I. Call to Order
   a. Roll Call
      • Laura Magnotta
      • Anna Strawn
      • Jason Samuel
      • Alisha Falberg
      • Andrew Sherman
      • Wanika Fisher
      • Joe Negaard
      • Carolyn Brown - Excused
      • Melissa Padalino
      • Cody Graham
      • Shandra Kisailus
      • Elizabeth Asbaugh
      • Matthew Bosakowski
      • Kyle Peasley
      • Jordan Feist
      • Jordan Johnston
      • Courtney Monson
      • Erin Hayes
      • Brian Rans - Excused
      • Matt Regan
b. Minutes Approval

Laura: It appears that we have quorum, so let’s move on to approve the minutes. Everyone got the email from Alisha with last week’s minutes, kindly taken by Jordan? So, I’ll open the floor to approve.

Jason: Motion to approve.
Missy: Second.

No opposition in Carlisle.
No opposition in UP.

II. Public Comment (15 minutes)

Laura: Fantastic. Tonight we have a quick meeting, there’s very little on agenda. That being said, let’s open the floor to public comment.

Sean: So, I brought up this issue awhile ago. People are frustrated about the choice of attire in bookstore, I don’t know what they have in the cafe in Carlisle, but I talked to Ellen Foreman and she suggested soliciting people to get designs. She suggested this for next year, since we might not be able to get it done this year. But we were thinking about making it into a contest: students would submit ideas and there would be a deadline, then we, as a group, would decide on 3 or 4 of the ideas, and then ask students to vote. Do we need to get this on agenda or can we just do it?

Missy: I went to the bookstore recently and talked to a manager about their choices. I was looking for a certain sweatshirt that I had seen a bunch of girls wearing around here and they didn’t have it. The manager said they didn’t carry it anymore and they said that they won’t get it anymore. But she said that she would be able to get them in November if we put an order in now. I said that people were looking for it and told her to order them, so she said she would. However, some things they cannot order or get and they are not flexible on the logo because of licensing, but she said that they could order anything with the logo they can use.

Laura: I also think it would encourage students to go to the bookstore if they knew what the selection was and that they had the item they wanted.

Anna: I haven’t been online - is the selection the same or more limited in the bookstore?
Laura: It’s more limited. They basically have zip-ups, hoodies, and polos.

Sean: The issue is that the shirts are boring. They are white and blue with “Penn State Law” - no symbol, no lion, no nothing. People don’t like wearing them. And there seems to be a lack of communication between Ellen and bookstore regarding the licensing issues because she seemed to suggest there were no licensing issues. I assume Ellen would know since she works with the licensing, but that’s what the bookstore said.

Cody: Lets say we do this competition. What is the relationship with the bookstore? Would they put it in there?

Sean: Ellen tells them what we want and they just do it based on our orders.

Jordan J.: The logo may be an issue because Penn State has issues with designs. We would need permission.

Laura: It wouldn’t have gotten to this point without Ellen agreeing to participate in this. Lets bring this up to her - the concerns - so we can see if we have the liberty to design these things. Then if its not an issue, we can go forward.

Missy: I can contact the bookstore because I talked to a GM and she was in charge of everything. I think she would have a good idea of what is allowed and what’s not. So, I would be happy to help out and go over there to talk with her.

Bryan: I would just like to add that I went there and am a small guy and they did not have anything smaller than a small, so nothing fit me. So, could we ask for more sizes, too.

Laura: Good point. Missy, if you have a contact we can get in touch with them about a range of sizes, too.

Wanika: I’m being selfish about and taking this time for GSA, but I am on a committee and we are going around to different grad schools to get opinions. I’ve been to a lot of schools so far and now I want to bring it up here. We are asking students about anything they feel dealing with our school’s accreditation. I have to give them a report on the general body’s feeling about what you think, any concerns you have, what you would like me to tell them, any issues regarding transparency, do you think the scandal has changed the school, things that were great and now are not...so yeah, if you have comments I would love to get them.

