SBA General Body Meeting
April 23, 2013 - 7:00 p.m. 114 Katz Hall, Carlisle / 114 Katz Building, University Park

Agenda

I. Call to Order
   • Roll Call
     o Jason Samuel
     o Matt Bosakowski
     o Kaitlyn Charette
     o Brian Brodeur
     o Bobby Anderlik
     o Kyle Peasley
     o Aaron Schwartz
     o Jack Tebbetts
     o Erin Hayes
     o Liz Ashbaugh
     o Brian Rans
     o Sean Jorgensen
     o Garrett Lent
     o Guy Bowe
     o Marcy McLaughlin
     o John Higgins
     o Jared Kephart
     o Jeff Gdovin

II. 3L Class Representative Appointment
   • Jason: Next we will move to appoint the 3L class representative in Carlisle, Megan Rooney. Motion to vote?
   • Jeff: Motion.
   • Matt: Second.
   • Discussion:
     o Liz: Hi Megan can you tell us why you would like to be 3L rep?
     o Megan: Well, Matt and I had a discussion and I think I can be able to communicate to Matt to take care of Carlisle concerns with the SBA.
     o Matt: I have full confidence in Megan.
     o Jason: Good.
   • Vote:
     o No opposition UP.
     o No opposition Carlisle.
     o 18 Yes / 0 No
   • Jason: Congratulations Megan, you are a full voting member of SBA.

III. Public Comment (15 min)
• Liz: A number of people, 2Ls and 3Ls, have mentioned that they were not particularly happy with the way graduation is being handled and wanted to communicate to SBA and administration that the upcoming coming graduation should be unified, and if it were to come up, it should be a decision made by both campuses and not just one of them. Hopefully this gets relayed to the administration.
  o Jason: We will discuss this with the incoming Deans next year.

• Brian Rans: A rising 3L sent me an email about the email policy and about how to operate within the system. They want online presence where we can list all rules instituted.
  o Jason: Well, as far as making 1Ls aware, there is an email sent out at beginning of both semesters.
  o Brian Rans: The big issue is no one reads emails, so we need papers or speech at the beginning of the year.
  o Jason: We will work on something regarding that issue.
  o Matt: I think a good way to do that would be with orientation. With all the paperwork we get, everyone is stressed and looks through most of them, so we can include email policy papers with orientation materials.
  o Jason: We will take that under advisement and try to do something about that. The VPs will head the Technology Committee and can address that issue.

• Sean: I wanted to bring this to SBA, Labor Law professor Ellen Dannin, will not be back next semester. I know a lot of students have interest in labor law, and there is at least one professor that will be teaching employment this coming fall, but there is currently no labor law course slated for next spring. So for any students coming here for labor law, this could pose a huge problem. Labor law is expanding area of law, not a contracting one, so it is important we have a professor in the field. The Work Law Society will likely be starting a petition to get a labor law professor in order to get that vacancy filled.
  o Jason: I will pass that on to the Deans to let them know students are very concerned about that issue.

• Matt: One more public comment, Brian?
  o Brian Brodeur: There has been discussion about the law school yearbook, specifically about how the administration previously had to pay students. Two, at least one of whom is a professional photographer, students said they would be willing to do it for free.

• Jason: Seeing no further public comment, move on to SLS tournament and budget issues.

IV. SLS Tournament (5 min)
• Jason: Mike James, president of Sports Law Society (SLS) will talk to us about budgetary issues.

• Mike: The SLS softball tournament has taken place in the past and had great turnouts. The requested money will go towards making sure we have a trophy for the winners, securing the field, and things like that. We play with Carlisle and it is a lot of fun. We are asking for a budget now so that we can be prepared for the fall semester. It is $1,200 and we usually come in under that number.

