Student Bar Association Meeting  
October 12, 2006

SBA Minutes:

I. Attendance  
   A. all present except  
      1. Britney Russell (arrived late)  
      2. Josh Shulman  
      3. Brent (late)  

II. APALSA request  
   A. Stephanie APALSA treasurer requests funding for initiation dinner. They already had it. they had not included this on their original budget request due to oversight. Purpose was to get to know each other  
   B. $290 in Carlisle, and collected $90 from members, Taelor paid this out of pocket.  
   C. $148.05 in UP  
   D. Ask for $298 to be reimbursed for the out of pocket expenses they paid.  
   E. Ryan explains the process of  
   F. Maureen — discretionary account $4458 left, would bring us to 4100.  
   G. Ryan — usually we have had $3000 in the fund but we reserved more for programming. Dean told Brent and him that they were responsible for morale building. They had the event at both campuses so everyone could participate.  
   H. Motion to approve, 2 nd  
   I. Matt C. — is this event consistent with the type of event we allocated money for? Maureen — yes, for the most part.  
   J. Passes unanimously.  

III. Parking lot is open. Located between Marriott and Residence inn. Lighting will be installed hopefully by time daylight saving switches over on Oct 29.  
   A. Ticketing — they do not want people to park in the grass, they should use the new lot, so ticketing will be recommenced in a few weeks. First there will be a form telling people where they cannot park. Cannot park in visitor parking, must park in a designated spot.  

IV. Deans Forum went well.  
V. Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers  
   A. An education that provides support who have drug alcohol problems or need counseling for depression, etc.  
   B. Orientation they usually give a presentation but were not able to do it this year.  
   C. We hope to bring in a speaker soon.  
   D. Lawyers tend to have greater problems with drug/alcohol dependency.  

VI. Carlisle Construction Project  
   A. They will give an update soon on the construction.
VII. Group transportation Policy.
   A. Chareece is working with group leaders to come up with a policy so groups can all meet face to face, expected that Dean will approve.

VIII. Study Skills Workshop
   A. Wed 25th in Carlisle 5pm
   B. Mon 23rd 5pm in UP
   C. Rooms tba.
   D. Upper-class-persons can present their outlines to 1Ls.

IX. We should have one meeting this semester where all members of SBA are at the same place. Maybe at a location
   A. Need volunteer to coordinate logistics
   B. Suggestion to have it up at UP. (Aaron).
   C. We should come at same time of the wine tasting. On 28th October.
   D. Joe — they should also be invited to come here.
   E. Ryan — yes it
   F. Barrister's Ball — people would be more likely to come to this than Halloween Party (from UP) (Eddie).
   G. Crystal — availability would be a problem.
   H. Aaron volunteers to organize the logistics.
   I. Sarah C — volunteers to help from UP.

X. Project Share
   A. Baby formula drive. They are running low on formula. Please get the word out.

XI. ABA Work-a-Day program — an outreach program for at-risk children. From Harrisburg, get children at an age in their life when they can make good decisions. Get them to realize that college and law school are options. We are looking for participation from students. Also look at law enforcement perspective. Educate kids about consequences, but show them college is possible.
   A. If anyone is interested or has ideas, talk to Matt Mobilio or Brent Jacobs.

XII. Clothing drive — LLSA has done a clothing drive but there is one at UP too. Clothes will go to Stormbreak shelter.
   A. Deadline is Friday the 20th.

XIII. informal meeting idea — brainstorming since we have to have 6 meetings. Can do it Tuesday 6pm.

XIV. approve minutes from last week:
   A. passes with one abstention.

XV. Committee Reports
   A. Academic rules
   B. Admissions — meeting. Promote strengths of the school, dealing with prospective students at open houses. Tours. Stress certain things from the administrations point of view and student's. Have a hand book.
      1. E-mail database so prospective students can talk to a current student about student life. Will be structured like the mentor program. Geared towards people who have been admitted or are applying.
   C. Career services
D. Community Relations
   1. Movie night — we would host a movie at the Carlisle Theater, open to everyone.

E. Constitution Committee — committee is new this year, will look at possible changes. Committee has been asked to familiarize itself with the constitution so they can think about possible changes. Have gotten some good comments from a 1L. Will meet in the next few weeks.

F. Diversity Committee — we met and discussed aspirations, discussed a mission statement
   1. Faculty committee is working on a question on the faculty evaluation form
   2. Overlap between our committee and some others.