Laura: If no one has anything to add right now, you can think about it and send an email to Wanika. That way you can be more thorough and she can have it in writing. There are a lot of feelings, so I think it would be good to give feedback.

Andrew: I had a request to get a wellness committee set up or get an undergrad person to come up for office hours for a mental health thing. I guess other law schools do it.
Laura: Like a bunch of people at a time?

Andrew: Like an individual counseling session. I don’t know what the staff is like for the undergrad campus, but I know with stress in law school, students want someone to talk to.

Anna: This came up last week at clinic and we were talking about whether there are any resources at the school. There are, but they are not well published and people don’t know who to go to or where to find stuff out.

Jason: I brought this up early this semester and the Deans are not keen on setting up another office. They were willing to set-up and re-do the website, but not really to create a separate office. But if this is a reoccurring concern, we can bring it up to the Deans again. They say its there.

Laura: Dean Elkin said there were resources. I will suggest that he send out an email reminding students about the resources available and directing them where to go. If students come up to you and ask, I suggest sending students to student services and they talk to the student - Dean Elkin here or Holly Parrish in Carlisle. They cannot counsel you, but they can refer you to the appropriate place. I don’t know if its on the website, but an email reminder would be helpful.

Anna: There is a site on the website and its under the academic handbook, which is hard to find, so maybe if we just ask them to move the link it would be more helpful. I would have never found it if I had not done an advanced search.

Laura: I’ll ask dean Elkin to send a reminder email and I’ll ask about moving the link. Although, getting stuff moved around the website is tough, as I am finding out. But I will ask him to send out an email.

Jordan J.: Penn State, up here at least, you can go to student services and we have 10 free counseling services.

Laura: I would suggest going to student services and they will direct you to the appropriate people because there are places that they use.

Matt B.: I would like to bring up scheduling issues with 2Ls in Carlisle. This spring, professional responsibility is scheduled at same time as the externship class. It may be able to work itself out easily because, with the externship class, you only have to be there for like 3 classes and may not need to be there anymore. So, maybe we could switch after those few mandatory classes are done, but just wanted it on radar.

Laura: Have you talked to Dean Pratt or Dean Reilly?

Matt B.: Not yet.
Erin: I emailed Dean Pratt and Professor Conner and I know other students have, too, and in their responses they referred to each other. Professor Conner said no, it can’t change and Dean Pratt said talk to Professor Conner.

Laura: I’ll send an email to all 3 so they can’t get around answering and that will hopefully force an answer so we can get one. Although, it may not be the one we want.

Andrew: Is the time for professional responsibility up here different?

Matt B.: Yes.

Andrew: Maybe we could suggest AV-ing pro. rep. up here?

Laura: We’ll see what they say and then we can make out suggestion based on that.

Erin: I know people who have the conflict plan on registering for pro. rep. and then dealing with the externship class later.

Laura: OK. That’s a good tactic because it reserves a space for them in the pro. rep. class.

Matt B.: Andrew’s proposition is good - having both options available may be a good option so people have choices as to AV or in person. It would not be replacing, just opening up the option.

Laura: It has to do with a lot of things, room availability and professor preference, so we will see what they say.

Cody: I that this semester the Admin. class with Professor Fox is moving down to Carlisle. Was that a glitch?

Joe: I move to extend time.
Motion granted.

Laura: I don’t know...

Courtney: I talked to Dean Pratt about this because it is scheduled on Friday evening and she said he requested that time, so it was not a mistake.

Laura: Which Fox?

Courtney: UP Fox.

Laura: I’ll ask about it.

Cody: Just to clarify, I was just wondering if it will be in UP or Carlisle, not about the time.

