I. Call to Order
   a. Roll Call
   • Laura Magnotta
   • Anna Strawn
   • Jason Samuel
   • Alisha Falberg
   • Andrew Sherman
   • Wanika Fisher
   • Joe Negaoard
   • Carolyn Brown
   • Melissa Padalino - Excused
   • Cody Graham
   • Shandra Kisailus
   • Elizabeth Asbaugh
   • Matthew Bosakowski
   • Kyle Peasley
   • Jordan Feist
   • Jordan Johnston
   • Courtney Monson
   • Erin Hayes
   • Brian Rans - Unexcused
   • Matt Regan
   • Marcy McLaughlin
b. Minutes Approval

Laura: OK, we have quorum. Seeing as this is the second to last meeting, there’s nothing to do about this really, but the unexcused absences are inexcusable. Everyone should have received the minutes because I emailed them out, but it seems some people don’t read my emails, seeing as Cody showed-up tonight wearing a t-shirt.

Cody: At least I’m here!

Laura: Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

Jason: Motion.

Joe: Second.

No opposition in Carlisle.
No opposition in UP.

II. Public Comment (15 minutes)

Laura: Any public comment?

Jordan F.: There maybe a quick answer to this because I am sure it has come up before, but I’ve been hearing from some of my classmates that have lockers in the basement - it’s like a dungeon down there - wondering if it’s possible to switch out lockers for vacant lockers on the main level next year?

Laura: I did ask, because I had one of those lockers, and was told we cannot switch once we get assigned it, but I’ll ask Sue tomorrow to see if there is something we can do. I’ll definitely ask to see if we can because it is dreadful down there.

Elizabeth: I noticed, and have talked to other students who have noticed, that there are no education law classes next semester. And it is my understanding that Professor Green is going to another university. I learned that a lot of students expressed interest in education law and that
some students came here specifically for those classes and it would be a concern for them and so I was asked to bring it up.

Laura: I will bring it to Deans Pratt, Rielly, and Gallagher to see if anything can be done at the next deans meeting.

Wanika: This is more of a plug. The 1st grad competition is Saturday and it will be here at the law school. There is an opening and closing ceremony and speakers and prizes and gear from alumni relations and it will be fun. So come and cheer on the 2 law teams! And there’s free food, so come out.

Laura: Anyone else? OK. Moving on to committee updates.

III. Committee Updates (20 minutes)

Laura: I’m not really sure who all responded to my emails, so we’ll just see who is here. First, the representative from the CDPO committee.

David Bender: With regard to this committee, we have been trying to be a liaison between the students and the CDPO staff. Some changes this year are small group discussions, which are available on Tuesday afternoons up here and in Carlisle. That has gone well for most people who have gone. But a big CDPO concern is they are not very well attended. CDPO has tried to stay the course hoping over time more and more people will be more comfortable coming to visit them in future. The biggest complaint from CDPO staff seems to be that students that meet with them generally leave with positive impressions, but then CDPO hears negative feedback from us in meetings. There is a disconnect there and CDPO is concerned. Going into next year, they would like us to find students who are openly critical and see if they are willing to join our team and meet once a month and express their concerns directly. CDPO realizes they are not perfect, but they are willing to change if we give constructive feedback. Please let me know if you know of any candidates for this committee or of anyone who is critical that may be willing to join us.

Laura: Thank you. Are there any question about this committee or what they do? No. Moving on. Amy is here from Race Judicata.

Amy: Hi, I’m Amy. I’m the chair up here. My updates are that the race is this Sunday and check in starts at 9 at highpoint park in UP. The race starts at 10 and post race activities are at 11 to give everyone enough time to finish whether you’re running or walking. We have 45 runners and 11 volunteers up here and have raised $765 for PILF. I also have 20 ipods in my apartment to be raffled off, so you have about a 1 in 3 chance of winning! And I have a bunch of goodie bags from BarBri for those who place, so it will be fun and hopefully the weather will be nice.

Laura: I will be inviting Bradley to the next meeting to give post-Race updates on how both races went, The Carlisle race is on Saturday.

Amy: Also, if anyone is interested, registration is closed on the website, but if you want to register still, email me or find me and tell me.
Laura: Now we’ll hear from Shandra and Kyle on how the Mock Trials went.

Shandra: Mock trial. We had our final round in March - March 16 - and the best prosecution and defense teams came down from UP and best prosecution and defense teams from Carlisle were here. The final round was held here and the best teams were both from Carlisle. Lionel and Angelo were best Defense and Zach and Molly were best Prosecution. We were really pleased with the quality of the advocates and hope we can continue the huge success over to next year. I am in process of trying to come up with, at Professor Gildin’s suggestion, a user manual, so to speak, of what I’ve been doing this year and give contacts for next year’s co-chairs to contact and big milestones to meet to make things as successful next year as this year. I was extremely happy with the ability of the 1L’s to advocate this year and was very pleased overall. And I want to thank the 3Ls that were judges. Without you, I couldn’t have done it, so I’m so glad that I don’t know what I did to get you to help - but I really appreciate it. It has been a great experience and I am sad to leave it and I hope it continues. Kyle?

