To introduce the first SBA meeting of the semester, Bos played a song on his harmonica.

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
   • Elizabeth Asbaugh
   • Matthew Bosakowski
   • Kyle Peasley
   • Jordan Feist
   • Jordan Johnston
   • Courtney Monson
   • Erin Hayes
   • Brian Rans
   • Matt Regan
b. Minutes Approval

Laura: Great. It appears that we have quorum, so we will move to approve last meetings minutes. Alisha sent them out last semester, so I hope everyone got a chance to look over them.

Jason: Motion to approve.
Cody: Second.

No opposition UP.
No opposition Carlisle.

II. Public Comment (15 minutes)

Laura: Moving on to public comment.

Brian: Regarding the upcoming Dean’s forum. Are we simulcasting it or could it be simulcasted?

Laura: It has not happened in past, so I don’t think it will be simulcast this time.

Brian: I just thought it would be interesting and I just want to see if there will be any disparity between what he tells each campus.

Laura: That’s a good point. I will ask. It probably won’t be simulcast, but I will ask.

Sean: Perhaps if we phrased it a certain way he would be more willing, like we said we wanted to see what students were commenting on.

Laura: Alright. I will phrase it in a good light - Bos do not pick up that harmonica!

Matt B: I was going to say, there have been requests for doc scanners in library, as right now they are out of the way. Maybe a few could be put in the library?

Laura: I will look into it and I anticipate the likely response will be “out of the way” is not a good enough reason. They are currently in the computer lab? Where is comp lab? In the basement, right?

Matt B: Yes, in the basement. It’s pretty far.
Laura: Maybe we can move them from the computer lab to the library since it’s my understanding that no one uses that computer lab.

Matt B.: That would be a start.

Anna: I talked to a bunch of people at the end of last semester about exam scheduling and most of the exams are scheduled in the afternoon. That was default and mornings are now open and the general feeling is that no one likes afternoon exams for various reasons. I’m not sure if that’s the feeling of the general student body, but I thought it might be something to look into.

Laura: I’d be curious to see why they did that. I know it’s not been that way in the past. Let’s find out what the rationale is and see if we can change anything.

Liz: First, apparently we have not received the law school allocation of printing yet - not the law school allocation yet, only the PSU one - and students have had to buy more pages already just from printing for classes - so we can find that out?

Laura: Has anyone ever gotten 300 before? I feel like I’ve only gotten 110.

Liz: Yes.

Anna: Yeah - I already ran out and I was wondering why.

Laura: We’ll look into it and see why there is a discrepancy. I know we’ve looked into getting more printing in the past for law rev and moot court and the response has been that the student chose to do it, so they should take on the cost of printing, but we’ll look into it.

Liz: Second, and kind of related, for classes that don’t have textbooks, but have posting on angel, could the professors maybe put together a packet ahead of time that students could buy using their book allocation money instead of having to print assignments separately? They run out of pages and it’s an issue to have to print assignments separately all of the time.

Laura: It makes sense, but would the cost the cost of printing be more than buying a book? If not, it would make more sense to pay for additional printing than buy a more expensive book. Is there really a difference? I will ask about printing for angel postings.

Liz: Third, regarding class scheduling this semester. We noticed that a lot of classes are overlapping, especially classes that are big and it makes it hard to get classes in that you want to take when they are all scheduled at the same time. Can we ask that they be spread out so we can take wider variety?

Laura: I’ll bring it up. We’ve talked about it before, but the way they do it is very involved and I’ll find out why the classes are still being shoved into that time slot instead of spread throughout the day.
Cody: Is there or could there be an outgoing counseling session for 3Ls who are leaving for them to find out if they have met all of their credits and what they need to graduate - to check what they need and make sure they’ve met all the requirements? Is there any way to set-up some individual counseling session where the registrar can say they will be graduating?

Laura: The process to schedule for this type of session would probably be the same as the process to schedule a meeting with someone in Academic Affairs. If students have concerns they should contact the Deans - Dean Reilly or Dean Pratt - themselves to make sure that they fulfilled requirements and I will let the Deans know students may be contacting them.

Cody: I didn’t know if it has happened before.

Laura: For all we know, it could be something they already do and unless it happened to you, we wouldn't know.

Jason: The elevators here in UP have been shaky and going in and out. Andrew has been taking the service elevator and I’m not sure if students are allowed to use the service elevator, but I want to bring it up at the Dean’s meeting. Sometimes they’re in, sometimes their out, and they’ve been locked sometimes.

Matt R.: I’ve looked up printing and it says we are supposed to be allocated 300, but I only have 110 as well - its on the law school website.

Laura: Will you send me a link and I will bring it up with Dean Elkin? And I will see if there is anything we can do to reimburse students who have already gone over.