G. Honor code — working on projects, and hope to have something by November lots of red tape right now.

H. Library

I. Social Committee
   2. Wine tasting — Thurs Oct 26, there will be transportation depending on the demand. Student tickets on sale in Carlisle now. Go see Margaret Clanagan. Wine and cheese, piano player, invitation extended to Center co bar assoc. Business casual attire, interact with professors. Please promote the event in Carlisle. All profits go to PILF. $7 for student or $12 for student and non-student guest.
   3. Barristers Ball — Friday Nov. 10 7-11pm. At Comfort suites. Unlimited amt of wine!!! Tickets $35, free beer wine and soda, cash bar avail. Finger foods — wide variety. Law school semi-formal. This is the first year it is an SBA event. Need to have over 100 people at the event, there will be transportation. Ticket sales should start at UP. Up needs posters to put up by the end of next week, and Bobbi-Sue will fill out the form.

J. Student Faculty Relations Committee
   1. Professor of the year award, will be by the class. Still in preliminary stages.
   2. "Speed dating" with professors — get to know professors better.

K. Technology
   1. Listserv bombardment — be able to set it up to select if you want to be on it.
   2. Many people are not aware that certain people are on the listserv. Administrators and Deans can be on the lists!
   3. Spam filters

L. Election Committee
   1. Election bylaws
M. Vending machine and recycling — vending machine doesn't work, and it is cheaper than the café. Need recycling bin on the 3rd floor.
   1. Recycling bin — it is coming soon. Too many bottles are getting thrown away.
   2. Coffee available for students at UP there is nothing available right now and they are looking to get that put in so they can coffee in the morning.
N. Carrels on 1st floor need electricity.
O. Married people want discounted tickets for their spouses.
   1. Nothing available for Penn state football things for students, though it is possible for our social events.
   2. Michelle worth is president of ANTS.
P. Some PA residents have wondered about in state tuition. Ryan — they don't do it here, we have asked for it before.
Q. Joe wants to start a new organization. Ryan — forms available on SBA website. Must fill out petition.
R. Scale for salad bar — they keep saying it is coming. Now there is a small salad size.

XVI. New business
A. Roles and responsibilities of SBA members.
B. New group recognition
   1. Phi Delta Phi — the organization is a legal fraternity, one of the oldest legal fraternities in the country, it is at all of the schools we would like to be in competition with including the big 10. Practice of ethics and community involvement for members, like Habitat for Humanity.
      a. Brent question — what plan is there to incorporate Carlisle students to the fraternity. Answer — teleconferencing, a lot of interest in starting the group, have not been able to get much input from Carlisle.
      b. Angel — been in contact with staff and faculty to get an idea of how to approach Carlisle students. Plans for meetings to be video conference. Sent out an email to all students.
      c. Aaron — what makes this different? Answer — one of the oldest fraternities, has a very good reputation. Scholarship opportunities, focused on Int'l Law community. Aaron — what are you looking for financially from us? Answer — hope to do fundraising, self-sufficiency, silent auction, would like $250 as new organization, want to further Dickinson image.
      d. Approved with a vote 11-7 with 3 abstentions.
C. Need to select a charity for Halloween Party
   1. Contribution should really have an impact and a huge impact
2. Amish School — there is a fund set up.
3. Local Boys and Girls Club at the Y — they get a lot of money already
4. 4 diamonds fund — Thon
5. Safe Harbor — Emergency Shelter in downtown Carlisle. There is a lot of homelessness in Carlisle. Good for community relations, we can make a visible difference in someone's life.
6. We have decided to donate to Safe Harbor. Contribution should be felt immediately.

D. Going back to Roles and Responsibilities of SBA
1. Ryan
   a. Each person should work to serve the students. By constitution, members represent their classes, need active committee participation, a lot of good ideas come out of here.
   b. Wine tasting was a result of independent students
   c. President sets tone and direction of organization. Not everyone else has to have SBA as their top priority.
   d. People should be as involved as they want to, and consider other priorities.
2. Matt M
   a. Library need stapler and office supplies for people to use. SBA should set up a desk, put in computer lab.
   b. Ryan — write up a thing and then we can vote on it and all approve it.
   c. Bookstore has a hole punch students can use.
3. Amala — do we have an SBA bulletin board? We should have one. Ryan — can we get one set up. Brent — there is one at UP.

E. Laptop requirement
1. Talking about having one. It could be built into the funding. There could be a discount.
2. John — does not prefer to take notes on laptop, a similar requirement failed in another school.
3. Ryan — it wouldn't mean you have to take notes on a laptop.
4. Aaron — thinks its silly for them to force buying a laptop
5. Maureen — should not force them to buy a laptop, but should have the funding available for students.
6. Matt C — no requirement, but if they are going towards a better technology, have suggestions for laptop technology.
7. Joe — should not be required. Wholesale and discount would be nice.
8. Matt M. — previous sentiments and ask how IT is dealing with different operating system John — some people prefer certain systems very strongly, should not have to have too. Like the option for student loans idea.
9. Andrew — different operating systems might not be an issue. Compatibility not an issue.
10. Connie — would prefer a healthcare requirement
11. Bernardo — feels the same way and the Dean blew him off. If there would be a requirement, it should be for healthcare.
12. Brent Susan Bogart can already account for that in funding.

