Student Bar Association
General Body Meeting
October 6, 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- Excused Late
      vii. Robert Oberly
      viii. Adam Britcher- Late
      ix. Jonathan Sheehan
      x. Isai Cortez-Absent
      xi. Matt Vodzak
      xii. Valerie Eifert
      xiii. Yasmine Taeb
      xiv. Ashley Ferguson-Excused Late
      xv. Corey-Scott Smith
      xvi. Kirk Vroman
      xvii. Vlad Korolov--Absent
      xviii. Ian King- Late
      xix. Richard Bradbury- Excused Late
      xx. Kevin Hayes-Absent
      xxi. Kai Kaapro
      xxii. Robyn McAllen
      xxiii. Kevin Messett
      xxiv. Zach Brecheisen
      xxv. Michael Haynes-Absent
      xxvi. We have Quorum
   b. Minutes Approval
      i. No Objection
      ii. Minutes Approved

II. Public Comment (10 min.)
   a. Matt Lachman (Undergrad)- I’m a senior. Director for undergrad mock trial. We are holding a competition. Penn state has the largest undergrad mock trial. October 24th and 25th. We are looking for judges. We are looking for some from the law school. We provide breakfast and lunch. You will be judging along side lawyers from Dickinson and elsewhere. Good networking event. We have sign up sheets for those interested. Let your friends know.
   b. Kelly: Any questions.
c. Kirk: any requirements?
d. Matt: Any law students can judge. Presiding judge: please take evidence. Other judges only need to be law students.
e. Kirk: any footballs games?
f. Matt: It's an away game.
g. Robbie: What time is the event?
h. Matt: 1st round on Saturday is 9am, Sunday is 9am. You can judge anywhere from 1-4 rounds.
i. Valerie: What time is the second round?
j. Matt: 1pm. No set dress code. But the participants will be dressed up.
k. Kelly: If you are judging you should dress up.
l. Matt: I'll pass out a sheet here, but mwl5054@psu.edu is my email if anyone is interested. People in Carlisle you can send me an email if you’re interested. Name, email and phone and I'll find out when you are available.
m. Kelly: If you're interested email me, or if you’re in University park sign up here. How many do you think you'll need.
n. Matt: 20 for each round so about 60, but usually 30-40 if people work different shifts.
o. Kelly: Ok thanks. Anything else.
p. Corey-Scott: I would like to talk about the website. The second is about barristers. The third is would people would supplement fees for the YMCA, since we don’t have a facility. Are we going to talk about the website and barristers?
q. Kelly: We will be talking about that and the gym issue…
r. Robbie: The Dickinson gym is available to students for…
s. Kelly: Any other public comment?
t. Robyn: I had a student request speakers to be recorded.
u. Kenny: Speakers have to approve it. The don’t ask don’t tell event is on Outlaw’s website and possibly the Federalist Society’s site.
v. Robyn: do they generally ask speakers prior to events?
w. Kenny: It is prompted every time.
x. Kelly: Anyone else?
y. Mark: Question about graduation. Did Sue get a hold of any of the hotels here?
z. Kelly: Adam would you like to speak about this?
aa. Adam: Dean Elkin suggests going through the chamber of commerce and that’s the only avenue he gave us.
bb. Kelly: we didn’t know ahead of time that we would be graduating the same time as the Penn State graduation. The Monday after commencement, Penn State blocks out hotels here. I suggested we don’t graduate at the same time. The university is trying to be on the exact same schedule, though.
c. Mark: the chamber of commerce’s website is not up to date. If we’re from out of state we got screwed. We have a banquet here, and our parents want to be here. I think it’s unacceptable. The school needs to make
amends with the students. They knew this in advance they should have
told the students. Something has to happen.
dd. Kelly: I brought it up in the meeting. They stuck to the chamber of
commerce. At this point it’s beyond their control. They can’t unbook the
rooms. There is a new hotel being built. Sue has a call in and emailed
them and I’m not sure if she’s heard. It’s not open yet but it should be by
graduation. She is prepared for last year to let people know ahead for next
year. I sympathize with you, and it’s something that’s beyond their control
and they can apologize over and over again, but it is over the control.
ee. Matt: Motion to extend time by 5 minutes.
ff. Kenny: Second
gg. Motion passes without opposition.
hh. Matt: I want to go with what Mark said, who made the decision and did we
get an official apology?
ii. Kelly: no we did not. It was first discussed recently. I don’t think student
services was aware. We have to graduate on a meeting not the same time
as Dickinson college. I'll bring it up to them again. And let them know that
there are a lot of students are upset.
jj. Kent: I was looking at the commencement ceremony website for the
undergrads. Not that this downplays what you're saying, I think they
should apologized, but all the information they have is that Centre County,
they don't announce undergraduate commencement dates more than a
year in advance. Did we announce our commencement before they did?
kk. Kelly: The commencement for next year is not set yet. The other thing is a
bunch of different colleges graduate the same time. It always works. But
we try to avoid that, but being in Carlisle is different. That was a majority of
the meeting.
ll. Mark: They didn’t send the email till last week. Why are we having a
banquet up here? Why can’t the school say, we'll pay prorated rooms for
students here?
mm. Kelly: Other option is since hotels will be available in Carlisle, and
we can try to have a bigger reception there. They want to have one here
as an option here that house their parents at their place or have parents
near by. Small reception in Carlisle after graduation. They’re going to get
responses from students so they can plan accordingly.
nn. Kelly: we’re out of time.
oo. Ian: Motion to extend time by 5 minutes.
pp. Robbie: Second
qq. No opposition.
rr. Ian: Aside from the apology, is there any assurance that it will not be a
problem next year?
ss. Kelly: Now they’re aware of it. They weren’t planning on the problem. They
are aware it’s an issue and they’re making steps to correct it.
tt. Valerie: An option we can have, is to draft a resolution that this behavior
isn’t acceptable.
uu. Mark: I don’t think that there’s anything to do, other than a solution. We can send a letter as the student body, to make people aware of it.

