I. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

- Laura Magnotta
- Anna Strawn
- Jason Samuel
- Alisha Falberg
- Andrew Sherman
- Wanika Fisher
- Joe Negaard
- Carolyn Brown
- Melissa Padalino
- Cody Graham
- Shandra Kisailus
- Elizabeth Asbaugh
- Matthew Bosakowski
- Kyle Peasley
- Steve Smith - Unexcused
- Jordan Feist

II. Public Comment

Laura: Is there anyone who was elected who not been called? No. OK, we need a parliamentarian to keep time, to warn us when time is running out, who knows Robert’s Rules of Order, and who
can ask for more time if needed. I appoint Joe Negaard who will do it well and is familiar with Robert’s rules. Now I open the floor for public comment.

Cody: I know an amendment was passed earlier in year about student organizations putting leaders in by a certain date in order to get SBA funding next year. What is that date? Has it passed? And what is the current status of the student organizations?

Laura: It has passed. There was an extension allowed and groups were allowed to ask Zach for it. I have seen recently new student leaders being sent out on the listserv and I’m assuming those just passed out sent in extension requests, but I’ll check with Zach.

Missy: A few things: First, is there any way to get fall break to be a week again? I had heard that it was that way before and I know there is student concern with getting that week again. I know the administration wanted to shorten it to encourage students to stay on campus to study, but students want the week-long break to catch up on outlining.

Also, can we convey to the administration that there is student concern that the 1L professors should be more experienced and have passion for their subject, not just a visiting professor who does not have a specialty in that area and shows a lack of care for subject. The students are concerned because these are their core classes and classes needed to pass the bar.

Also, classes on website still not updated. This needs to be more prompt. And finally, could there be scheduling of classes by similar topics so classes of a similar nature don’t conflict and students interested in taking classes in those areas can take them all.

Laura: Addressing those issues one at a time: Fall break is shorter because students wanted more time at the end of the semester for study days but I understand there are conflicting student wants. I will bring this up to the Dean.

Missy: I though last year we had more study days and a week long break and if they could do that, that would be best.

Laura: I think we have more this semester than last, but I’m not sure. I will check. With regard to 1L professors, I will bring up with the Deans and the academic committee.

Missy: People still annoyed that there are listed classes are on the website, but they are not actually offered. Students rely on that list and don’t want this to happen to other students. And classes have been listed but the professors are gone and so students can’t take them and there is general concern about that.

Laura: I will bring this up in the Deans meeting and with the academic committee. But there is a disclaimer on website that says the list subject to change without notice, but I will make sure to let the Deans know that students rely on it.

Scheduling by topic is something that is of concern and is a major problem and I will bring this up. Let me know of specific classes/topics of concern.
Anything in Carlisle? Just for thoroughness - only SBA voting members can speak during the rest of the meeting other than in public comment, so if you are not a voting member and have something to say, say it now.

Patrick Skeehan: Hello, I am Patrick Skeehan and I am the current president of the Speakers Trust Fund and my business here tonight is to discuss committee chair appointments, but I will take opportunity now because I am not a voting member. It’s not my intention to get the new SBA off on wrong footing, but I feel strongly about this matter considering Laura’s decisions and nominees for next years Speakers Trust board. I’m not sure how it will play out since we have not heard the nominees yet, but to give background, my role is limited regarding nominations of Speakers Trust officers for next year. The SBA president usually consults with Speakers Trust president on these decisions and the Speakers Trust president makes recommendations based on current board members and that recommendation is given discretion. Laura and I have discussed this at length, and while Laura is allowed to make her own nominations, I would like to state on the record my disagreement with who she has selected for president next year and, as I have been involved this year and saw the involvement of others, I would just like to state for the record that I disagree.

Laura: Thanks Pat and please consider Pat’s comments during the nominating.

Wanika: Are you allowing us to speak during Public Comment?

Laura: Yes

Wanika: The president reserves sole discretion in nominating and this is an executive power of SBA president. It is taken very seriously on how appointments are made and I would just like to say that I have confidence in Laura’s leadership and ability to pick who will represent us. It is a clear executive power and it is important to stick to SBA Constitution, which is something that SBA values.

Laura: Seeing nothing else, moving on.

III. SBA Board Appointments

Laura: After the elections this year, there were unfilled positions, so I have proposed nominations. I’m going through each nomination and the approval process for each individually.

Appointments:
3L Class Rep (UP) – Jordan Johnston
Cody: Motion
Missy: Second
Discussion? Seeing none, put to vote.
No opposition UP; No opposition Carlisle.