III. Constitutional Amendment Committee Update (10 minutes)
Laura: There’s not much to say here. We promulgated it to the student body, as required under our bylaws, and haven’t got any responses either way. So, the next step is to vote. The vote will take place on November 6 at 8am to November 8 at 5pm - its funny that it corresponds with the real election! I would like to have SBA people at each table during the vote. We will have cookies or something, too. I would like to get people with their computers at the table to be there and encourage people to vote because we need at least half of the student body. I will be sending out an email to everyone with the times we need volunteers for, so look out for that email. If we all chip in, that’s not very long to sit at the table.

IV. Executive Council Reports

a. Presidents Report (5 minutes)

Laura: Barristers was a great success and I’ll let Anna speak to that a bit more, but I was very proud that there were no incidents. As to study spaces in Carlisle, Dean Toomey is looking into it and looking into getting carrels. Also, there will be more open rooms during study time before exams. As to the library door in basement and why it cannot be opened - apparently there is a very sensitive sensors and that’s why they can’t be open because the books will set it off. Unfortunately, the ATM in UP is probably not going to happen and that’s not our fault, its PNC’s. It can’t be in the basement because not there is enough foot traffic and the cost would be too great. As to the car shows in the parking lot - apparently, it’s a student group and they have permission to be using the school property, so they’re probably not going anywhere. Regarding small games license, the reporting requirements are stricter now, so it’s harder to get it, so we are not going to be able to have small games of chance. If there is an organization that wants to do something similar, they can have a drawing, so they should talk to Rachel or Holly. I am working on getting better staples in library that actually staple through a lot of paper. Also, the carpet in library in Carlisle. The school is getting estimates now, so hopefully by finals it will be done. When I was there I did notice how loud it was. The cross walk. I’ll let Jason talk more on this, but because of the accident, this has gone above the University to the State government. Sue is looking into parking closer to school and the crossing it not certified, and so be careful because cars do not have a duty to stop.

b. Vice-Presidents’ Report (15 minutes)

Anna: First of all, the library doors - apparently they are very secret sensors because I have taken books (not to steal, but to use) and I never heard anything go off, so I’m skeptical. But anyway, barristers went really well! Thank to everyone who came from UP. We were a little concerned about the party bus that was chartered, but they were great and everyone had a good time. The biggest issue was drinks spilling on floor and Laura having to stand over it until it was cleaned. I hope everyone enjoyed it. I know the entrance is shady, but I hope everyone had a good time and liked the venue. If you have any questions, let me know - I think it went really well. Also, Laura and I were talking the other day and it seems to us that there is an elephant in the room between campuses when we have these meetings. There are some really big changes that are going on at our school. The changes are of some sort, we are not sure what exactly, but they will be happening and students have not been talking about it between campuses. They have been
discussing it individually at each campus, but not as a whole and we think there should be this conversation. I don’t know where, but maybe here at a meeting? There is a group in Carlisle that has been discussing the plans and we cam up with a statement about our feelings about the opposition to the current plan, even though we understand the problems the school is facing financially. I have posted it on Facebook and students have signed it and expressed interest. So, if anyone wants to talk to me or ask questions please ask me. I am open to everyone and willing to email the statement to anyone who is interested or does not have Facebook. I hope that we can, at some point, open up the discussion so that we can understand were everyone is coming from and be unified.

Laura: Does anyone have anything compelling to say now? If not, I would like to put this on the agenda for the next meeting so we can hear from students, so we can explain the rationale and be able to ask questions without the administration. It would be an official time for students to discuss it amongst ourselves.

Matt B.: For the most part, from talking to people, they are thinking rationally and want the same things, they just see different ways to get there. Many of us have seen the Facebook group and have seen comments that are making petty personal attacks. It’s only a few students, but it only takes a few to get everyone riled up. One thing I think would be great would be for the SBA, as a whole, to draft a statement for the student body to remind them to be respectful and not get down to petty student attacks. We don’t need to be fighting amongst ourselves, nevermind the administration.

Laura: Thank you, Matt. I think that’s a good point: we all want the same goals, we all want to be proud of our school and where we came from. I’ll put it on the next agenda and I think we can go from there and make a statement saying how we want the same things and to be respectful and that attacks are not going to get us there.

