



Student Bar Association Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 12, 2025, 5:45pm Via Zoom/In-person

Meeting Information

Date: February 12, 2025

Time: 5:47 pm – 6:27 pm

Location: Monterey College of Law/ Zoom

Meeting Type: Regular

Attendance

Executive Board Present:

- Jack Gilliott, President
- Hunter Garrison, Vice President
- Allyson Cruz, Secretary
- Kilder Fuentes, Treasurer

Committee Representatives Present:

- **1L Reps** : Kirsten Caballero and Lena El Safweny
- **2L Reps** : Ryan LaFreniere and Daisy Morales
- **3L Rep**: Ethan Hammond
- **4L Rep**: Derrick Pino
- **MCBA Rep**: Patricia Sosa
- **SCBA Rep**: Farrah Von Sothen
- **Rep to the MCL Board**: Beau Gillott
- **Absent Member**: Barbara Korp (4L Rep)

Agenda Items/ New Business

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 5:47pm by Jack Gilliot

1. Availability of Grades – Ryan

- Students aren't receiving their grades on time, leaving them unsure of whether they've passed before deciding if they have to add/drop a class.
- This issue is critical because students are required to pay tuition before knowing their grades.
- Ryan wants to put together a petition for grades to be released before the add/drop period ends and before tuition is due.
- Goal: Have the proposal drafted by the next meeting. The idea is to have the students sign a petition.

2. Request for Copy of Grades – Hunter

- Hunter raised concerns about the current process for requesting, copying, and returning grades—it's overly complicated. We should be able to receive our grades via email like the hybrid students do, along with a copy of the exam questions.
- Suggestion: Have grades emailed directly to students along with a copy of the questions.

3. Blue Zone Project – Patricia

- Patricia wants to introduce the Blue Zone Project and see if we want to register MCL.
- Action: Patricia will create a proposal for us to vote on by the next meeting.

4. Apparel – Beau

- Beau suggested creating updated, quality apparel to represent the school. We should be showcasing how proud we are of attending MCL.
- Ideas: Nice mugs, vests, sweatshirts, and license plate covers.
- Action: Beau will draft a proposal for us to review.

5. Working Relationships – Kilder

- Kilder mentioned improving working relationships with the Monterey County Public Defenders Office, Monterey County District Attorneys Office, and the Monterey Courthouse.
- He would like for us to request a meeting with the leadership of those offices, along with requesting a tour.
- Kilder also brought up paid internships, Derrick mentioned the current county hiring freeze and how paid internships may not be realistic due to funding issues.
- Derrick will speak to Michelle Godin (Public Defenders Office) about a potential meeting to address these ideas.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jack Gilliott at 6:27pm

Approved on: 02-18-25

Noted and recorded by: Allyson Cruz

Allyson Cruz

Allyson Cruz, Secretary

Jack Gilliott

Jack Gilliot, President