

- 1. Call to Order at 11:04 A.M.** **Jordan Chisolm**
- 2. Care One/Straus Subpoena Issue**
  - a. Presentation by Hold Straus Responsible Campaign
    - i. Believes that Straus has crossed the line by issuing the subpoena to students. Is asking the Dean and Administration to make a stronger statement about Straus' subpoenas. Would like a statement from the SBA that issuing a subpoena on a student for an exercise of their speech is inappropriate and that additional accountability should be considered.
  - b. Discussion on SBA Response
    - i. Motion to adopt prepared Resolution with an additional paragraph stating that the subpoena has had a chilling effect on free speech on campus. *Motion Approved (Y: 7, N: 3, A: 1)*
    - ii. Motion to include an additional statement that Mr. Straus has violated his relationship with students and with the school by failing to withdraw the subpoena. *Motion Approved (Y: 6, N: 5, A: 0)*
- 3. Vacancies and Appointments** **Jordan Chisolm**
  - a. Very excited to have received so much interest from students. Will try to keep people involved, even if they did not receive a committee position.
  - b. Motion to approve President's nominations *in toto*. *Motion Approved (Y: 8, N: 3, A: 0)*
- 4. Treasurer's Report** **Chris Porcelli**
  - a. Discretionary Funding Requests approved: \$150 for Chevron Two-Step music video, \$250 to redo Media Law Society, \$50 for an additional meeting of Than the Sword.
- 5. Student Senator Report** **Patrick Totaro**
  - a. Full University Senate has voted overwhelmingly to have contract faculty represented on the University Senate. Will be going to a vote by the trustees.
- 6. Operational/Facility Issue Update** **Nonney Onyekweli**
  - a. Thanks to hard work by Student Affairs, the ALSA's, and student organizations, the surcharge for outside catering has been dropped.
  - b. Thicker toilet paper will be difficult to provide because it clogs plumbing.
  - c. Continuing efforts to get a printer on the second floor of Vanderbilt.
  - d. Staplers will likely be provided for each printer, but still trying to resolve which department will be responsible.
- 7. Social Events** **Taaj Reaves, Colinford Mattis**
  - a. Study break on 5/6 with City Bakery and Molly's Cupcakes sponsored by Simpson Thatcher. Finalizing location for end-of-year party and seeking outside sponsorship.
- 8. Rep Reports**
  - a. SBA Participation in Student Group Transitions: Treasurer will be reaching out to student groups beginning next week.
  - b. Credit Situation for Language Courses: Meeting scheduled with Academic Affairs.
  - c. Lack of NYU Law Souvenirs: President will be working with Administration on this issue.
  - d. Proposal to make meetings longer than 1 hour to provide adequate time for discussion.
- 9. Adjourn at 11:58 A.M.**

**New York University  
Student Bar Association**

**Bill 2014-01**

**A Resolution**

**Whereas:** In or around March 2014, a group of NYU Law students circulated around campus a letter to Dean Morrison expressing concern about alleged labor law violations committed by Care One, a business owned by NYU Law Trustee Daniel Straus, and

**Whereas:** Two weeks later, Care One issued subpoenas to two Law School students in connection with litigation between Care One and the labor union, SEIU. The subpoena requested emails and other private communications regarding any contact the students may have had with SEIU and any activity relating to Mr. Straus or Care One,[1] and

**Whereas:** New York University was established to provide “a system of rational and practical education fitting for all and graciously opened to all,”[2] and to “embrace diversity among faculty, staff and students to ensure a wide range of perspectives... in the educational experience,”[3] and

**Whereas:** The students, faculty, and administration of the New York University School of Law take seriously the charge of being a “private university in the public service,”[4] and recognize the importance of open academic inquiry in creating this kind of environment, and

**Whereas:** The members of the New York University Student Bar Association (“SBA”), as students of New York University School of Law, recognize that creating an environment where students can exercise their First Amendment right to engage in free speech is crucial to developing an open academic environment that is committed to the public interest, and

**Whereas:** The issuance of subpoenas in an academic environment tends to have a chilling effect on free speech and stifle the exercise of First Amendment Rights, and

**Whereas:** The two students who were issued subpoenas are respected students in good standing at the New York University School of Law, and

**Whereas:** The administration at the New York University School of Law has assisted the students in paying for and retaining counsel, has agreed to cover any legal expenses they may face in connection with the subpoenas, and has also counseled the students to help minimize the impact of these subpoenas on their studies.[5]

**LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT:**

**Section 1:** The SBA urges the Administration to continue to support and advise the two students who have been issued subpoenas in this matter by keeping its commitment to cover any legal expenses in connection with the subpoenas and by continuing to provide academic and institutional support, and

**Section 2:** The SBA urges the Dean of New York University School of Law, as steward of a prestigious institution of higher education that is committed to academic inquiry and to the public interest, to continue his dialogue with all parties involved, and to work towards the ultimate withdrawal of the subpoenas, and

**Section 3:** The SBA denounces the issuance of subpoenas on the two NYU Law students by Care One, and views the issuance and refusal to withdraw these subpoenas as a failure by Trustee Daniel Straus to honor the relationships and responsibilities that the Law School community expects from its trustees.

Passed by a vote of 7 - 3 - 1 on April 25, 2014.

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Jordan Chisolm  
SBA President

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[1] Dean Trevor Morrison, Memorandum to the Law School Community, "Re: Community Update" (April 17, 2014)

[2] <http://www.nyu.edu/about.html>

[3] <http://www.nyu.edu/about.html#below>

[4]

<http://www.law.nyu.edu/publicinterestlawcenter/financialassistance/scholarships/rootscholarship/programhistory>

[5] Dean Trevor Morrison, Memorandum to the Law School Community

## **STUDENT SENATOR APPOINTEES**

Carolyn Cole

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### **Personnel (Lawyering)**

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### **Preparation for Academic Careers**

Kevin Benish  
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### **Symposium Funding**

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