Student Bar Association
General Body Meeting
March 16, 2010 – 8:30 p.m.
114 Trickett, Carlisle / 114 Katz, University Park
Agenda

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. Rachel: need to add Nick’s report to the minutes.
      ii. No objections to the additions
      iii. Minutes approved

II. Public Comment (10 min.)
   a. Corey-Scott Smith: 3Ls have to pay for shipping for Caps and Gowns?
   b. Kelly: It is taken care of. Being sent down on the shuttle.
   c. Mark: No real jobs for 3Ls on career portal. Duke and Florida State have more jobs for PA than we do.
   d. Michael: As far as policy on recordings of classes. It appears if you have a career related thing, they don’t record but they do if you’re sick.
   e. Kent: if you ask the professor ahead of time they can let you on it.
f. Valerie: Some professors have stricter policies on it. The school requires it for sick students and some professors have taken it more strictly. Professor-by-Professor basis.
g. Michael: I understand that but the university pushes things like the PIPS fair but don’t allow you to have the recordings.
h. Kelly: I think it’s the whole slippery slope thing.
i. Kelly: A student would like to see an initiative for a dress code for class. Business casual.
j. Ian: I think it’s a bad idea. I think people should be able to wear what they want.
k. Matt: If people want to dress unprofessionally and not in a distracting way, then that should be fine.
l. Kate: I want to know if it’s because people were dressing in appropriately?
m. Kelly: No it would just not
n. Vlad: I agree with it.
o. Valerie: I think it should be on a professor-by-professor basis. The SBA shouldn’t be concerned with it.
p. Kent: Can we send out an email to SBA president’s list-serv to see what other law schools are doing?
q. Ian: I feel students make enough sacrifices without having to be in a cookie-cutter mold and I have never seen anyone look very unprofessional.
r. Kelly: Cost of dressing business casual is a burden. And enforcement is the other issue. I’m not dramatically opposed to it.
s. Jon: If you want to be more professional, ban laptops. What we wear isn’t entirely based on how we dressed.
t. Kirk: What would be the punishment? Would you get sent home?
u. Kelly: yeah that’s what I’m saying, enforcement would be an issue.

III. Organizational Awards Committee Update (5 min.)
a. Kelly: Received all the nominations. The committee voted. 5 organizational awards. 2 individual awards. Will be here in time for Soiree. Hoping to give 2 $50 barnes and noble gift cards. I don’t have the final total. But, the glass awards come to a total of $427 and we got 4 plaques (perpetual plaques), 2 for each location, most outstanding person and most outstanding organization. $89 each. Less than $1000 total.
b. Kent: Move to allocate
c. Nick: Second
d. Motion passes

IV. Haiti Committee Update (5 min.)
a. Jim: April 3rd we joined up with Dickinson Undergrad for the Fashion Show. So far 137 confirmed guests and 115 maybes. Not asking for any money, asking for sponsorship. I’ll try to get the totals today but it’s in the thousands.
b. Kelly: Help Jim spread the word. Encourage people to go.
c. Ian: Do we purchase tickets or is it an event we come to?
d. Jim: tickets at the door.
e. Ian: How much?
f. Jim: $7 for students, $10 for non-students. When an organization at Dickinson Undergrad have an event it has to be free for undergrads, so we’re asking for a $5 donation.

V. Budget Committee Appointments (5 min.)
a. Mark: Kevin Messett, Kevin Hayes, and Zack Brecheisen. They won’t be voting members.
b. Ian: **I would like to move to approve the appointments of the students as non-voting members.**
c. Matt: Second
d. Ian: Is this to orientate them to the process?
e. Kelly: Yes
f. Motion passes without opposition.

VI. Election Bylaws Approval (10 min.)
a. Kent: Sent out to everyone. Pretty similar to the way we ran things last year. Executive board positions first, then other positions the following week in order to facilitate people running for exec that runs for another position in the event of not winning.
b. Deadlines and when available…. c. Campaigning date….. and deadline…..
d. 24 hour voting period.
e. Dates for class reps:
f. If candidate ran for board position doesn’t win and wants to run for a new position, no petitions, but new candidate statement for the new position. 7pm, 2 hours to write new statement. Write it ahead of time.
g. Campaigning time changes: Can campaign up until the end of voting. The election process will be online.
h. Kenny added that honor code will be in full effect.
i. Grievance process: Grievance board. Can complain to elections committee first, then can be appealed to a grievance committee, which will be the board unless there is a conflict and that person must recuse himself or herself. It is in the bylaws.
j. Kelly: People can also use the digital signs.
k. **Ian: Motion to approve the bylaws**
l. Zach: Second
m. Motion passes.

n. Kelly: two new VPs will be the principals in running the reps running.

VII. Executive Council Reports
a. President’s Report (5 min.)
i. Kenny will be planning a fundraiser for relay for life. Pie your SBA. People will pay money to pie you in the face. We are trying to get faculty/staff to participate. Deans Elkin and Lamont and Holly Parrish have confirmed. He is trying to do this around April 2nd. It will be going on both campuses.
b. Vice-Presidents’ Report (10 min.)
i. Kent: Go Nadya
ii. Nadya: I am the race judicata chair. We are planning it for April 17th at 9am. Registration is online. Tables down here and up in UP or just online. Past years they haven’t made much money because they haven’t gotten free food and we’re trying to do that. We don’t have to pay for a lot of things. We are focusing on people helping morning of the race. We are trying to get more people from the community. We just need some people to help, maybe from the SBA. It looks like it’s going to cost a lot less money.

iii. Kelly: Thank you Nadya, and I’m sure many SBA members would be happy to help. Any questions for Nadya?

