Student Bar Association General Body Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 2013  7:30 pm
114 Katz Hall, Carlisle/ 114 Katz Building, University Park
Agenda

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

Laura: We do have quorum, Andrew just checked the rules and we only have to have a majority, but I want to make absolutely clear that I must know if you are going to miss a meeting before the meeting. I need to know before the meeting starts. I have been lenient with excused absences this year, but the Constitution only allows me to give one excused absence each semester per person. If you miss more than one meeting without an excuse, that is grounds for removal. So, please keep that in mind. It's only an hour and a half twice a month. Moving on. The minutes were posted. Is there a motion?

Jason: Motion to approve the minutes.
Matt B.: Second.

II. LLM Class Rep Appointment (5 minutes)

Laura: I am nominating Aysel Cetinkaya as the LLM Class Rep. She is here with us tonight and is very enthusiastic to be here. We are happy to have her and I will open the floor to any motions and ask her to give a brief statement as to why she wants to be here.

Jason: Motion.
Jordan F.: Second.

Laura: If you wouldn’t mind giving us a brief statement as to why you want to be on SBA?

Aysel: Because of Jason. So, I’m going to try my best in representing the LLM students and tell you anything I know about them and I’ll be here at the next meeting. So, thank you.

Laura: Any questions or comments for Aysel? Seeing none, I’ll put it to a vote.

No opposition in UP.
No opposition in Carlisle.

Laura: Welcome to the SBA! From now on, you’re a voting member and can vote and take part in anything you please.

III. Public Comment (15 minutes)
Laura: Moving on to public comment. I open the floor.

Missy: I talked to some people who gave me specific rooms that are cold. I have heard rooms 112 and 116 were chilly, particularly in an 8 am class and another class that was in the evening, around 4:30 or later. They said they were cold and that people had their jackets on in class.

Laura: Thanks. I will report this to Randy.

Missy: Is there somewhere - I heard last year but maybe missed it this year - is there a packet about housing for the law school? I know people were interested and I know people are interested in looking at other housing. I was wondering if you knew if someone is putting this together or if there is a group that puts this together? I know that there are some 1Ls who wanted it and were disappointed in the housing choices, so I was just wondering.

Laura: I know that Holly puts together a list on the webpage and that students can post to it that are currently attending the law school. If you want to post housing, you can email Holly. I know that students who are accepted are given lists as to what housing is available in Carlisle and UP, so I will continue to check and make sure this is happening.

Jordan F.: I have been informed that there are chairs in the library that some armrests that are broken - more than 1 - and that the arm rests are coming off. I don’t know which ones because I don’t go there often, but apparently it’s a thing.

Laura: It is a thing and it can’t be fixed unless we know which ones are broken. So, if someone knows of which one it is, let Randy know. As long as they know they will fix it. They’re very good about it once you let them know. So, I will have them check all of the chairs.

Jordan J.: Random, but recently we had a journal social and it wasn’t SBA funds, but it was journal funds and we accidentally tipped over 20%. We were sent emails after about how we’re not allowed to tip over 20% and that Holly had to pay the rest, so just to be aware that the school rules say that we can’t tip over 20%. Just be aware if people are using SBA funds.

Laura: That is most definitely in the budget guidelines and I know Andrew made that statement in the initial budget meeting. And I know that student services is going to be responsible for making up that difference.

Liz: Its been a while since the last meeting and this meeting, but we did have a decent snow and the parking lot was a disaster and I did have people ask what we can do about it. I know we have had problems with that this semester and I have had people ask if we can get it plowed. So, I wanted to ask what we can do and who people should contact if they know about it.

Laura: I talked to Dean McConnaughay about it and the Deans said that if there is a large amount of snow and a midnight clear has been declared, you have to be gone because the lots are going to be plowed that night. I also found out that our lot is not a main priority for plowing and that their main priority is plowing is the roads. So, by the time they get to us, classes have already
started so they can only plow around the cars. Dean Toomey and Dean McConnaughay said they talked to people about this and they said if they have noticed this to talk to maintenance and they will do something about it to make it less slippery.

Anna: It’s Kar here, not Holly.

Laura: Here, talk to Sue and she would find Randy because he’s sometimes hard to find because he is always moving around the building.

Anna: Just one thing about the books again in the SBA office. One of the journal members - editors - emailed me and Kar had been in there and wanted to know when we would be getting rid of the books. So, I wanted to bring that up again and see what we are going to do to get rid of them and I think we can donate them.

Laura: I’ll send an email out to SBA members tonight and we can all get together and take out the supplements - it shouldn’t take too long - and give them to student services. Then we can figure out the rest, like books for prisoners?

Anna: Sara Mullen looked into this and said it’s hard to donate to them because they have a lot of restrictions.

Laura: I know there’s a place, like a book recycling, and they give money, but I don’t know anymore about it, so I’ll look into that. Maybe student services will pay for shipping. I hope by the end of this week to have people go through them and I will make that a priority to get them out of the SBA offices soon.

Carolyn: Missy and I are in process of planning Soiree, which will be March 22nd at Toft Trees. We have 300 tickets and that’s all venue would hold. We will be selling them for $15 or $20 and I spoke with Maria and Gabby, who will be selling them after break. It will be a good time! There will be a photographer and balloons. So, if you have any questions, ask me.

Laura: I wasn’t going to go until I heard about the balloons! So, thank you. Dean Elkin wanted me to tell everyone this: Toft Trees is like the last place in UP that will take law students, so if we screw this up, we will not have any other place to go. So, I want to make this clear that we need to be on our best behavior. There will be police there to escort anyone out who is overly intoxicated or is acting up and we are really enforcing this because we want to keep having these events.