Jordan J.: The GSA mixer is on Thursday in UP and it will be fun, so spread the word and tell your friends!

Brian: Adding to my comment from earlier, could they record it if it’s not simulcast and be able to look at copies?

Laura: I’ll look into it, but I would be concerned that there would be less candor - I mean I would hope that someone wouldn’t say something that couldn’t be recorded, but I’ll look into it.

III. Election Bylaws Approval (5 minutes)

Laura: We made some changes in the Election Bylaws to change the dates in there to reflect the current academic year, and we also added the election for the LLM’s. Jason made a timeline for the LLM elections. It will start on the 22nd, applications are due on 28th, and elections will run from the 30th to the 31st. So, new LLM reps will be in place for the following meeting. I will email Professor Bysiewicz, asking her to encourage LLM students to participate. Also, we kept the same dates as the last set for the 2013-2014 year and they will remain the same, as long as nothing changes before March. This way we would have time to have the last meeting of this administration and the first of next administration before finals. I will hear motions to approve the changes to the Election Bylaws.
Sean: Motion to approve changes.
Andrew: Second.

No opposition in UP.
No opposition in Carlisle.

IV. Honor Code Bylaws Approval (5 minutes)

Laura: Next, we have changed the Honor Code Bylaws to reflect the change with including the LLMs. Cody amended it to add the 1 LLM Honor Code representative per campus.

Andrew: Motion to approve changes.
Joe: Second.

Cody: The second sentence - to me it reads weird and “who” shouldn’t be there - does anyone else read it differently?

Laura: I say we just take it out - if we do it we might as well just do it - any other questions?

Sean: Did you say 1 LLM per campus? Are there any LLMs in Carlisle?

Laura: No, there are none in Carlisle.

Jason: The idea was one section, one rep, because our classes are smaller now.

No opposition in UP.
No opposition in Carlisle.

V. LLM Committee Formation (5 minutes)

Laura: Now moving on to the formation of the LLM committee. This is going to take 2 seconds, what I would like to have, what we’re requested to have, is at least 4 students for the committee. I will email Professor Bysiewicz asking her to again encourage students to participate. I would like to have this number in place at the next meeting and I would like to have an LLM as chair for the next meeting. If anyone has a recommendation of an LLM, please let me know.

VI. Ad Hoc Transition Committee Approval (5 minutes)

Laura: We mentioned this at the last meeting, that we wanted to create a committee to prepare for the change, and I’ve been talking to Dean Elkin about it. It will change as we get closer to the transition, but what I think would be best is that we, as SBA, make sure that there will be a full complement of offerings for students at both campuses. I think we need to make sure that all student organizations that exist are at both campuses and all committees are at both places. I want the committee to put together a guidebook to have everything available all in one place - constitutions and bylaws - so that if someone wants to start up an organization, they can hit the
ground running at either campus. Anna has agreed to chair this committee and I ask that a 1L or 2L from each location be appointed as sub-co-chairs, so they can head it later and make the transition easy.

Jason: Motion.
Shandra: Second.

Jason: You mentioned having people on the committee to roll over for next year - can we do that?

Laura: My hope is that underclassmen take a role on it so there is continuity and what we do this year is not lost next year and can continue.

Sean: Did you say Anna will chair and two 2L’s will co-chair?

Laura: 1Ls or 2L. I would like to have 2 underclassmen to co-chair - a diamond of power with Anna at the top. Those interested in being on the committee would serve as foundation of the pyramid under Anna and the 2 co-chairs.

Anna: I agree with how you outlined the committee and having organizations available at both campuses, but also I think students are going to have lots of concerns and questions. I think we need to have a mechanism to field those and condense them so people can bring them to committee and we can bring them to SBA. Or do you want people to bring them directly to SBA?

Laura: We still need to get acquiesce from the ABA to have this 2 separate school thing happen and if that happens Dean McConnaughay has expressed that there would be another Dean in Carlisle appointed at that time and then things would start to happen. Our hope is that once faculty committees are formed for the purposes of the transition, that students will be selected to participate and sit on those committees. They would have a seat with the faculty and administration at meetings and there would be a forum for students to talk to the committee members about it. This would all happen after the ABA acquiesces.

Anna: And if everything was brought to SBA, meetings would take forever.

Laura: And if something important comes up, the committee can bring to it SBA and we can then discuss it. Let’s put it to a vote.

Motion.
Second.

Any opposition to the formation of the committee?

No opposition in UP.
No opposition in Carlisle.
Laura: I will now hear motions to have Anna chair the committee.

Courtney: Motion.
Joe: Second.

Andrew: Woo!

No opposition in Carlisle.
No opposition in UP.