vv. Kelly: anything else?

ww. Kent: I really don’t think that the administration will pay attention to a resolution.

III. Race Judicata Committee Update (5 min.)

a. Dave Rasmussen:
   i. PILF is on board. The race chair for PILF is going to spearhead the effort to get donations. We already got a couple but not a lot. We distributed Ads. Someone asked about the registration page. It doesn’t work now. I updated fliers. We’re not sure what we can do about the registration online.
   ii. Kelly: did you contact Matt Gardner?
   iii. Dave: I will talk to them tomorrow. I went to the link it doesn’t work.
   iv. Kelly: Yeah see if they can redirect the site. Tell them it’s urgent.
   v. Dave: Positive side is the new URL is easier to remember. We’re going to start putting signs around town.
   vi. Race day logistics: all set. We need volunteers. If we can get 15, we’ll be set. That’s a high number. If we put one on ever corner, it’ll be 11. We have 5 commitments from the PILF e-board.
   vii. Awards
   viii. Rapid transit will be giving $75 gift cards to winners.
   ix. Ian: When is the last date to sign up?
   x. Dave: 10 minutes before the race.
   xi. Kelly: I suggest people support the race in any way even if you’re not running. It’s the first time it’s been up here. Dave has worked hard. Since Race Judicata is a SBA committee.
   xii. Mark: Can we run in costumes?
   xiii. Dave: Yes, it is encouraged. Even if you don’t want to run, still come out and support please.
   xiv. Kelly: Any other questions?
   xv. Kelly: Contact him to volunteer.

IV. Admissions Committee Update (5 min.)

a. Stephanie Hill: Thursday October 15th: Penn State Law fair. I needed 4 volunteers for tours to people from other law schools at 2:15pm. I need at least 2 more, because this has to be a really good tour. The dress is business casual.

b. Kelly: Any questions?

c. Mark: What day of the week is that?

d. Stephanie: Thursday.

e. Kelly: Any other questions?

f. None.