Matt B.: Can I suggest an ad hoc committee?

Laura: I’ll think about it and we can decide at the next meeting.

Matt R.: As a 1L, and I think I speak for other 1Ls, we don’t have any idea really of what the plan is and what’s being discussed. Can we get an idea of what’s going on, so I can rely it to other 1Ls, so we can talk about it at the meeting?

Anna: The current plan that is referred to in the statement concerns moving all of the 1Ls to UP so there will be no 1L class in Carlisle starting next year and that this would not end the JD program in Carlisle because people would want to transfer here for their 2 and 3L years, but we’re skeptical. There are rumors of others, but that’s the main one.

Laura: Thanks, Anna. If anyone has any questions, please contact me, Jason or Anna because we’ve talked with the Deans at the Deans meetings and if we can’t answer you, we will direct to the Deans.
Jason: Parking will be opened up soon and it will be open to all. Its closer to the grad school building than to ours, but it will be available. We are just waiting to hear when we can start, but it looks good. The crosswalk, there were plans, but its on hold now because it wasn’t an official crosswalk. They are recommending that you cross at Bigler and park there now because the crosswalk is a PennDOT issue now and has to go to Harrisburg, so it will take a while to get resolved because of the accident. Also, a concern was brought up to me about planning events outside of the law school. Please make sure the events are ADA accessible. There is a student here that is upset that there are events that he cannot attend, so please make sure all events are accessible to everyone. To the class of 2014 and 2015, the New York bar has granted us the waiver, so we can take as many AV classes as we want now. So, we don’t have to worry about that. The class of 2014 scheduling is tonight, so be there at 12:01. I know there have been complaints about class offerings, slim picking and stuff. I will bring this up at the next Deans meeting. Also, I know barristers was great and we didn’t have any incidents, but just a reminder: professional conduct at the upcoming Halloween parties still apply. You can drink and have fun, but keep in mind, don’t get us kicked out!

Laura: Don’t be stupid at the Halloween parties.

c. Treasurer (5 minutes)

Andrew: Like always, I’ll keep it short. I just got all of the barristers receipts back today and added to them to the budget and we recapped over $1200, so that’s good. I’m glad we approved the supplemental request. As of now we have a little over $6300 in our reserve. We did just approve some requests for the new Ag Law Society and another one that’s not on the excel sheet yet, so that it where we are.

d. PSU Senator (5 minutes)

Joe: There was a senator caucus meeting on October 16. For the library and IT committee - they were not exciting, and were highly technical and I didn’t really understand, or care about, or effected the law school in any way, so it was a waste of an hour and a half. At the caucus I brought up the crosswalk, but its irrelevant now, so again complete waste of my time, but I think that there should be something there to be safe. I brought it up so they said they would bring it up. At the Senate meeting, they brought up Freeh report, like always. The senate drafted a counter argument to the NCAA and wanted to submit it to NCAA and to the press. It was strongly worded and I voted against it because it served no purpose and didn’t make the school look better. I thought it was inappropriate. It was voted down by an 85% majority, so my vote didn’t really matter. Then we voted on another report and then there was an amendment proposed by the chair. 83% majority voted down the other report and chair statement was voted down by small margin. Again if you have any issues, I will always remain your humble tool, so use me.

Laura: I don’t see a problem continuing to bring up the crosswalk.

e. ABA Rep Report (5 minutes)
Wanika: Please sign up for ABA membership. I will have the list soon and will start calling people out next time. Also, on Monday I’ll be tabling in Carlisle so be there. I was in New York for the circuit meeting the other week and it went really well. We talked about circuit events coming up and it went really great. Also, for those of you on law review who wrote something and didn’t get published, please submit comments to ABA law editor. She wants to publish them and no one sends in stuff for the writing competitions. So, please go on website under the law student division because Penn State never submits anything, so please do it.

V. Adjourn

Jason: Motion to adjourn.
Andrew: Second.

No opposition in UP.
No opposition in Carlisle.