Student Bar Association
General Body Meeting
February 8, 2011 – 8:00 p.m.
116 Katz, Carlisle / 116 Katz, University Park
Agenda

I. Call to Order
   a. Roll Call
      i. Ian King
      ii. Corey-Scott Smith
      iii. Kevin Messett
      iv. Zach Brecheisen
      v. Rachel Bires
      vi. Kai Kaapro
      vii. Robyn McAllen
      viii. Laura Sarowitz
      ix. Vlad Korolov
      x. Kirk Vroman
      xi. Nick Quesenberry
      xii. Jessica Weaver-
      xiii. Chris Walker
      xiv. Austin Monroe
      xv. Meghan McClincy- Excused
      xvi. Jay Timmerman
      xvii. Kevin Hayes
      xviii. Bobby Marion
      xix. Chad Zimmerman
      xx. Courtney Monson
      xxi. Cody Graham
      xxii. Laura Magnotta
      xxiii. Wanika Fisher
      xxiv. Anthony Gabriel
      xxv. Sean Burrows
      xxvi. **We have quorum**
   b. Minutes Approval
      i. Zach: Motion to Approve minutes.
      ii. Nick: Second
      iii. Motion approved.

II. Public Comment (15 min.)
   a. Courtney: I had a student ask if we can put a floor runner in the
      library because girls in heels makes a lot of noise between the
      stairs.
   b. Wanika: Seat covers are requested for the bathrooms.
   c. Cody: people were wondering if we could get a toaster, a color
      printer, and if people knew where Soiree would be.
d. Ian: I will cover the details for Soiree.
e. Jay: The stones outside the back door are warped. The computers in the student activities office aren’t up to date and won’t open files. Also the door to the office is sticking a lot. Also, dinner with seven strangers, I haven’t heard anything about it this year. I would like to head it if there is nothing going on yet.
f. Ian: Ok we will start getting the ball rolling on that for March or April.
g. Kevin: I’d like to volunteer for it also.
h. Kevin M.: A few students came up to me why there was a midway through the semester event in Carlisle but not in UP.
i. Zach: at the beginning of winter break, Melissa wanted to do one, and she said she had other things planned soon.
j. Ian: we don’t have to have mirrored events to be equal campuses. Everyone is welcome to any event at either campus. If students complain about it, remind them it’s a logistical nightmare to have events for both campuses. Also student groups put on events that are at either campus. PDP is additionally having an event this Friday the same night as Carlisle’s event.
k. Bobby: the door in the library is slamming again. Also someone was wondering if we could get an area with a TV where we could control the volume.
l. Jay: could we control the TV in the café?
m. Kevin: It would be logistically difficult.

n. Ian: I can talk to the Dean’s about this.
o. Sean: I have continued to get complaints about the lights in the library turning off still.

p. Ian: maybe we could extend the hours, but the lights are meant to push people towards the lighted areas to conserve energy. We could discuss changing this during busy times.

q. Wanika: also temperature in the building, it’s very cold.

III. New Student Organizations (20 min.)
a. Christian Fellowship at Penn State Law

i. Austin: me and a couple students have been talking about this. I know the law school has a Christian Legal Society. As it stands right now, the group is here but their meetings are basically dinners at houses in Carlisle. They can’t teleconference. We decided to start our own group. Admission is open to everyone. Non-denominational. Kind of just a bible study to talk about God and meet friends. Then we will progress from there. Just a place for people to gather for now.

ii. Mission statement: The Christian Fellowship at Penn State Law, shall act as an organization designed to provide an opportunity for individuals attending the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law to come together and share with fellow law students their belief that Jesus Christ is
the Son of God and that He died so that those who believe in him shall be forgiven of their sins and be granted everlasting life. CFPSL will encourage spiritual growth in its members. CFPSL has no denominational affiliation.

iii. Ian: why did you choose not to charter with the national organization?

iv. Austin: sometime last year the organization last year was brought to court because they didn’t want to allow some students, who were homosexual, hold leadership positions. That was something we didn’t agree with because we don’t want to turn someone away from worshiping God. I am just offering something that will be beneficial and have received a good amount of interest.

v. Jessica: Motion to Approve

vi. Kevin: Second

vii. Motion Passes

viii. Ian: Just talk to Zach about the budget for the next year/

b. Law and Entrepreneurship Project

i. Sebastian Watt: Mission Statement: “The Law and Entrepreneurship Project seeks to promote the growing and diverse practice of law devoted to start-up businesses and provide legal resources to the State College entrepreneurial community. This exciting field of law includes negotiation, venture capital and finance law, contract drafting, business entities, tax law, intellectual property, among others. The L&E Project will host speakers on the intersection of the law and entrepreneurship, give presentations on relevant topics to the Happy Valley community and provide basic legal resources for local entrepreneurs through an innovative website. The Project will team will local nonprofits such as Innoblue in the execution of it's mission. Law students who participate in the project and its functions will gain valuable experience and knowledge about providing legal counsel to start-up business ventures.”

