Student Bar Association Meeting  
November 16, 2006

SBA Minutes:

I. Approve minutes.

II. Attendance
   A. All present except:
      1. Aaron
      2. Becca
      3. Bernardo
      4. Amala (late)
      5. Crystal Conway
   B. Quorum

III. President
   A. Barrister’s Ball email — Comfort Suites will tell us amount of the
      damage, should not be too bad. Not a great situation, but we will have an
      idea when we get the bill
      1. Other than that, it was a great event. Overall a good night.
         Hopefully next time, no problems.
   B. Registration
      1. Problems with on-line component. Prob with interface, hopefully
         after Thanksgiving.
      2. Taking exams on computers
         a. If someone doesn’t have a laptop, they will have to borrow
            from someone else.
      3. Lights should be up “any day now”. Elkin and Lamont —
         women’s problem with construction workers. LaMont will talk
         with them about it. We don’t own the road right there, so we don’t
         know who is going to pave it. Needs to be safer at night, and they
         are working on that.
      4. Class schedules outside the classrooms for people to study. But
         schedules change so rapidly they are frequently out of date.

IV. Taisha
   A. Regarding class schedules — Lamma said she would try to get out classes
      days and times so we can start planning our classes, but not schedule
      them.
   B. For future events, will the Barrister’s Ball hurt future events?
      1. Ryan— we should still be able to have future events.
   C. There is someone starting a student group just for UP
      1. Brent — they need to come before the SBA , groups might not get
         recognized if not open to all students.

V. Sarah — you can find it the schedule on line.
VI. Vice President
A. There shouldn’t be surprises in the schedule, most information on schedule should be correct.
B. They are still waiting for coffee for UP
C. They will allow students to decorate for the holidays as long as it is not offensive or denominational.
D. 24 hour access for UP students.

VII. Treasurer

VIII. Secretary Report

IX. UP Senator

X. ABA Rep

XI. Committees

XII. Public Comment
A. UP Student — Larry Brown
   1. Want formal events
   2. No alcohol on bus
   3. Cash bar instead of open bar— encouraged excessive drinking
   4. Invitations to event should not encourage debauchery
   5. Whether Honor Code was being upheld and enforced— actions should be consistent with what is in
   6. Students should have to sign the honor code so it can be upheld more faithfully.

B. Lance — no comment.
   1. It is idiocy

C. Ryan— Honor code was in effect. Any things coming out of that are confidential and not up for public discussion.
   1. Signing the honor code is a good idea. Want to have it more robust, and this takes a lot of time and is a complex situation. Great point, thank you for bringing this up. The way the night ended, we are reevaluating. people need to take responsibility for themselves and other people too. Thank you.

D. Matt — echo comments about responsibility — can bring concerns to Prof Ackerman or honor code reps.

XIII. New business
A. Recognition of new organization — Joel Samuels
   1. Law Economics and Business Society
      a. submitted reqd docs with petition, and mission stmt. Penn State Dickinson has been blessed in economics and business law. Students have business degrees. Many want to go into corporate, consumer protection.
      b. 23 members have expressed interest to be actively involved.
      c. supported by Deans and Profs.
      d. Finances — minimal, refreshments and publicity, networking, speakers.
      e. Collaborate with joint degree programs.
Publication

Social — will allow people to get to know each other.

Forum to discuss ideas, foster friendships.

Alumni

Other schools have these organizations.

Bar association connections.

2. Will there be a public interest

3. Motion to vote
   a. 2nd
   b. Debate
   c. Passed unanimously

XIV. American Flag — ours is flying at all times and lit up by a light, in conformity with local law.

XV. Todd Platz — you can get a flag flown over the capital building — it can be bought and donated to the school.

XVI. Andrew — was talking to Brent and Eddie about it — is it possible to turn off people’s access to the All Students listserv? It gets petty, and I don’t want to trample on people’s 1st amendment rights.
   A. Ryan — it has been better this year than last year
   B. John — IT chair
      1. Listservs are controlled by UP but we have access to them. Permissions are set up so if you can receive, you can always send. Probably can’t have one that you can receive but not send. There is also “class of “ listservs. Career services need to send them to people.
      2. Registrar controls the listserv.
      3. Brent — is there a way to blacklist certain users? Is there a way to prevent form using?
      4. John — maybe don’t want to get into the business of blackballing and drawing lines. Don’t want to go to that level, though it is possible. You can make a listserv only go to your trash. Won’t blacklist people.
      5. Andrew — Honor code committee should investigate. Never experienced an all students list.
      6. Ryan — Lists don’t just go to students, they go to the Dean as well. They take note of that stuff and can put it in your file. They have to recommend people to take the bar exam. This stuff will be in your file. If people want to be a wise ass that’s fine, but really offensive stuff could go in your file.
      7. Brent — DSL forum was created so you could unsubscribe from it, was made so you could do tickets, housing ads. Would like to see people put that stuff on DSL forum, the list is for professional stuff only.
      8. Ryan — student made bad comment about fashion show. He told them it offended some people.
9. Lance — can we tell people to act like adults. It gets annoying hearing everyone complain about stuff, and you are going to have a real job soon, so we need to act like adults.

10. Frankie — echo Lance’s sentiments. We are adults and need to leave idiosyncrasies at the door.

11. Ryan — we need to police each other a lot. This is why the dean is not getting involved with disciplining, we are doing it.

12. Amala — what will we do with comments from the informal meeting.
   a. Connie — I will turn them into formal minutes.

13. Sarah — a quick idea — should we do another morale booster for finals.
   a. Ryan — next week we can apportion some money for cookie trays we can vote on it next week.

XVII. Motion to adjourn
XVIII. Passed