• Erin: Can’t hear you guys.
• Mike: Can you hear me now?
• Erin: Yes.
• Mike: $1,200. Breakdown is in the email and we usually come in under that number.
• Jason: I will bring this up for motion for approval, then we will have discussion on the issue.
• Garrett: Motion to approve.
• Sean: Second.
• Discussion:
  o Liz: Do we know what their budget was for last year?
  o Mike: We were approved for the same amount.
  o Liz: Oh ok.
  o Jason: Any more discussion? (none seen)
• Vote:
  o No opposition UP
  o No opposition Carlisle
  o 19 Yes / 0 No

V. SBA Committee Chair Appointments
• Jason: Here are the Committee Chairs along with the SBA executive board member who oversees the committee:
  o Matt Bosakowski (Carlisle VP) to oversee:
    ▪ Diversity: Hamilton Martin
    ▪ Graduation: Ali Wykis
    ▪ Intramural Sports: Johnny Vega
    ▪ Admissions: Evelyn Miller (need Carlisle Co-chair)
    ▪ Alumni Relations: Dave Green (need Carlisle Co-chair)
    ▪ Community Relations: CJ Restemayer (UP), Katie Hagen, Emily McLaughlin
    ▪ Race Judicata: Stephanie Sweeney (DN), Jess Parisi (UP)
    ▪ Elections: VPs
    ▪ Technology: VPs
    ▪ Student Mental Health Committee: Steve Daly
  o Kaitlyn Charette (UP VP) to oversee:
    ▪ Social Committee: Doyin Ario (UP), Jenn Tripodi (UP), Gabby Giombetti (DN), Maria Carnicella (DN).
    ▪ Inter-School Relations: Andrew Fillmore
    ▪ Orientation: Dale Race (also in charge of 1L mentorship program) (need Carlisle Co-chair)
    ▪ Career Planning and Development: David Bender (UP), Kevin Schock (DN)
    ▪ Academic: Emily Ward (DN), Jeff Smith (UP)
    ▪ Mock Trial: Kyle Peasley (UP), Steve Scirocco (DN)
    ▪ Elections: VP’s
    ▪ Technology: VP’s
- Honor Code: Erin Hayes
- Transition Committee: Kelsey Swaim (UP)
  - Brian Brodeur (Treasurer) to oversee:
    - Budget Committee: Marcy McLaughlin
    - Speaker’s Trust: Brian Rans President, Kelly Walsh VP, Jared Smith Secretary, Matt Castello, Emily Ward, Jared Kephart (probably one more member for that committee)

- Garrett: Motion to approve in omnibus fashion.
- Jared: Second.
- Jason: Move to Discussion

Discussion:
  - Matt: We will discuss Carlisle appointments later?
  - Jason: Yes.
  - Matt: Excellent.
  - Brian Rans: Last year’s treasurer Andrew Sherman expressed a desire to be on the Speaker’s Trust Committee.
  - Jason: Ok. Let’s move to vote.

- Vote:
  - No opposition UP
  - No opposition Carlisle
  - 19 Yes / 0 No

- Jason: Some of the chairs are more urgent for fall semester; and those that aren’t as urgent, we will get them figured out in time for an effective fall semester.

VI. Email Policy Update (5 min)

- Jason: I want to bring up the email policy update. This is to address the problem that too many emails were being sent out by organizations regarding events. Basically, we made a change that allows only 3 emails to be sent out for a particular event by an organization.

- Kaitlyn: 3 total?
- Jason: Yes 3 total.
- Jason: That is the main change, but there might be more that come out later. This was to address the current problems. The VPs will be making sure the problems get taken care of. We will use this for the starting point for next year and student organizations will know before school starts that there is no more blitzing people’s email boxes.

- Garrett: Motion to Approve the new email policy
- Jack: Second.

Discussion:
  - Garrett: Is this permanent?
  - Jason: It can be updated and it is easily updated.
  - Garrett: Is there a way to enforce this?
  - Jason: A suggestion was to tie it to speakers trust.
  - Garrett: Hmm.
  - Jason: We will see how that works, I’m not sure if I want to go ahead with that yet. We will discuss this more over the summer and be prepared for fall.
Sean: I understand not wanting a dozen emails, but that is sort of the nature of law school emails. I do agree we should limit it, but I think it would be ridiculous to tie to student funding. I have never seen a gross abuse of the email system and I don’t think we should deny funding as it seems a little Draconian.