IV. Transition Committee Member Appointment (10 minutes)

Laura: Anna brought to my attention that Maria Carnicella resigned as 2L Transition Committee Chair in Carlisle and she recommend Matt B. because he’s been there and has been involved. I am nominating Matt Bosakowski as the new 2L chair.

Andrew: Motion.
Carolyn: Second.
Laura: Matt could you please explain why you want this position?

Matt B.: Well, as Laura brought up, I have been on the committee and I am concerned about the work and when the vacancy opened, I volunteered for it - you all know me and so...

Andrew: I just want to say that I think its important to have a 2L on the committee for next year, so that’s good.

Laura: Any other questions? Seeing none, I’ll put it to a vote.

No opposition in Carlisle.
No opposition in UP.

Laura: Moving on to the committee appointments. Anna forwarded me this email and so I am nominating the following students to the Transition Committee: Elizabeth Aaberg, Bobby Anderlik, Randy Pajovich, and Jake Sternberger.

Matt B.: Motion.
Missy: Second.

Matt B.: I definitely want to say that they were at the last meeting and I heartily endorse their nominations.

Laura: Thanks Matt.

Matt B.: You’re welcome.

No opposition in Carlisle.
No opposition in UP.

Laura: Moving on to social committee nominations. Carolyn forwarded me a list of names, so I am nominating the following students to the Social Committee: Jennifer Tripodi, Doyinsola Aribo, Amanda Miller, Courtney Ulery, Demi Jones.

Andrew: Motion.
Cody: Second.

No opposition in UP.
No opposition in Carlisle.

Brian R: Just to clarify, what are we doing with the extra money this year? Are we moving it to social fund for next year? I propose an amendment that we move it to next year for bar tabs.

Laura: We can discuss at next meeting...oh, he was just joking!
V. Executive Council Reports
   a. Presidents Report (5 minutes)

Laura: I don’t have much. I would just reiterate my point about soiree: behave. I will reiterate to Randy the temperature issues in the classrooms. We are moving forward with commencement and have several students who are interested in singing the national anthem. The Commencement Committee chairs will be sending out an email to vote on the Lee Popp Award to 3Ls soon. And most 3Ls should have ordered their cap and gown already and if they haven’t, talk to Dean Elkin. I spoke again with the Deans about CALI’s and they said that a letter to 1Ls explaining what the CALI is a good idea. I asked them about our school not being on the CALI website and they don’t know why we’re not on the website. And they reiterated their privacy concerns that it is similar to Latin Honors - like cum laude - that would be in the commencement program, its the same type of thing. We also sent out emails soliciting student organization candidates for the student organization awards. There are four categories: most outstanding student organization, most outstanding organizational leader, unsung hero, and most outstanding event. I have already got quite a few nominations, which I’m happy to see. We will be voting as an executive board and we will take into account the number of nominations that people got. For instance, if there are 15 votes and 14 are for a certain person, that will be taken into account. They get the trophy at soiree and its nice thing to do for the student groups.

   b. Vice-Presidents’ Report (15 minutes)

Anna: I have nothing to report other than the transition committee has been meeting regularly and as begun substantive work and, hopefully, at the next meeting I’ll have more.

Jason: I have two quick things. First, we’re in process of working with a pet shelter to have people go study with kittens and puppies for finals. This actually could happen. It would not be at law school, but would be at a shelter up here and I will look into Carlisle to see if the same thing can happen down there. Also, I will be looking at the email policy. We have been getting lots of complaints about the size of emails and frequency with which they are sent and the repetitive nature, so we will be looking into that.

Laura: I actually have been getting a lot of long emails and with the small size of our outlook accounts, I know that they take up space. So, be aware of what you are sending and don’t send too many. They get excessive. I know I got an email like ten times for an event, it makes me not want to go just because I’m getting so many emails.

   c. Treasurer (5 minutes)

Andrew: I’m still waiting on UPAC about our status. For some reason they are sitting on their heels on this. And I’m still waiting on some receipts, but the reserve is at $5202.31. Like I said, though, I’m still waiting on receipts.

Laura: Is there any reason from UPAC as to why they are taking so long?

Andrew: No, they said they are just looking into it.
d. ABA Rep Report (5 minutes)

Laura: Wanika is not here, so moving on. Joe?

e. PSU Senator (5 minutes)

Joe: I don’t have anything except good job to everyone for not being arrested on state patty’s day!

Laura: I’m so proud of everyone. Before I open for motions, I would like to have everyone here next week for the first time ever because I would like to take pictures for the yearbook. Last year it was formal, but this year we can go casual, so please everyone wear business casual to the next meeting and I will get someone with a camera here and you can get someone there. Please take a whole picture and an e-board picture.

Matt B.: Is this acceptable?

Laura: I move to forbid you from wearing that again.

Anna: He wore that to gym and I was there, but I went home and showered and changed.

Matt B.: I have a volleyball game after this.

Laura: I got tons of seconds on that motion - just saying.

Matt B.: Haters gonna hate.

Missy: When is next meeting?

Laura: It should technically be the 12th, right after spring break, but we only need 6 meetings per semester, so I’ll look at the calendar and send an email out. I would prefer to cancel closer to finals. Also, Carolyn just made a good point to have a meeting before soiree, so we will have it on the 12th.

VI. Adjourn

Jason: Motion.
Jordan F.: Second.

No opposition in Carlisle.
No opposition in UP.