Kyle: To echo Shandra, I was extremely happy with participation this year. I remember when I was a 1L, people dropped out and we had trouble with paring people because people dropped out at the last minute. I would just like to say that next year I hope it continues and may be able to be combine with other committees next year or student organizations? But before I continue, a student is here is to say something, so before I go on...

Laura: This should have been said at public comment, but I’ll give you 2 minutes.

Sara: Sorry Laura. I just want to take a minute to thank Kyle and Shandra and say how much fun I had in the experience and say that it was beneficial for me and everyone that participated. If I could offer one criticism: afterwards the goal of the mock trial was unclear to me and for me, as a participant looking back, when we sat in with Professor Gildin’s mini-lesson, it seemed like we were going to be taking it beyond what “mock trial” is and getting more of a real world experience. My suggestion is maybe in the final round to make it more real world and maybe get a real judge. I know that in undergrad mock trial judges are usually willing. It’s just my suggestion, but thanks again and I had a good time.

Kyle: Regardless of whether I’m chair next year or not, I will make sure it is organized and Shandra, I picked up a lot from you and wish I would have been involved earlier on. I participated as a 1L and so I am familiar with it and I will make sure to give the new 1Ls as good of an experience.

Laura: Thanks again Kyle and Shandra. For me, this is one of the best things our school does because of the experience. And to think we went from almost not having one to have two in a year - a 2L one and a 1L one - I really appreciate it.

Shandra: I would also like to add thanks to Alisha for nominating me for the Unsung Hero award for this event and I’m sorry I wasn’t there to accept. I can’t say how much I appreciate it and you’re right Laura, because we were on the verge of not having it. So thank you.
Laura: Missy is sick and Carolyn is getting her taxes done, so in their absence I will report for the Social Committee. Soiree was great success! No reports have come from Toftrees of any bad events taking place and I will take that as a good sign. The pictures are up on Facebook. I think everyone had a good time. The next and last Social Committee event is the end of year picnic and it will be a great event. I hope everyone will be there and it is not exclusive to 3L’s, everyone can come including significant others, so watch for more updates. Kristen is not here to report on the Graduation Committee. Anna, would you like to take care of that?

Anna: I was going to cover it in my VP report?

Laura: That’s fine.

Anna: Awesome.

Laura: No other committee reports? No. If anyone has questions or want to be involved in a committee, let us know.

IV. Executive Council Reports
   a. Presidents Report (5 minutes)

Laura: Congrats to everyone in the election! Campaigns were great and the election was pretty seamless, which rarely happens. The biggest thing from the Dean’s meeting: after this year there is not going to be a yearbook anymore. It’s really expensive and there used to be a committee of students who would put it together and now they have to pay a student to get anyone to even do it. I would recommend any students who are concerned about it to reach out to next year’s SBA. The next meeting is on April 23 and that is the same day as the UP picnic, so it will be short. It will be my last meeting and the new board’s first meeting. Also, photos on the display board at graduation. I will be sending an email asking 3L’s to submit photo’s to have on the display boards during graduation. They did it last year and it was nice. I ask that they be appropriate; if you wouldn’t want your employer or your grandmother to see it, definitely don’t send it. I look forward to the next meeting and remember to stay for picture afterwards today.

   b. Vice-Presidents’ Report (15 minutes)

Anna: There’s lots going on. First, elections. I sent out an email with the results of the new e-board earlier this evening. The transition committee wrapped things up last week since it’s the end of year and no one has time. But I think we’ve started to see the areas in which we can help students in the transition process. For example, we disbanded one sub-committee - the mock trial/journal committee - because there was just nothing we could do. So we are narrowing the focus. It is an ad hoc committee, so it’s up to everyone to carry it forward. I think the 1 and 2L’s have a good idea of what was going on. The picnic; come, it’s a great time. The graduation committee has had a lot going on. We just finished voting on graduation speakers and for Lee Popp and are waiting on results. The other thing is there’s been some contention in Carlisle over where the graduation will be held. Either in the parking lot or the lawn or the Dickinson lawn where it would not be able to be simulcast with UP. Last week the graduation committee in Carlisle basically did a survey of students - a vote for 3Ls asking for their opinion on the matter,
but there has been dispute on the validity of the results. So, Dean Pratt is having us all vote again on Friday, so everything is set except for location in Carlisle. So, about 3 weeks before graduation, we will find that out. If there are any questions, let me know.