3L Class Rep (Carlisle) – Courtney Monson
Shanie: Motion
Matt B.: Second
Discussion? Seeing none, put to vote.
No opposition UP; No opposition Carlisle.

2L Honor Code Rep (Carlisle) – Erin Hayes
Matt B.: Motion
Shanie: Second.
Discussion?
Jason: Any relation to Kevin?
Erin: No
No opposition UP; No opposition Carlisle

Laura: You are now voting members of SBA! Moving on.

IV. Committee Chair/Member Appointments

Laura: I already have students who have agreed to committee positions and want to do this in omnibus style so we don’t have to do them all individually.

Academic
UP – Hayley McElhinney
Carlisle – Sara Mullen

Admissions
UP - Jessica Brown

Alumni Relations
UP – Alex Kahn
Carlisle - Jennifer Gomez

Budget
UP - Andrew Sherman

Career Planning and Development
UP – David Bender
Carlisle – Zach Morahan

Community Relations
UP - CJ Restemayer/Demi Jones
Carlisle - Maren Miller

Diversity
UP - Telecia Rose
Carlisle - Mayra Gamez/Marta Rifin
Election
UP - Jason Samuel  
Carlisle – Anna Strawn

Graduation
UP – Kristen Garvey  
Carlisle – Mayra Gamez

Honor Code
Cody Graham

Inter-School Relations
UP - Jordan Johnston

Intramural Sports
Carlisle - Nat Flandreau, John Vega

Mock Trial
UP - Kira McMurrnan  
Carlisle – Shanie Kisailus

Orientation
UP – Shauna Manion  
Carlisle – Courtney Monson

Race Judicata
UP – Amy Schwarzl  
Carlisle – Bradley Tritsch

Social
UP - Carolyn Brown, Missy Padalino  
Carlisle – Gabrielle Giombetti

Speaker’s Trust
President – Alison Renfrew  
Vice President – Shandra Kisailus  
Secretary – Brian Rans

Technology
UP - Jason Samuel  
Carlisle – Anna Strawn

Laura: At this time I will open floor to motions.  
Wanika: Motion.  
Joe: Second.  
Discussion?
Alisha: I’m sorry Laura, I don’t fully understand this omnibus process. Can we still debate individual nominations? Just curious if anyone wanted to comment on Pat’s comments concerning Speakers Trust.

Laura: Yes. Any comments? If not, move to vote.

Courtney M.: Did Andrew make comment earlier?

Laura: No, he yielded to the floor for motion.

No opposition UP; No opposition Carlisle.

Laura: Congrats to all committee members!

V. Sports Legal Society - Softball Tournament

Laura: Drew Hushka’s here to discuss the budget for the Sports Legal Society softball tournament and has asked for a special vote for SBA outside of the traditional budget process. This is how it has been done with past years because the event happens before budget passes for next year.

Drew H: Hello. I’m requesting $1200 for the Sports Legal Society’s annual softball tournament. It will be held on the Sunday before Labor Day, as in past years and last year we requested the same amount and spent about $800 and yielded back about $300. I’ve been trying to get in touch with park board to get fields. I have called a few times and they have not returned my calls, so I’m still waiting to hear back from them. We spent about $814.63 last year. This is Sports Legal Society’s big event and its for charity for United Way. We also want to make it an initiation event for 1Ls. It’s great for networking. There are teacher teams and students teams and it’s a great way to get to know people outside of classroom. Currently, we need about $380 for fields, but I think will be lower, about $600 for food and some money for trophies. The total asking for is $1200.

Laura: Any questions?

Missy: Is there anyway to ask for donations for the field?

Drew: If can get a hold of the people, I will ask. I’m having trouble getting in touch with people.

Meghan Hill: They haven’t donated in the past.

Wanika: Can I ask, what is in budget right now?

Laura: Sure. Sherman and I met with Sue, Rachel, Doris and Holly, but we don’t know right now and won’t know until full enrollment after school begins because the money comes form student
activity fees, but it will probably be similar to last year’s because about there is about the same number of incoming students. It’s looking about same and Chad said that we may have roll over.

Wanika: So, this Sports Legal Society money is coming from next year’s money?

Laura: Yes. We want to make sure that Sports Legal Society has ample money to plan it and make it a good and well organized event.

Anna: I was just wondering if any Carlisle people went up to even in past years?

Drew: Not last year, but its open to both campuses. However, we cannot provide money for transportation, so Carlisle students would have to make their own team and provide their own transportation.

Laura: SBA cannot find transportation with SBA money, its policy. Maybe approach student services?

Anna: Are there any contact people in Carlisle involved in Sports Legal Society that could work on getting Carlisle involvement? It sound like a good event.

