I. Call to Order
   a. Roll Call
      i. Kelly Howard
      ii. Kent Lloyd
      iii. Kenny Donnelly
      iv. Mark Elion
      v. Rachel Bires
      vi. Nick Quesenberry
      vii. Robert Oberly
      viii. Adam Britcher
      ix. Kate MacKenzie
      x. Jonathan Sheehan
      xi. Matt Vodzak
      xii. Valerie Eifert
      xiii. Yasmine Taeb
      xiv. Ashley Ferguson
      xv. Corey-Scott Smith
      xvi. Kirk Vroman
      xvii. Vlad Korolov
      xviii. Ian King
      xix. Richard Bradbury
      xx. Kevin Hayes
      xxi. Kai Kaapro
      xxii. Robyn McAllen
      xxiii. Kevin Messett
      xxiv. Zach Brecheisen
      xxv. Michael Haynes
      xxvi. **We have quorum**
   b. Minutes Approval
      i. **Minutes approved**
II. Public Comment (10 min.)
   a. Topher: Shelf space. Built a program to lower textbook prices. Could benefit more in the long run. Digital textbooks. Aspen agreed to 25% discount. Working on getting them down lower. MACs now, PCs later. If you have a MAC, download the program, try it out, open up an account, show the publishers that there is an interest.
   b. Kelly: any questions?
   c. Kelly: any other public comment.
   d. There is no APALSA president right now. He quit. What should we do?
e. Kelly: We adopted the policy that if you adopt the model constitution, I'm pretty sure your group can just elect a new officer if an officer resigns. Do you need help from the SBA?
f. We were just letting you know about the situation.
g. Kelly: Great, thanks.
h. Ian: Couple issues. First, moot court board. Rules they instituted, organized and implemented this semester. There is currently no punishment for going in and dropping out before a competition. If you choose to compete you take up a spot someone else wanted. What measures can be done or attention to bring to the moot court board for punitive measures. It deprives students and reflects poorly on the school.
i. Mark: the moot court board would have to come up with a sanction. They would have to, not the SBA. Most moot courts won’t let you sub in so there are no alternates.
j. Kelly: the only sanctions right now is no credit.
k. Ian: I just wanted to bring the attention.
l. Brad: I can bring it up to Sara’s attention.
m. Ian: another issue. I don’t know too much about the requirements for externships and clinics. Someone had the requirements according to the PA bar, but was told she didn’t have the requirements, but she did.
n. Kelly: there could be more stringent requirements but if she’s getting different answers, then that needs to be brought to someone’s attention.
o. Vodzak: Motion to extend time
p. Ian: Second
q. Motion Passes.
r. Ashley: I had the same problem, and I emailed Dean Gaudion.
s. Kate: PA bar rule isn’t about your credits, it’s so you can appear in court. It’s not going to help you to be in clinic if you can’t appear in court. You might have to meet both requirements.
t. Kelly: I’ll make sure the guidelines are clear.	u. Kent: I am pretty sure they were laid out clear on the old website, but I know some schools require more than the state does.
v. Kelly: Okay well we will get that straightened out.
w. Quacy: There is possibly a need to increase the food services. Is there a way to get a vending machine for something more substantial than snack food.
x. Kelly: I will talk to Dean LaMont and Dean McConnaughy
y. Michael: a couple of 1Ls have brought the concern of the library taking the exams off the website. I was interested in trying to research the possibility of that happening again.
z. Kelly: I can send you the email. The old database was maintained because there was no other place to put them. Professors haven’t updated it in a long time, so the library decided to get rid of the database. They then gave the professors the option to get their old exams and post on angel, or give to the library to put on electronic reserve. The database isn’t going to come back. The best chance is to just ask older students.
aa. Robbie: Motion to extend public comment by 4 minutes.
b. Ian: Second
cc. Motion passes
d. Robbie: Students are concerned we are building these green buildings
and we are still using virgin printer paper, and to see if we can get
recycled paper. Also, there are few recycling bins, in odd places.
e. Kelly: I will bring up the recycling issues. It might take time.
f. Robbie: People are missing the nostalgic pictures from the old building.
g. Kelly: I will talk to the administration.
hh. Corey-Scott: A lot of people are asking for additional study space.
i. Kelly: they are looking now where to put it. They are looking for more
tables and outlets on the bottom floor.
jj. Kevin: few people seem to be concerned about buying clothing that says
Penn State and Dickinson School of Law on it.
k. Kelly: they are getting a new shipment in February. Hopefully there will be
more stuff available online then.
ll. Kenny: BLSA and Outlaw are partnering up for an event on February 1
6pm. Rooms to be announced. Ads should be up soon. Discussion on civil
rights then and now.
III. Social Committee Update (10 min.)