Jason: The petition gathering is going on right now for honor code and class rep’s and elections are going on now because of the compressed schedule. We need to know who will be on SBA before the next meeting. So, everything is due at noon on Monday instead of 5. Student organizations, make sure get all information of new e-boards to us by April 15. So, if you’re on any organizations, be sure to do this. That’s all I’ve got.

Jordan J.: There’s been a rumor that Carlisle voted on separate graduations. Could you elaborate on that?

Anna: Yes. The ballot that went out the first time said “lawn or parking lot” and when we had the Dean’s forum there was a big issue about whether it could be simulcast on lawn or not. We didn’t have enough information on that yet, so there was another question on the ballot that said essentially would you rather have it on the lawn and not simulcast or in the parking lot and simulcast. And it is true - unfortunately in my opinion - that 2/3 of the students here voted if it cannot be on the lawn, they would prefer it not be simulcast. Like I said, there is validity concerns and allegations that people were intimidated into voting, which is why we’re having another vote on Friday. It’s all kind of a mess.

Carolyn: Who is this ballot coming from? Who is sponsoring it? The administration or a committee?

Anna: The first one was created by someone who has a friend on the committee and it was approved by me and Laura and some Deans as being a fair representation of the issues. The second one that Dean Pratt sent out today - I don’t know. I don’t know if Dean Pratt came up with it or someone else or in conjunction with someone else. Someone else came up with it.

Wanika: I sometimes feel like fiscal responsibility is never a consideration. Was this more of an emotional thing? Lawn or parking lot? Or what is better for the school and cost and having the best graduation possible?

Anna: Cost is definitely an issue and to be considered. But there is also emotion. This is an issue because this is a once in a lifetime event - we’re not getting a JD again - and those promoting this issue have been very proactive at looking into cost and it has certainly been taken into consideration.

Wanika: I would love to see a line-by-line cost budget memo for both graduations so next year’s SBA can know. I think it should be clear what it costs at each campus and there should be a memo and that should be available to students.

Anna: It’s not SBA money. The school is paying and I don’t think we can get that information.

Wanika: It’s our tuition. I don’t see why can’t get that information.
Laura: I’m sure we can. This is supposed to be a great day and a celebration. I think that they are trying to make it a good event and we are trying to share what we have been doing for last 3 years with our families. Dean McConnaughay said if it was cost prohibitive, that there would be cuts. So, I would hope if this comes up next year, I hope that it happens sooner and in a more effective and efficient way and is taken care of earlier in process.

Carolyn: Is this option of not having it with UP going to be on ballot? Because I have an issue with that.

Anna: Yes it is. Personally, I think it’s not fair because we are only 1/3 of the student body and it’s not fair for us to be the only ones deciding.

Laura: I will talk to Dean McConnaughay about it and make sure that students know what is going on. I’ll send an email explaining it to all students, especially in UP, what is going on because I don’t think they are aware up here.

Sean: Jason, who do we send the new executives list to?

Laura: To me. I’m compiling a list. I want to make sure that if any emails are sent over the summer, the appropriate people are receiving them.

c. Treasurer (5 minutes)

Andrew: With Race Judicata all set, our reserve is $5595.98. That’s a lot. Lets kill it with senior picnics!

Laura: Not just senior - everyone is invited!

Andrew: There’s one at each campus, so let’s do it!

[Laughter and Bos commenting in the background that he agrees]

d. PSU Senator (5 minutes)

Joe: This is short and sweet. There has not been a meeting between the last one and this one. The law school split passed the senate and will not be going on to the next committee to be voted on. The senate has already advised the provost or whoever - it is the provost? OK, the provost. It was a unanimous decision to go with law school’s proposed split. There will be one last meeting this year and me and Kyle are both attending. So there will be 2 tools for you to use.

Laura: Dean McConnaughay and Dean Toomey are working hard on a petition to the ABA to get them to pass the proposal, too.

e. ABA Rep Report (5 minutes)
Wanika: This is really short, nothing is really going on. This is more for Aaron. The ABA meeting will be in San Francisco, California this year from August 8 through August 10. You’ll have a lot of fun and it’s really cool. You can go on the website to register for events and talk to the administration about travel. So that’s it.

Laura: Aaron is here in a San Francisco Giants sweatshirt, so he will fit in well. Also, everyone must be here at the last meeting. I’m not giving any excused absences. Come hell or high water you will be here. Now it’s time for pictures. I want one of everyone and one of just the e-board.

Andrew: Can we photoshop them together?

Laura: If you can do that, put Cody in a suit!

V. Adjourn

Jason: Motion.
Kyle: Second.