V. Social Committee Update (5 min.)

a. Jen Pear: Barrister’s was last Saturday. Few minor incidents. I talked to Mark for recapture. Budget was allocated for people based on last year. This year we had a lot more people. Recapture will be relatively small.
b. Next we have a mixer with the masters of health administration this Thursday at the Shandygaff. Tickets were distributed and will be distributed. They are free. We aren't paying anything.
c. Halloween party: UP: Shandygaff. Rich and Rachel are working on costume party. I would like the SBA reps to sell tickets. Miller light bottles and drafts are included in the specials. They're decorating and providing a DJ. Private Party.
d. Graduate student mixer: Mark Garvey and John Sampogna are working on
e. Don’t have full info on Carlisle Halloween party yet.
f. Kelly: any questions?
g. Corey-Scott: I was asked to bring this comment to the SBA. I was emailed by two students from UP they wanted me to talk to SBA and see if there can be a different allocation of funds rather than going to Barristers? They suggested different events, educational. I was just asked to bring that comment to see if the SBA as a whole wanted to comment.
h. Ian: are we mandated to have a major event a semester?
i. Kelly: no mandate. Most law schools have 1 major social event a year. We have 2, because we have 2 campuses.
j. Richard Bradbury: could you be more specific what the gripe is?
k. Corey-Scott: the beef is if no one wants to go to these things, why are we holding it? They don't agree with the money being spent on the events. I asked them if they’ve participated in any events, and they haven't from what I gathered.
l. Kelly: did you let them know this was the highest attended event in my time here, the past 3 years. The large social events are available to all students and their families and friends. It's the most highly attended events we have. We pushed it harder this year. We had twice as many at barristers than at spring soiree last year. It’s hard for me to see the concrete complaint because I feel that they're in the minority.
m. Corey-Scott: I was just asked to bring it up. I thought barrister’s was a success.

n. Kelly: And I respect you bringing up student concerns. We are out of time.
o. Kenny: Motion to extend time.
q. No opposition.
r. Kenny: My only thing is if people want more educational events, we are more than willing through speaker’s trust to fund. Educational events are typically less attended. If there is anything they want to do they can present to an organization or the SBA as a whole. We can try to accommodate them.
s. Mark: We didn’t overfund, we underfunded Barristers. Student ticket sales paid for more than half of Barristers. We can’t make everyone happy.
t. Kirk: How do I get the word out that I would be more than happy to field complaints from UP?
u. Kenny: there will be office hours soon. The schedule has been made. It will be sent out soon. After everyone approves the time, we will start those up next week.

v. Jen: Corey-Scott, you can email me with concerns about the Social events. The place we really struggled was Carlisle. If you respond to the University Park students and let them know there was a strong participation at this campus. I’m more than happy to answer any questions.

w. Kelly: Any more questions?

VI. Committee Appointments (5 min.)

Admissions Committee Kevin Hayes

Alumni Relations Ben Pollock Aboye Jinkiri

Christina Heischmidt Tara Dittamo

Julia Rabich Lisa Pex Madison Cassels

David Kelch

Zachary Brecheisen Kirk Vroman

Sara Bussiere Matt Charles Bryan O'Keefe Daniel Reeder

Enrico McCleary

Stacie Hunhoff

Sara Hudder

Robyn McAllen

Financial Kai Kaapro

Orientation Kai Kaapro Robyn McAllen

Kevin Messett
a. Motion to appoint people to the respective committees.
d. Kelly: discussion?
e. Robbie: Will Rachel send the names to the committee chairs?
f. Kelly: Yes.
g. Motion Passes without opposition