Drew: No, all current Carlisle members are graduating. There will be a 1L in Harrisburg this summer and he said he would be willing to come down to Carlisle to explain the event.

Laura: We should talk to the IM committee in Carlisle to help get students involved because its great day and tons of fun.

Anna: Yeah, and we need more advertisement and word of mouth in Carlisle to get more attendance.

Laura: We are hoping to make it an unofficial part of orientation for 1Ls - to really talk it up as a way to get to know people in a less formal way.

Cody: There is nothing that is done this way. Mostly its done in the traditional way - submit budget proposal to the treasurer. How does this work?

Laura: This is how it was done last year - Sports Legal Society and the Carlisle IM committee came early because of need of money for fields and stuff. It is talked about again at first meeting in fall.

Andrew S.: Motion
Missy: Second.
Discussion?
Wanika: I’m just worried about budget for next year. Can we give them $1000 instead of $1200? No opposition C; One abstention in UP.

VI. Officer Reports
Laura: I had a meeting with Sue, Holly, Rachel and Doris about the budget process and the big take away from that is as soon as anyone starts planning an event, they need to go to Sue or Holly from beginning because they have most knowledge. Its best to approach them from beginning because we need them on board and they are a great resource for this and you will need to anyway.

I spoke with Dean Tatum and his plan forward is to increase participation in the career planning committee. They had an active committee this year and he wants students to have a more active role in meeting with the Dean and career services. He is looking to involve CPDO in a mentor program at orientation. Any events funded by Speakers Trust are to be communicated to career services for benefit of students.

Student committee chairs, look to see if any amendments need to be made over the summer to your roles and they will be put to vote on at first meeting in fall. The social chairs are already looking at next year events. If anything comes up before next years meeting, please contact me.

Anna: My plans for coming year: First, working closely with each event and making sure options are open to both campuses. I want to foster unity and want to get people excited to meet people from both campuses. I would like at least one person from the other campus to attend events, and we need more advertising. Second, committees. I want to make sure the rules are clear and I will be staying in contact with committees. I want to stay available (like Laura was for us this year), but want to make sure everyone knows rules and policies. We had some problems this year, but they were not the committees faults.

Jason: First, thanks for the opportunity. My goals for the upcoming year are to foster an environment for success and to work to make sure we fix the problems other classes before did had. One is the commuter lot and the cross-walk. I would like to make sure its safe. Also, I want to make sure the honor code is taken seriously. Students are here for a profession. We are not playing games. Everything you do can effect passing the bar. I don’t want to see people waste money and opportunity. I want to reinforce this to new students. Next, student organizations. I want to help students know how to start new groups and to know what they have to do and to make sure all student groups know what is required of them, like members, leaders, and budget, and I want to root out dormant organizations and make sure one’s that we are funding are doing good things.

Laura: Looking forward to working with you both

Andrew: The biggest things are that met with Sue, Rachel, Holly and Doris and what people want to see is budget on website. I am still committed to doing that and it will happen this year, even if it’s just a Google doc’s sheet. The administration wants to be on same page as me and everyone else. Also, we need to change the budget process. We have to go to Rachel and Sue at least two weeks ahead of time, so things not rushed and we have time for getting receipts and accounting to prevent problems. Also, the use of students accounts for student organization money - this cannot happen any more because money gets lost. We have no way of accounting for this use. Also, tighten up accounting - get all receipts back to me in a certain amount of time
so we don’t have repeats of problems this year. I will work with Speakers Trust to make sure the budget is clear across the board. I need a budget committee and it needs to be SBA voting members, so if you’re interested please email me, so I can consider you.

Laura: There needs to be a total of four on the committee - 1 member from each class from each campus. And we can have non-voting members, like 1Ls to have more voices. If interested, please get this to Andrew.

Joe: Consider me a liaison between the law school and Penn State. I’m here for both campuses. Carlisle probably feels less connected and I recognize that. I want to get on more committee. The first Senate meeting is next Tuesday and I will be attending with Sarah to learn the ropes.

Wanika: I will be attending annual national ABA meeting 8/2-8/7 in Chicago and I will give reports on it and I will be tabling during orientation and I will call you out if not member of ABA yet and I’m not as nice as Robyn. I plan on sending out a monthly newsletter and want to remind students of grant programs. This Friday the current governor is accepting applications for lieutenant governor.

Laura: She will call you out! Thanks everyone for coming and thanks for all the work already and for what will be done. If you think of anything over the summer, feel free to get in touch. Thanks for all commitment and dedication.

Courtney: Motion to adjourn.
Liz: Second.
No opposition UP; No opposition Carlisle.