ii. Kai: what the group will be doing is inviting speakers and provide legal resources on a blog. We will not be giving individualized advice. We have a faculty advisor. We are also thinking about registering with a Registered Student Organization with Penn State.

iii. Ian: If you are chartered under the SBA, you are recognized by the University.

iv. Kai: I will look into because I thought there was something additional that was required.

v. Zach: Motion to approve

vi. Kevin: second
vii. Zach: what is the relationship with the undergrad group with Penn State?
viii. Kai: we have a common purpose so we just thought we would do co-host events and presentations. It is not a formal relationship, just common objectives.
ix. Sean: do you foresee a business to come to you and receive counsel?
x. Kai: no, we are not creating a clinic, we are just forming a group to reach out to the community and increase professional development. We are speaking in a general sense.
xi. Corey-Scott: I think a lot of people might be confused because of the Mission Statement and clarify what you are providing.
xii. Kai: thank you, your comment is well-taken. I think we will definitely be changing it.
xiii. Ian: yes, you can change it. We can accept them with the stipulation of editing the mission statement.
xiv. Kai: yeah it was general when we wrote it because we were still kicking around ideas. We will definitely address these issues when we ratify the constitution.
xv. Ian: I'm going to set it to a vote and we will have you bring your new constitution.

xvi. Nick: Motion to Approve
xvii. Zach: Second
xviii. Motion Approved

IV. Social Committee Update 10 min.)
a. Ian: Kelli and Nadya have a karaoke event planned this week on Thursday. Spring Soiree has been planned and it will be at the Penn Stater hotel. The date is April 8th 8pm-12am. Bus transportation will be provided. The budget is going to be roughly $1400-$1500 and might get covered by the administration. It’s one of the nicer venues around here.

V. Community Relations Committee Update (5 min.)
a. Jay: the only update is the grad student mixer. There are no details yet other than it might be at Killdare’s. But it is not definitive. Laura went to the GSA meeting, they approved it and will be assisting with funding. The blood drive was successful. Just over $130 went to THON. We are also $410 away from getting the coin flip to get dancers.

VI. Executive Council Reports
a. President’s Report (10 min.)
   i. Ian: I met with the deans last Friday. Mostly had to do with 3L Career Portal listings, mostly about there being none. Dean Tatum was brought in for his networking. That’s going to be my primary push with him tomorrow.
ii. Chris Walker: Damon and Maury (damonandmaury.com). They’re out of Buffalo and are hiring and no one is applying.

iii. I met with Aboye, the diversity chair in UP, and she is coordinating with the chair in Carlisle, on March 2nd for diversity day. Also she spoke with admissions to send letters to attract a diversity of students. Also the climate survey was completed, we should be getting the results soon.

iv. I heard a lot of debate about the Graduation speaker. For those of you who ask how she was chosen: she was chosen by the Board of Trustees. It is possible to have a second speaker of the student’s speaking. It will extend commencement, though, and it may be difficult to choose someone everybody agrees with.

v. I spoke to Dean LaMont about a second microwave in Carlisle.

vi. I met with tech guys down here with the computers in the student organization’s office. They are also working on teleconferencing issues.

vii. We had the Dean’s Forum last week in UP and today in Carlisle. The Dean assured the students that a flex schedule will be instituted this semester or next semester. Which is a big deal.

b. Vice-Presidents’ Reports (10 min.)
   i. Corey-Scott: the graduation committee met for the first time. We discussed the speaker. There was a strong feeling in the committee that we would like to start a petition. Not to keep her from speaking, but to petition for the future for students be able to pick their speaker. We want to say who speaks to us. Additionally we talked about student speakers. Each campus will pick 5 3Ls who they think they will want to speak from each campus. We want to do this as soon as possible so the student can write their speech. We want to wrap this up by the 28th. We also discussed class gift and swag.

ii. Kevin: I was finally able to procure a table for office hours. Also on office hours I am trying to get hot chocolate k-cups. That’s pretty much it.

c. PSU Senator’s Report (5 min.)
   i. Kai: I thought there would be something interesting to report. There is nothing relevant to us. If you’re interested it is online and I can provide the links.

d. Treasurer’s Report (5 min.)
   i. Zach: APALSA is doing lunar new year again at both campuses. Also, bowling night up here a fundraiser for the Relay for Life team. All the money you contribute goes to a good cause. As far as allocations: $250 to outlaw. $500 to
Carlisle Social Committee. $3032.63 is left. Race judicata is coming up.

ii. Corey-Scott: can I start steering student groups your way for money?

iii. Zach: yeah that goes for everybody, tell them to submit requests. We do like to keep a little in reserve, but we have a lot left.

e. ABA Rep’s Report (5 min.)

i. Robyn: ABA Members without membership or expiring memberships (two for the last one… I trust you two have fixed it, you know who you are) so please join the ABA, it is actually important.

ii. Free ABA 3rd circuit conference meeting this weekend at Widener Delaware, all students welcome

iii. Tabling events coming and to be announced soon… trying to get over my southern California fear of driving in winter weather

VII. Adjourn

a. Kevin: Motion to Adjourn

b. Kai: Second

c. Motion to Approve