a. Chelsea: Soiree will be 7-11. West Ballroom in the Holiday Inn. Wedding
in the East Ballroom, then they will open that room for us when they’re
done cleaning it. 2 dance floors, 2 bars. Dinner will start at 8 and go to 9.
Big time dancing starting at 9. We need a final number 7 days before the
event so we are selling tickets before and after spring break. Buffet dinner
is 20.99 a person. $7250.53 with the tax. Each person gets 2 drink tickets.
$2400. We don’t have to pay for anything we don’t redeem. $100 charge
for ballroom + tax. $12,956.53 total. Selling tickets for $25.
b. Mark: could we sell tickets for longer?
c. Chelsea: Traditionally we have sold for 2 weeks, but we can do it for a
longer time.
d. Mark: just as long as we can sell more.
e. Kelly: Maybe we can do early bird specials.
f. Mark: or we can offer an extra drink tickets.
g. Kelly: I think now is too early. What about 3rd week in February. If you buy
your tickets in February then you get an extra drink ticket. If you buy them
in March you don’t.
h. Chelsea: The only problem is that it was hard to get them down to $5 per
ticket.
i. Vlad: Can SIA students come?
j. Kelly: We offered last year, the SIA government would have to contribute
funds. We did a ratio last year.
IV. Graduation Committee Update (5 min.)

a. Adam: 1) graduation speaker voting last semester. Tracy Ross and I are
meeting with the Deans to go over who received what votes. 2) The other
issue is the class gift. The school has to be willing to accept the gift. There
has to be 2 of each item. Another idea was possibly a scholarship. If anyone wants to join the gift committee email Tracy and I.

b. Kelly: I talked to the secretary of the general alumni association. Last year the association donated to the class gift fund. If we struggle raising money, that might be an idea.

c. Adam: Last year’s class wanted to do a gift late in the semester. They want us to get rolling on it.

d. Vodzak: what are the extra fees.

e. Adam: facilities and maintenance fees.

f. Vodzak. I understand the reasoning for the rules. But the rules are the same between undergrad and grad and there’s a difference between 12,000 graduating and 200.

g. Adam: I was thinking trees.

h. Kelly: the 3Ls on SBA can help you. I personally don’t like the idea of a scholarship. It won’t get carried on.

i. Valerie: I think it’s a good idea to do a class gift. You can do something where they make a one-time payment or a pledge for a few years. Student endowed scholarships. Each year give to the endowed scholarships.

j. Kelly: How about the 2Ls and 1Ls.

k. Ian: Motion to extend time

l. Vodzak: second

m. Motion passes

n. Ian: I think it’s a good idea.

o. Kai: I think it’s a great idea.

p. Brad: I think it’s a good idea. Two concerns: 1) don’t want to lock future folks in, 2) they might not want to do a gift at all.

q. Kent: I am against class gifts. I have been paying a lot over the past 3 years for something people don’t really care about. It also takes a lot of money to get an endowed scholarship going.

r. Robbie: I agree with Brad and Kent. A lot of other people are against it, too.

s. Kelly: I know there are people that don’t want to give back. But some will and will want to make some kind of mark. Let us know when you get the list and what our options are.

V. Committee Appointments (5 min.)

a. Admissions Committee: Jay Timmerman and Ryan Maerz.

b. Kenny: Motion to accept

c. Kent: Second

d. Kelly: Steph needs more people, especially from Carlisle.

e. Motion passes

VI. Executive Council Reports

a. President’s Report (5 min.)

i. Volunteering for helping out when you are asked by the SBA. They shouldn’t have to ask repeatedly. If you can, just sign up for one shift. I hope I don’t have to bring that up against.

ii. I took donations to the SPCA for Robbie’s project.
iii. Race Judicata in Carlisle. April 17, same weekend as building dedication. People should run.

iv. Org Leader training conflicts with the PA bar examiners. It's tomorrow. People have to send a representative. It will affect funding if you do not send a representative.

v. I spoke to the secretary of the general alumni association. They want to get involved with projects. I talked to the Dean today and there will be a wine tasting in Carlisle hopefully in February. Harrisburg Senators game also coming up. Try to attend those events. If you have any other ideas please let me know.

vi. Kate: PILF will be inviting alum for the auction. There is an Environmental Law Panel coming up and they asked for alcohol.

vii. Kelly: The Dean didn't want us to host alcohol events at the school, but said he would revisit. He didn't think it was a student thing, he thought it was a PBA thing.

viii. High School mock trial: 1/26, 1/27, 2/6. 1 at 5:30 and 1 at 7:00.

