Student Bar Association
General Body Meeting
October 20, 2009 – 8:00 p.m.
148 Advantica, Carlisle / 112 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. Jonathan Sheehan
      x. Matt Vodzak
      xi. Valerie Eifert
      xii. Yasmine Taeb
      xiii. Ashley Ferguson
      xiv. Corey-Scott Smith
      xv. Kirk Vroman
      xvi. Vlad Korolov
      xvii. Ian King - Late
      xviii. Richard Bradbury
      xix. Kevin Hayes
      xx. Kai Kaapro
      xxi. Robyn McAllen
      xxii. Kevin Messett
      xxiii. Zach Brecheisen
      xxiv. Michael Haynes
      xxv. We have quorum
   b. Minutes Approval
   c. Minutes pass without approval

II. Public Comment (10 min.)
   a. Mark Elion: email communication with Dean Elkin. It was confusing. He said he would be at the meeting. He told me they did give it out late. He wants everyone that was angry to meet with him. What does the SBA want to do?
   b. Kelly: they got a block of rooms in UP. He was putting together a list of hotels surrounding. He is going to send it out once he has all the information. I told him the 3L class wants an apology.
   c. Kent: If he’s willing to come and address all of us. Go for it. If he does, we need to be very cordial and thank him for coming. If he takes time out of his schedule to come to our meeting, we need to be nice and thank him.
d. Kelly: do you want him to come to the SBA meeting or the one with the reps?
e. Mark: I know a lot of students don’t come to the Friday meetings.
f. Kelly: I think he means the meeting on Friday.
g. Mark: I just wanted to let everyone know the update. He’s willing to work something out.
h. Kelly: there are talks of it changing. As of right now it is still Friday. Look for the update.
i. Kent: There will be another dean’s forum this Thursday. It is more geared towards Carlisle due to problems with the website. Tell everyone to come out. It is at 12:45 in 120 Advantica. Pizza and Soda.
j. Kelly: just tell people it’s the time to voice your concerns.

III. Alumni Relations Committee Update (10 min.)

a. Lauren Keenan: we have been forming the alumni committee. We have a pretty fair sized committee. We haven’t had too much until this week for them to do. We talked about what we want to accomplish. Similar to what was done last year. Wine tasting. November 5th. UP. Encourage attendance. Committee members will also help encourage. We are trying to make the events more successful. The other event is the alumni weekend. The golf tournament is on Friday. That evening there is also a happy hour. We also have a phone bank in UP. It gives students an opportunity to talk to alumni and encourage them to attend events. Amber and Dyanna thought it would be nice for members to offer tours to alumni. It’s a good way to have alumni and students know each other. Talking about an alumni and PILF joint event. Hopefully we can continue having events.
b. Kelly: are we going to have students contact alumni for the wine event coming up?
c. Lauren: We don’t have anything set up for the wine event yet, but we are trying to get students to encourage more alumni to come.
d. Mark: is there going to be a request for funds?
e. Lauren: I am not sure. Not that I’m aware of.
f. Kelly: It doesn’t say we’re co-sponsoring it. It is saying it is a Blue and White society co-sponsored event.
g. Robbie: Is the cocktail hour at alibis open to students?
h. Lauren: It is open to students. It’s open to students. It’s part of the alumni weekend kick off. The difficulty we’re running into is that the events are already planned. We discussed the events, the logistics aren’t being shared though.

IV. Career Services Committee Update (10 min.)

a. Ashley Ferguson:
   i. Steve and I talked over the summer about a Career Services Committee Survey. We sent out one this summer and one this semester after getting Dean Brignola’s input. The Basic Findings from the Surveys:
1. Pros: Resume and cover letter help; Career Services guide with example cover letters and resumes is highly used; the CSO keeps us updated on events, workshops are helpful
2. Cons: Lack of resource room use, need more information on public interest and district attorney jobs, not just firm work; need links on Career Connection e-mails to bring you down to bottom of page so you don’t have to scroll down, would like more events with Penn State alumni; more helpful towards those at the top of their classes
3. There were some responses who thought the surveys were too long so they didn’t respond
4. We will be meeting with Dean Brignola to discuss what she would like us to do to help Career Services this year and to discuss the survey with her.
5. We also need more committee members.