iv. Ian: So what’s the deal if we’re going to help out? When is the date?

v. Nadya: April 17th. If you could come by 8:15. People on the course. People with the timing system. We need people to volunteer, about 15, for registration and to stand on the course. Non-law students encouraged to run. It’s just hard to get them out. We are trying to turn it into a bigger event next year. We are trying to make it so you can pay by credit card online. To sign up it’s $20 for 18 and over, and $10 for 17 and under.

vi. Valerie: Are you able to register online and then click on something to pay the day of?

vii. Nadya: I believe so. It goes to Holly Parrish and she will set something with you even if it’s to pay the day of but I will double check.

viii. Kent: Alumni relations: Senator’s game and BBQ. Date and Time TBA. Should be finalized this week. 1L Mock Trial is underway. 10 teams of 2 people sign up in Carlisle. Don’t know how many in UP. Finals will be held in conjunction with open house. The afternoon before Spring Soiree. That’s it for my committee reports. But I have a motion.

ix. Kent: As everyone knows, Isai Cortez was the diversity chair. He had one job, Diversity Day, and failed to do it. I move to remove him as the Chair and he will be notified.

x. Valerie: Second

xi. Kelly: we can’t vote today. The vote will be postponed until the next meeting per the constitution. He has to be notified about it. I support it. We can’t have people in these committee roles if they will do not their jobs. In addition, when he stepped down from his representative position he was given the opportunity to step down from his position as Diversity Chair and I do not think he should continue in this position.

xii. Vodzak: What did he fail to do?

xiii. Kelly: They had to get in touch with student groups and leaders and get them to bring food, notify students, basic logistical things. He said he hadn’t known anything. He was CC’ed on emails. Chairs should take initiative, and this was laid out in the bylaws.
xiv. Vodzak: Just to follow up, he did not do anything?
xv. Kelly: This was the night before and he did not even show up to the event. The administration was displeased.
xvi. Yasmine: The day before the event, I was with him. It was the day before he was supposed to fly out to Mexico. He asked people to help him out. He wasn’t able to be there because he left for Mexico. I think last minute he tried his best to help out.
xvii. Kelly: Just to say this was the Tuesday before spring break.
xviii. Corey-Scott: He should be removed for dropping the ball.
xix. Brad: We have a month left and maybe 3 more meetings, this is the only thing he had to do. I get it, but it seems like doing something now isn’t worth it. What’s the point now?
x. Ian: I think the point is sending a message to people who volunteer to do jobs, should do their jobs or they’ll be removed.
xxi. Valerie: He also serves an important role on the diversity committee with the faculty as a representative of the SBA. They should take their jobs seriously.
xii. Vodzak: I hear what you’re saying, Brad. I think this is more of a prophylactic measure. Being committee chair is a responsibility, it carries with it responsibilities that need to be fulfilled.
xiii. Vlad: was he explicitly told?
xxiv. Kelly: when he was told he was told the duties. The ABA picks out Diversity Day, and he knew he had to do that. He was told in person and via email multiple times by several different people. It was also discussed in Diversity committees meeting with the faculty.
xv. Brad: Thank you for letting me know that there are ongoing responsibilities, Valerie.
xvi. Kelly: What bothers me is that he tried to pass the buck onto other people when he dropped the ball. If you drop the ball, take responsibility.
xvii. Vodzak: Will he be given the opportunity to defend himself the next meeting?
xviii. Kelly: He will be given notice that this is postponed until the next meeting and he will have the opportunity to defend himself.
xix. Vlad: Are there any repercussions?
xxx. Kelly: Administration will know, it doesn’t go on his academic record. Career services will be notified and it won’t be on his resume.
c. ABA Representative’s Report (5 min.)
i. ABA/LSD requires law students to lobby their senators. There is a sample letter online. We voted on an initiative for student loan reform to go to the main ABA, they passed it, and they are trying to get law students to send letters to their senators.
ii. Kelly and I got awards together for the ABA.
iii. New job posting on job board. Several internship applications. Within sections of the ABA/LSD law students.

iv. Mark: Judge’s night. Are there going to be sales in UP?

v. Kelly: It says in the email to email the person who sent the email.

d. PSU Senator’s Report (5 min.)
i. State Patty’s Day:
   1. Chaos.
   2. Over 160 arrests.
   3. Hundreds of injuries.

ii. Bars:
   1. Not opening early.
   2. Some remaining closed altogether.
   3. Other concerted effort evincing community recognition of the growing problem of negative alcohol-related behavior.
   4. Despite the positive community effort, an influx of outsiders from other PA cities and New Jersey overwhelmed things and the event became chaotic.

iii. Dickinson Law school:
   1. Interest in enrollment has skyrocketed last 2y or so.
   2. Our faculty are very near the highest-paid, on average.

iv. Prof. Backer running for Secretary position in the Senate.

v. Corey-Scott: A lot of the students here have asked about the alcohol policy and why they treat us like undergrads. I tried to explain to them it’s a general policy. But we are graduate students and of age.

vi. Nick: In terms of affecting the policy, I could bring it up. But I don’t see any policy changes. Every time they bring up a policy it has to do with undergrads so I think they know they’re different. I will bring it up.

vii. Ian: In regards, to State Patty’s day. The numbers could be inflated. It’s a blanket policy to punish people on that day.

e. Treasurer’s Report (5 min.)

i. Mark: approved $1000 for awards today.

ii. Approved $500 for diversity committee in Carlisle.

VIII. Adjourn

a. Vodzak: Motion to Adjourn

b. Robbie: Second

c. Motion Passes