ix. Matt: Motion to extend time by 5 minutes

x. Ian: Second

xi. Motion Passes.

xii. At soiree I wanted to have organizational awards. Subcategories, too. Would also be an incentive to attend Soiree.

xiii. Robbie: I think it's a good idea.

xiv. Ian: I think it shows recognition where it may have been lacking in the past.

xv. Kelly: We can even recognize every organization that had a large event.

xvi. Dinner with 7 strangers. Have students email in and they get matched up with hopefully with someone you don't know. SBA funds each dinner. $100. Doesn't cover alcohol. Any thoughts?

xvii. Ian: I think it would be good if we mixed between campuses. It might be tough, but we could put “willing to travel” on the application.

xviii. Kent: the only problem is that there nothing between the campuses but I would be willing to carpool.

xix. Kevin: I personally wouldn't be interested. I don't think the travel is worth it. But I would like it otherwise.

xx. Kelly: Kai and Corey-Scott

xxi. Nick: I can assist as well.

xxii. Kelly: I have the form

xxiii. Valerie: We have the excel spreadsheet, too.

b. Vice-Presidents’ Report (10 min.)

i. Kenny:

ii. Admissions:

  1. Admissions is currently recruiting volunteers for various events. I'm requesting that members of the SBA volunteer
for whatever they can as well as get the word out to see who else is willing and able to volunteer.

2. We still need volunteers for all of the Faculty Series. We need at least 4 volunteers per time and currently I only have 3 people from UP and none from Carlisle able to volunteer at all. We need people to make sure the visitors get the correct rooms for the event and give tours afterwards. Most of the Faculty Series are in UP but there are a few in Carlisle. The time people will need to be available will be approximately 3 - 5 p.m.

3. Wednesday, February 3 Michael Foreman (UP) Civil Rights Under Fire: Does Court Care Anymore?
4. Wednesday, February 10 Victor Romero (UP) Immigration and Profiling
5. Wednesday, February 17 Philip McConnaughay (UP) International Law Practice
6. Wednesday, February 24 Carla Pratt (UP) The Pipeline to the Legal Profession for African Americans (followed by a BLSA panel)
8. Wednesday, March 10 SPRING BREAK
9. Wednesday, March 17 Nancy Welsh (Carlisle) How the Jury Trial Has Become the New Form of Alternative Dispute Resolution—and Why That’s Not Necessarily a Good Thing
10. Wednesday, March 24 David Kaye (lecture at 4 p.m.) (UP) DNA and the Law: What CSI Won’t Tell You
12. Wednesday, April 7 Ellen Dannin (UP) Labor Law: Knowing Workplace Rights and Wrongs
13. Wednesday, April 14 Gicine Brignola (Carlisle)
14. Wednesday, April 21 Gary Gildin (Carlisle) Storytelling & Technology at Trial
15. Wednesday, April 28 Jill Engle (UP) Experiential Learning with a Heart: Penn State’s Family Law Clinic

iii. The dates of the Open Houses are:
1. UP: March 20th
2. Carlisle: March 27th

iv. I currently need a few more volunteers for the Carlisle Open House. I’m good with the number of volunteers for the UP Open House. Additionally, Admissions has just added another event. The day
before the UP Open House, there will be a panel in Carlisle with students and tours for any students that want to see that campus so I need Carlisle volunteers for March 19th to be on the panel and give tours. Also, I need the same thing in UP for March 26th.

v. Admissions currently has enough volunteers for the online chats. However, the dates are going to be switched from Wed. nights so I'm just waiting to hear from Admissions what dates are changing so I can notify the volunteers in case they have a conflict and I may need to find different volunteers so be on the lookout for that as well if I can't find people.

vi. Diversity: Diversity committee members are volunteering and assisting with getting diverse student volunteers for admissions events in January and February in Carlisle and University Park. Committee members are also working with admissions, faculty and student organizations to create pipeline projects that reach out to diverse undergraduate students. These pipeline projects are designed to spark students interest in attending law school. We will also discuss plans for Diversity Day at our next committee meeting.

vii. Social
1. The Social Committee here has contracts and deposits signed and sent for the Soiree. It will be March 27 at the Holiday Inn-Harrisburg West from 7 - 11. Tickets will be sold the week before and after spring break.
2. We have tentatively decided where the Senior Picnic will be, and we've been working with the Social Committee in UP to correlate dates for the event.
3. The UP Social Committee is working on one or two socials for the semester, possibly more dependent upon the calendar. The first social is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 28 at Mezzanine. Details are in progress.
4. We are also working on a snow tubing night at some point in February, weather permitting. It would be more of a promoting a night for the law school to go since it is rather pricey.
5. Additionally, we are working on Senior Picnic. Tentative date is Friday April 23. This does coincide with Blue and White weekend. We have been looking into the possibility of a Saturday or possibly a study day as alternatives.
6. Lastly Spring Soiree tickets will be on sale in the Katz lobby the weeks immediately before and after spring break.