Jason: Like I was saying, we will consider over the year, that was just a suggestion.

Aaron: I don’t know how many few emails we need to get people to stop complaining, they will always complain. I don’t think we need a fine line. But you are never going to be able to stop the flow of complaints.

Brian: Clarifying, not trying to stop ALL funding right?

Jason: I am not saying to stop any funding at all… just some ideas.

Jared: I like the idea because a policy needs teeth. Also, is there something in the policy to allow flexibility in last minute changes?

Jason: We will make sure any enforcement policy will allow for flexibility. But this is not at issue here. This is just a rule update.

Aaron: I think they should be able to send emails out without fear of penalty, but I think the guideline is good and if it doesn’t work then we can figure something else out in the future.

Matt: I don’t think we need a hard and fast rule, that would be unfair. Rather, we should leave it to the discretion to speakers trust or budget committees. In the past we didn’t apply rules rigidly, we tried to make exceptions and that is a possibility. We should have a rule with flexibility to apply or not apply the rule.

Jason: Another good idea, but again we will take this up over summer and have a policy in place by the time budget requirements roll around in fall. Also when you hear a lot of complaints about something which people don’t normally complain about, we need to do something about the issue.

Vote:
- No opposition in UP
- No opposition in Carlisle
- 19 Yes / 0 No
- Passes

IX. Officer Reports
- President (5 min)
  - Thank you everyone, all students in the room and all reading this through the minutes, for giving me the honor to serve as president. I enjoy working in the SBA and have a good time, and have for the past two years. I am looking forward to having a great year with everyone here.
  - One thing I wanted to do was to do an introduction by saying our name and class year, so we can put names to faces.
    - *Procession through the room doing introductions*
  - Regarding the yearbook fight, I think it is ridiculous that we are having an issue with it. I will discuss this with incoming deans to make sure we have a yearbook.
Regarding the CPDO, the CPDO is going to try to use the organizations to help find students jobs. They are still thinking about that, not quite clear yet, but the office is mulling this idea over the summer. Obviously if we graduate and don’t have a job, that is not a good thing.

Good luck to everyone on the finals and have a safe productive summer.

Vice Presidents (10 min)

Kaitlyn: Hi everyone. One of the things Matt and I will be working on over the summer is the organization fair, and I look forward to working with Matt to organize them. Additionally, we will try to get the 1L elections going early in the fall. A couple student have come to me with concerns already, specifically that parking at the stadium is rough and want us to try to fix it over the summer. Also we currently have coffee during finals in UP, but not snacks. Four or five people already brought it up to me. Maybe we can’t do something about that this semester, but next semester maybe we can bring the people their popcorn.

Matt: I look forward to working with you all.

Treasurer (5 min)

Brian Brodeur: As Andrew Sherman said last meeting, we are working with a $3000 surplus. I have talked to Andrew and will talk with him more after finals to try to make sure everything is as transparent as possible and online.

PSU Senator (5 min)

Kyle: The last faculty meeting was today and a new board was elected. The current chair was Professor Backer here at the law school and I don’t know if he is running again. I am scheduled for the first meeting in September. I signed up for the same committees as Joe Negaard (the previous PSU Senator) because they were interesting: the technology and research committees. Other than that, I am your tool so use me.

ABA Representative (5 min)

Aaron: I don’t have too much to add, but I am meeting with Wanika Fisher (the previous ABA Representative) to discuss my job and I have been getting ABA emails for quite some time now. The emails have some interesting stuff, so when finals are done I will pass the information around, but not too much for now.

X. Adjournment

Garrett: motion to adjourn.

Liz: Second.

Vote:
  o No opposition UP
  o No opposition Carlisle
  o 19 Yes; 0 N0

Meeting Adjourned. Happy Birthday Neil Sirota!