. '12

Unexcused: Nicholas Pasalides, Esq. '11

Added attendees: Angela D'Agostino, Dean of Students; Samantha Gordon, Executive Director, Alumni Relations and Association; Dean Horace Anderson; Lori Kanner, Development Officer; Brian Kearney, Senior Director of Development; Samantha Ladines, SBA President

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:01 p.m.

MEETING QUORUM: Quorum met at 6:01 p.m. with 21 Directors in attendance

- I. Welcome and Introductory Remarks** Andrew Teodorescu
- II. Board Membership** Andrew Teodorescu
 - Reminder of Board Attendance Policy:
 - 2 unexcused absences in academic year triggers conditional suspension letter, after which
 - Attend next meeting to plead your case for being voted back on
- III. Dean's Update** Dean Horace Anderson
 - Successfully enrolled 206 full-time and 63 part-time JD students for Fall 2022, despite national decline in application volume of 10.5%

- LSAT and UPGA quality of enrolled students was maintained
- Continued interested in part-time Flex program
- Goal of lowering discount rate in 1L class from 59% to 53.9% was achieved
- LLM enrollment increased, with 20 new students from 13 different countries
- Exchange programs shut down due to pandemic have re-opened
 - 11 students visiting from partner schools in Brazil, France, Germany and Spain
 - 6 Haub students traveling abroad
- National recruitment events are returning to in-person
- Class of 2022 – 75.9% are employed overall, with 73.9% in “Gold Standard” jobs
- Strong hiring trends continue with robust private sector hiring of recent graduates
- Access to Justice (A2J):
 - First A2J Lab brought together Law and Computer Science students to develop innovative mobile app designed to help low-income Westchester rental tenants know their rights
 - Prototype present to NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Steward Cousins
 - Placed 1st in Stanley M. Grossman Innovators Invitational, winning \$9K
 - Fall A2J Lab will focus on technology solutions increasing voting access, engagement, and information for marginalized and/or underrepresented communities
 - Hosted inaugural A2J Workshop focusing on Housing (Spring 2022 Workshop will focus on Democracy & Voting)
 - Agreement with NYS Legal Hand program to create pilot “Legal Hand” Call-In Center
- Online Advanced Certificate in Health Law & Policy:
 - Pilot program launched this Fall
 - Harvard Law Climenko Fellow James Toomey joined faculty
 - Previous Health Law Certificate went dormant in early 2000s, but brought back because of explosion in growth and need in the field
 - Certificate serves several markets, including current JD students, lawyers interested in re-tooling, and health care professionals
- Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and Sustainable Business Practices
 - ESG/Sustainability are a priority for businesses
 - Sustainable Business Law Hub Event
 - Kickoff event September 21, 2022, all are invited
 - Create opportunities for students, complement #1 Environmental Law program
 - Students develop expertise, with long-term goal of bringing expertise to non-profit and small businesses that do not have the resources for sustainability/ESG programs that larger businesses have
 - Externships and internships, including with Paul Weiss, Gibson Dunn and Nestle
- Upcoming Events:
 - Alumni Reunion/P.L.A.N. event, October 13, 2022
 - Alumni Board Meetings:
 - November 17, 2022
 - January 11, 2023
 - April 12, 2023
 - June 14, 2023 (Annual Meeting)

IV. Dean for Students

Angela D'Agostino

- Campus opening was fantastic, fully in-person
- Carbon footprint continues to be reduced
 - Solar benches and charging stations have been installed on Campus
 - Car charging stations, additional water refill stations, and solar panels at top of parking garage are in the works
- New roof has been installed on Gerber-Glass building
- Full residence hall this year with 104 students 5 RAs, and 1 Resident Director
- Wellness
 - Wellness Center with 3 private offices for telehealth appointments is thriving
 - Dedicated embedded counselor 21 hours/week, in-person
 - Thank you to Dean Anderson in assisting to obtain this valuable resource
 - Dedicated individual now assists with accommodations for current students (hearing impaired to learning disabilities, etc.)
- Working on obtaining a property manager to address issues such as plumbing
- Security: University-funded card access system being installed on every door on the campus, for swipe-ID access (will be made available to students, professors, alumni)
- Welcome to Samantha Ladines, this year's SBA President

V. Alumni & Development Update

Brian Kearney

- Brian is winding up his third month as Director of Development
- University in midst of \$300M multi-year Campaign
 - Multi-year goal of \$20M for School (currently at \$3.5M)
 - Three pillars: Scholarships, Experiential Learning, Program Enrichment
 - While some donors can afford larger amounts, it takes a village and smaller donations are equally important and helpful – thank you to all who donate
- Alumni Reunion will be on October 13, 2022, please sign up
- Alumni Board Meetings: next one on November 17, 2022
- Law Leadership Event, date TBD, in the process of identifying honorees

VI. Committee Reports

1. Nominating Committee

Michael Frankel

- All Officer terms expire this school year
 - Will need to propose a slate of officer positions – if interested, let Mike know
 - Slate will be presented to Board by fourth meeting in April, alumni will vote in June
- Board currently has more Members than in the past, but there is room for some more
- 15 Members' terms are expiring this year, Mike will reach out to see who is interested in renewing

2. Social Committee

Jeremy Farrington

- First in-person P.L.A.N. event (after pandemic) was in June and a great success
- Another P.L.A.N. event will be in October,¹ advertisement will be sent

3. Judicial Committee

Andrew Teodorescu (on behalf of Mike Kremen)

- Meet the Judges event will be virtual, aiming for October 25, 2022
- Working with WCBA to bring back the Bridge the Gap CLE, will be virtual this year but hope for it to be in-person next year
- Joe Mazel: March 2023 SCOTUS admission slots are filled, recommend that spots be sought for next Spring given how quickly it filled (first time in 2.5 years SCOTUS has hosted live admission ceremonies, due to pandemic)

4. Fundraising Committee

Gail Mulligan

- Activity Fund balance is \$3,225, thank you to Members for annual contributions
- Expectation of \$75 contributions from Members of the Board
- Link to make donation has been shared previously and will be shared in the Zoom Chat
- P.L.A.N. event was sponsored in June, just one aspect for what fundraising committee can do, please approach Gail or Jeremy to sponsor an event
- Mark Meeker requested that a written Treasurer's Report be shared with the Board, and Gail agreed to provide

5. By-laws Committee

Mark Meeker

- Revised By-Laws were approved and Annual Meeting in June 2022, and will be posted on School's website on the Alumni Tab

VII. Special Committee Reports

Andrew Teodorescu (on behalf of George Haddad)

- Diversity and Inclusion Committee planning Fall event for social justice week (October 24-28), exact date TBD
 - Panel of students will speak about incidents of discrimination, similar to last Fall's event
 - Will update Board once details solidified

VIII. New Business

- Succession planning within the Board
- Let Andrew know if you would like to be involved with a new/different committee

IX. Adjournment

Executive Committee

- Motion: Andrew Teodorescu
- Second: Michael Goldstein
- Time: 7:04 p.m.

¹ October 5, 2022 was mentioned during the meeting but has been changed due to Yom Kippur; likely date will be October 13, 2022, in conjunction with the Alumni Reunion.