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

Laura: Mine is short. I attended the faculty meeting and Dean McConnaughay talked about this process happening. He talked about having a Dean in Carlisle and getting faculty together to start the process. The timeline for separate admissions processes is going to be pushed back from 2013-2014 to the 2014-2015 year. Based on how entrenched we are in same campus system, it will take longer and they want to be clear in the application process so students know what they are doing. The Dean’s forum is tomorrow in UP and on Friday in Carlisle. Please, SBA, be there.

Anna: It got moved to Wednesday in Carlisle.

Laura: I would ask that you all be there so we all can be aware of what is happening. And I need to set-up a Keurig schedule and I still need schedules from the 1L reps.

   b. Vice-Presidents’ Report (15 minutes)

Anna: Esch went to the borough meeting recently and asked if they would put in a new cross sign for us and they did at College and Pomfret. I want to do something with old textbooks because we have hundreds of them and I was thinking about donating them to the book drive. Can we do this? Finally, the local bar association has asked us to advertise their young lawyer division event at the vineyards at Hershey. They are interested in having students attend. Contact me for more information and tell your friends. I went in fall and it was a good time. The welcome back party in UP is being planned.

Laura: One issue with book buy back is that we were wondering if people who donated might want them back. But some may have been years ago, so I’ll ask Dean Elkin since they are taking up space. There may be no hope of getting them to those who donated them a while ago.

Anna: They are not that old. Sara Mullen went through them and some have buy back value. Also, I think last year Kevin did send out an email saying the program was ending. Does that serve as notice?

Laura: Let me check with Dean Elkin and once we get the OK we can clear it out.
Jason: Welcome back everyone! We are on our last leg of this SBA journey together. I would like to say that everyone is doing a good job representing the student, we like what we’re seeing. The Dean’s forum is tomorrow. And big news happened after the last meeting last semester: we got our crosswalk painted! It was huge. It still looks small, but we got it done. We’re now trying for a sign. Maybe next year? The proper use of the listerv has been a problem. A lot of people have been using it to email all students. The DSL forum is the proper forum to sell and buy books and rent apartments. We’ll be sending an email out listing common mistakes people make -not the whole policy since people don’t read whole policy in the email. So make sure you know the email policy and it should be online. If not, I can send it to you or have Alisha put it back up on the website. If you know of a good LLM student that would be good on the committee, tell Laura. Or if you know someone who would be willing, let us know. Last thing, this petting zoo/puppy therapy thing for finals, we will look into it - don’t hold your breath, but we’ll look into it.

Shandra: Petting zoo? What? Hahaha!

Matt B.: If there is a petting zoo, I vote for getting an alpaca!

Laura: I’ll put it in if you stop bringing the harmonica.

Jason: First puppies, then kittens. What’s next? Chickens? I don’t know what people want, so petting zoo is what it’ll be called and this has to be free.

Laura: I will say, misuse of email listserv is the bane of my existence and I send emails to every person who does it and they still do it. So please let’s be good examples of how to do it. There’s no need to misuse. Also, once you send an email saying you want to sell your kitten, don’t send out another one saying you sold your kitten. You get one and you’re done.

c. Treasurer (5 minutes)

Andrew: Budget committee is going to meet at end of this week, so I need a room confirmation on that. The reserve is at $6,409.12 and I did find that what we have left over will get rolled into next year, so we’re not keeping a reserve in vain.

Laura: I do know that some that’s left over get rolled into senior picnic. And I did want to change the name so it’s more welcoming to those that are not seniors because it’s open to all students, including their families. I know I felt awkward going my 1L year.

Andrew: The picnic already has allocations at both campuses right now. $2,200 for each, and it can go up with supplemental allocation requests.

Anna: I know we have money allocated, but I know if we’ve had left over in the past, we give more since its the last event of the year.
Andrew: Absolutely. Keep a little at end so its that much better. I’m also updating the budget request stuff on the website and making it more clear so that its easier to request funds and everything should be much more clear.

d. PSU Senator (5 minutes)

Joe: We haven't had a meeting yet this semester. I still haven’t had anyone come and pass on anything to me to pass on. I feel like a useless tool. Remember I am you tool, so use me.

e. ABA Rep Report (5 minutes)

Laura: Wanika’s not here, so I will encourage those who haven’t to sign up for ABA.

Sean: Where is Spring Soiree going to be held this year?

Carolyn: It will be at Toftrees resort and it’s March 22 and its already on Facebook. Do you want me to send an email?

Laura: I think it would be a good idea to send out a “save the date” email to give those not on Facebook and give the administration a heads up.

Carolyn: They have a 300 person limit, so while there is s slight limit, it’s not as much as Barristers.

VIII. Adjourn

Jason: Motion to adjourn.
Missy: Second.

No opposition in Carlisle.
No opposition in UP.