F. Scheduling
G. Funding Requests
1. Dinner with 7 Strangers — we are segmented into different groups and very busy. Hard to get to know each other, but this would get people together to get to know each other. Initial form has been sent out and we can make changes. People would fill out the form and people would be grouped. Discussion list of topics in case conversation stalls. Request for $350 and there will be matching from the Dean. Hard to say what response will be, hope SBA will encourage it. Will do it at UP and Carlisle. Crystal — is it possible to add graduate school and work experience on the form.
2. Connie — this event would address a lot of students. A student wondered how people would be paired up.
3. Eddie — would this come out of the social fund? Shouldn't it, instead of the discretionary fund? Ryan — social money was double-counted, and this comes from the discretionary fund as a morale booster.
4. Matt M — sounds like a good idea
5. Maureen — there was a lot of money left over last year and we should use what we have.
6. Brittney — motion to approve.
7. Approves unanimously.

H. Morale boosters
1. Ice cream proposal — we would get ice cream from the creamery and we will give it away to students for free.
2. Brittney and Matt M volunteer to help. Joe — there used to be kegs every Friday, want to bring it back.
3. What is alcohol policy? Dean has to approve alcohol events on campus.
4. Brent - cider and donuts as alternative. Crystal — hot chocolate. Hot chocolate in café now is not very good.
5. $350 from discretionary fund for event
6. Passes with 2 nays
7. We have $3500 left in discretionary fund.

I. Andrew and Eddie — 1L reps fear difficulty serving both campuses. Students want to have cultural activities. They want to know if it is possible to set aside funds just for UP. Want to foster community in UP.
1. Ryan — discretionary fund is for any event for any purpose. Work through groups. Want to have active and vibrant groups. Ask for money any time.
2. Amala — are there UP students on the social committee — yes, a few.
4. Worry about discretionary fund running out or getting low.
5. Ryan — we will put more money back in when we make money on events.
6. Maureen — unallocated $ will go back into fund.
7. Andrew — want to make sure all students have advantages.
8. Ryan — make sure groups have a liaison at UP to make all groups available. Don't want to micromanage.
9. Andrew — wants to be copied on emails so they can tell UP students.
10. Aaron — understand their point of view of wanting a petty cash fund. For paying out of pocket. A little play money is not a bad idea.
11. Ryan emergency at any campus can be dealt with. If anyone needs money they can get it. want UP to feel taken care of, this is the first time we have done this.
12. Connie — please feel free to plan events and we will try to get you the funding through some source.

This meeting continued with an informal session.

- *SBA Aspirations*
  - Activities for student body
  - Student group activities
  - Trickett had strong community feel, missing a little from this location.
  - 1L rep meeting — going to have 1L party! This is a good kind of activity.
  - 1L newsletter is planned. Talking and connectivity
  - People can move from one campus to the other.
  - PAINT THE CAFÉ
    - People could design murals, make inviting + personal.
    - Could let each class have one section to paint.
  - More couches
- School Facilities
  - Staples
    - Staplers coming soon! Must not break or steal.
  - Plan a huge ice skating/skiing trip
- Treasury
  - Requesting rosters from org's for membership
    - Could this be done this year to inform next year?
- Student needs and values
  - Community + friendship
- Feeling comfortable in space- the building.
- Hard work
- Carlisle + history of school.
  - Community means Carlisle and here at the school
- Bad coffee machine should be replaced by courtesy cart.
- Encouraging students to respect the campus- clean up after themselves.
- Work-a-day program. Talking to at risk kids so they will stay in school.
- Non-traditional students, if interested talk to Brent Jacobs or Matt Mobilio.
- Big-Brothers + Big Sisters — Project STAFF needs helpers.
- Storm break shelter — at U.P. Clothing drive items going there.

- Concerns
  - UP — Coffee !!
  - Being considerate about transportation expectations — time, cost, burden.
  - Student groups not reaching out! Alienation!
  - Need to have people + resources to serve all student + organization needs. (Candy gram!)
  - Email student group leaders to help or with requests.
  - Needs lots of student participation.

- How can Communication be better?
  - Food expense at UP — a barrier to be overcome with UP.
  - UP rep for every student group.
  - Programming.

- Wine Tasting — good UP event!
  - Some problems will work out w/time + change.

- Biking to Campus
  - Shoulder could become bike lane
  - Truck danger!
  - Biker's map available — behind law school.
  - Bike rack.

- Trickett- dangerous intersection there needs stop sign.
- New Parking Lot — USE it! It is pretty good.
- Barrister's Ball will be lots of fun + UP is hopefully sending lots of people.
- Vegetarian Food
  - Have asked for a hot veggie meal every day.