VII. Executive Council Reports
a. President’s Report (5 min.)
i. We brought up the supplements that were mentioned at the last meetings. They’re looking at what’s at the library, and we told them we need the emanuels outlines and the questions and answers. Dean LaMont will let us know what they need.
ii. Doors locking: solution will be in effect next week.
iii. Dean Elkin had a meeting with an undergrad rep. There will be a new avenue to access funding to our student activity fees. He will have details for next weekend. We will get representation on the student activity board.
iv. Thanks to Jen for Barristers and the Carlisle reps for selling tickets.
v. As far as the website, we have talked about a substantial complain about the lack of Carlisle on it. They will be taking pictures down there. They are aware of the lack of Carlisle campus. They will be highlighting the benefits of the Carlisle campus. We will be bringing
vi. Ian: There is no longer an intranet link at the top of the page. I had a hard time finding it. If they could put it on the main page.
vii. Robbie: and elion.
viii. Mark: sometimes the information tab for current students doesn’t work. You have to search through the google thing.
ix. Kelly: we brought up the lack of the e-lion link. They’re trying to cutback on the things on the main page. There were over 10,000 pages. They were trying to cut back clutter. I will bring both of those up.
x. Kent: I like that they took down the intranet link but not the ‘make a gift’ link.
b. Vice-Presidents’ Report (10 min.)
i. Kenny Donnelly:
   1. Finance committee:
      a. Corey-Scott: We talked about issues we sent to Michelle. We made a game plan to deal with issues. Michelle will email Kelly that it should go to another department. Meeting before Thanksgiving. We will decide a way to present info to SBA then to the students so they know what’s going on with their bar loans and the avenues to take.
      ii. Kent Lloyd:
1. Update from alumni relations: they had a telephone conference meeting with Amber and Dyanna and talked about different events. Alumni reunion weekend in Carlisle OP23rd and 24th. Golf outing.
   a. November 5th: Wine and Cheese event in UP.
   b. Wine and cheese event in spring in Carlisle.
   c. Tours for both campuses.
   d. April 16th dedication for Carlisle building.
   e. Best way to get involved with alumni events is to come.

2. IM sports are going great.

iii. Happy Birthday Kenny.
   1. Kenny: Lucky for me, black don’t crack and I still look young.

c. ABA Representative’s Report (5 min.)
   i. Robbie: Membership drive was a huge success. We had a lot more applicants. We have selected and notified the winners and gave gift certificates.
      1. Business dress drive
      2. Food bank
      3. We’ve been mentioned in every email to every ABA rep.
      4. The 1Ls are still eligible for 3 year memberships every year.

d. PSU Senator’s Report (5 min.)
   i. University financial situation leading to possible tuition increases for all programs.
      1. Lack of state funding due to extreme delay in state budget passage.
      2. Very small university endowment—around 2 billion or less.
         a. Contrast with Harvard’s former 30 or so billion endowment.
      3. This forces university to lean heavily on tuition for its survival.
         a. Undergrads especially.
         b. This compromises the mission of a state land-grant university, which it to provide access to higher education (presumably affordable).
   ii. Implementation of new software program upon university computer systems.
      1. Most likely to impact university-owned computers.
      2. New software implemented to:
         a. Make software updates more efficient.
         b. Make computers more energy efficient.
      3. No big problems anticipated; however, in my experience, new software rollouts tend to be accompanied by minor hiccups.
   iii. Energy savings.
1. Turn off lights, let computers sleep, etc.
2. New energy saving initiative expected to save university much money.
3. Saving university money may help to control the cost of tuition.

e. Treasurer's Report (5 min.)
   i. Mark: I have some good news. It looks like we are not cutting Soiree because we Barrister’s did well. The administration gave us an extra $5000, and we had $3000 extra. Let students know we will be reconsider requests. No general body meeting food at least to the end of the semester.
   ii. Richard Bradbury: Why are we getting money, and will we be going everything again?
   iii. Kelly: We didn’t have a budget cut to begin with. Dean Elkin said it was due to having fewer students this year, which accounts for $1000. The other $5000 was on hold. We asked for the money that was on hold. So we got the money.
   iv. Mark: What I meant for reviewing things. We didn’t fund movies or networking events. For things we didn’t fund or didn’t fund in full. We can ask them to submit re-allocation events. If it’s for over $500 it’s going to come to the SBA. We will review them in Budget committee meetings. The Women’s law caucus got increased funds for an event they had with the career services.
   v. We’re going to get $1000 back from Barristers.
   vi. Kelly: any questions?
   vii. Robbie: does that mean we have $9000?
   viii. Kelly: yes, once we recapture.
   x. Matt: I motion to adjourn.
   xi. Kent: Second.
   xii. Passes without opposition.

VIII. Adjourn