viii. Financial
1. I have an update regarding the issue of requiring students younger than 30 to submit parent information when applying for institutional need-based funds.
2. The SBA inquired as to whether the age could be lowered to perhaps, 25 or 26. I've included Susan Bogart's response below:

3. The reality is that lowering that age will make larger the pool of students who are eligible for need-based grant money. The amount of funding available will not increase accordingly, so need-based grants would be smaller, and therefore make a less significant difference to those who receive them. This year need-based grants ranged from $500 to $7,000 for the year. Lowering the age as much as you suggested would likely broaden the pool of eligible recipients enough that the largest grants would be $4,000 or less.

4. Personally I don't think this is a good trade off. I think it's more important to get more funding into the hands of the students who truly come from an economically challenged background rather than getting less funding to more students. I'm not alone in this assertion, as many law schools have similar requirements to ours, and some law schools require parent information from all students seeking need-based funds--regardless of the students' ages.

5. The SBA asked how many students are impacted by the requirement. I communicated with Ms. Bogart this week and she said that she would need a couple of weeks to do the research. I asked her to hold off her research until after the SBA meeting. I will not be able to attend the SBA meeting. Will you clarify the SBA's inquiry? For example, should she pull data for a particular class? all classes? or any other specifics? If Ms. Bogart is taking the time to conduct the research I want us to be as clear and thorough as possible.

ix. Career Services: Dean Brignola would like to create a database whereby the committee heads would be able to contact her in order to streamline correspondence with alumni.

x. Race Judicata: No update

xi. Kent: 1L mock trial will be underway soon.

xii. Sara Stec: The 3Ls that were on the team weren’t on the board. But I agree and we will be putting in regulations in next year to police the dropping out of teams.

xiii. Ian: I was just talking about giving more of a penalty than just not getting credit.

xiv. Valerie: We had a problem on our team.

xv. Sara: We are also going to distinguish between cases. If someone drops out for too much work, and the other has a family emergency should be treated differently.

xvi. Kelly: why aren't there any alternates?
xvii. Sara: You would almost have to double the team with members that may not be able to go.

xviii. Kelly: thanks for stopping in.

c. ABA Representative’s Report (5 min.)
   i. Robbie: SPCA collection. Both shelters were happy with the donations. Looking up setting up a membership drive in February. Our circuit has a meeting February 20th. It will be held in University Park, PA. We will be electing a new governor. It will be open to everyone, even non-ABA members. 20th of February. 9am-3pm
   ii. Kelly: is the election Saturday?
   iii. Robbie: When I get the final details I will let you know.
   iv. Kent: Everything is Saturday.
   v. Kenny: I met with Ashton once. He’s not looking at having a mixer. He’s looking to expand time on Saturday to allow for it. Everything should be held on Saturday.
   vi. Kelly: any other questions?
   vii. Vodzak: UP, not Carlisle, right?
   viii. Kelly: Yes. Anything else?
   ix. Anyone that can go should go. Good speakers. It would make our school look good if we had a lot of people attending.

d. PSU Senator’s Report (5 min.)
   i. Responses to alcohol problem:
      1. Inter-frat council provides professional security for every event.
      2. Medical amnesty:
         "Good Samaritans" and drinkers suffer no consequences from PSU in connection with reporting alcohol-related injuries to medical personnel.
   iii. Carries mandatory educational component/follow-up for those who take advantage of the program.
   iv. Still a proposal.
      1. Academic rigor:
         a. Student Affairs VP says there is evidence that increased academic rigor decreases frequency of alcohol abuse.
         b. Students have too much free time, so they drink—and drink, and drink…. 
      2. Employ campus “alcohol czar”, whose sole job is to address the alcohol problem.
   v. Faculty Senate:
      1. Good year, overall, for PSU.
   vi. Enrollment, overall, is way up.
   vii. Climate-gate:
      1. Michael Mann is in much hot water.
      2. PSU strives to deal with the matter appropriately and protect MM’s confidentiality, etc. to the greatest practicable extent.
e. Treasurer’s Report (5 min.)
   i. Brad: Is there a spring budget procedure?
   ii. Mark: We will not be doing a big budget meeting.
   iii. Kenny: There was none in the spring last year.
   iv. Kelly: encourage organizations to resubmit.

VII. Adjourn
   a. Kent: Motion to adjourn
   b. Kate: Second
   c. Motion Passes