V. 3L Class Representative Appointment (5 min.)
   a. Isai resigned. He had a conflict in scheduling. He will continue as the diversity co-chair. We do need someone to serve in his capacity. I am suggesting Kate MacKenzie.
   b. Kent: Motion to accept Kate.
   c. Nick: Second
   d. Motion passes without opposition.

VI. Executive Council Reports
   a. President’s Report (5 min.)
      i. Meeting with Deans. They’re working on the supplements still. The other issue was used books. Carlisle students don’t have an opportunity to look at used books. Case Western does a buy back through the SBA. We will work out the logistics. The website was also a big decision. Dean McConnaughy will discuss this further at the dean’s forum. If you want more details email me. We are going to set up an SBA forum.
   b. Vice-Presidents’ Report (10 min.)
      i. Kent Lloyd: In comment to the used book discussion, it might be useful to create a committee position for that book program.

Speaker’s trust:

1. Committee Chair Report: Speakers Trust Fund of the SBA during the September meeting the following organizations received funding from the Speakers Trust.
   a. Law Review $ 100
   b. Sports Legal Society $ 73.03
   c. ADR $ 190
   d. Human Rights Law Society $ 106.02
   e. International Law Society $ 150
   f. OutLaw $ 1,714
   g. Federalist Society $ 160.47
   h. TOTAL: $ 2,493.52
The next meeting is scheduled for this coming Thursday, 22 October 2009 at 6:00 pm.

2. Intramural football is going well. we had to draw from a hat to select the 2-4 seeds because there was a 3-way tie
   ii. Kenny Donnelly: The UP SBA forum is Wed, November 11. It'll be in 112, but it isn't set yet. I will send out emails. There may be food, I might put in a request. Keep your schedule open. Diversity committee has a meeting tomorrow at 11:15 in 114 in each building. Race Judicata still needs volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering contact Dave Rasmussen. Social Committee: they're selling tickets as are reps.
   1. Ian: As far as volunteering for Race Judicata, can you volunteer and run?
   2. Kenny: You can ask David.
   3. Valerie: You might be able to set up the course then run.
   4. Kelly: as far as selling tickets. We got a couple complaints about harassing students when selling tickets. Try not to cross the line between selling and harassing.
   5. Kent: For race judicata, they need volunteers to direct runners. Everything that was volunteer was during the race. Still check with Dave Rasmussen.
   6. Lauren: I've been working with Dave, and I know they need help with registration before the race, and they're still looking for help with fundraising. I think he needs to help with those kind of things.

c. ABA Representative's Report (5 min.)
   i. Robbie: Friday, October 23 is the last day to register for the Client Counseling Competition. Friday, November 6 is the last day to register for the National Appellate Advocacy Competition (NAAC). Work A Day boxes will probably be going out November 9th and collected and turned in to the proper people after they're collected on the 24th. Benefiting both humans and animals because of the horrible economy.

d. PSU Senator's Report (5 min.)
   i. Nick:
   ii. Legislation passed:
      Amendment to Faculty Senate bylaws.
      iii. Allows selection of an alternate at time of election of PSU Senator.
      iv. Allows Alternate to fill in a committee and full Faculty Senate meetings if Senator cannot make the meeting.
      v. Will allow us to appoint an alternate for me, now, if that is deemed necessary; otherwise, an alternate may be selected, by some fair process left to the discretion of the SBA, for the next PSU Senator at the next election. Any way we want to do it is up to us.
      vi. Substantial change in undergrad grading policy:
         1. Allowance of deferred grades.
2. No student may graduate with a deferred grade.

3. University finance:
   a. Good news—PA passed a budget.
   b. Bad news—PSU’s appropriation was not in the budget that was passed.
   c. Result: Tight university finances for a while longer.

e. Treasurer’s Report (5 min.)
   i. Mark Elion: One request. It was not a clear request. So it was sent back for clarification. It will be something for wellness week. It was something for healthy snacks for the J. Reuben Clark society. Still haven’t gotten the full total for Barristers.

f. Library is now open 24/7

g. Project Share is raising money for the greater Carlisle food bank. Giant coupons equal $1. Just for the month of October. If you shop there, save the receipts! They don’t require a certain amount on the receipts. There is a competition between campuses.

VII. Adjourn