Student Bar Association General Body Meeting
Wednesday, September 12, 2012  8:30 pm

114 Katz Hall, Carlisle/ 114 Katz Building, University Park

Agenda

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

Laura: We have quorum, so we can move to approve last week’s minutes.

Andrew: Motion to approve.

Matt B.: Second

No discussion.

No opposition in Carlisle.

No opposition in UP.

Laura: Fantastic! I would like to begin by welcoming and congratulating our new 1L reps. They sounded great at the forum last week and I look forward to working with them. I think we will have a great group this year. Now I’m going to give the floor to Joe, who is going to give a presentation on proper parliamentary procedure.

Joe: I’m going to warn you now, its not fancy - I’m not artistic. There’s one thing not on the slideshow that Laura wanted me to address: primarily, there is no side conversations in parliamentary procedure - no whispering and no talking without being recognized by the chair. Laura wanted me to mention that, so don’t do it (like I was just doing). Ok. So, there are six steps to most motions: STEP 1. Someone States the Motion. STEP 2. Another Person Seconds the Motion. STEP 3. Chair Restates the Motion. The presiding officer may help Rephrase the motion. STEP 4. Discuss the Motion. A few exceptions apply here, like the Motion to Adjoin. STEP 5. Vote on the Motion. Next, there are four actions we will be making in respect to motions during debate: (1) Move to Lay the question on the table (table until next meeting). This requires a Second, there’s no debate, and it passes with a majority vote. (2) I move the previous question (Closes debate and puts the motion to a vote before time period expires). This requires a Second, there’s no debate, and it passes with a 2/3 Vote. (3) I move to extend time by ______ (recommend increments of 5 minutes). This requires Second, there’s no debate and its passes with a majority vote. (4) I move to amend the motion by _____. (striking this word, adding, etc.) This requires a Second, there is debate, it passes with a majority vote, it can be amended and cannot discuss and vote on the original motion until we vote on the amendment. There are three ways to amend a motion: (1) Move to Amend by Inserting words or paragraphs. Example: I move to Amend by Inserting the phrase "not to exceed $50 dollars" at the end of the motion. (2) Move to Amend by Striking out (not deleting) words or paragraphs. Example: move to Amend
by striking out the word "new." (3) You can Move to Amend by Striking out and Inserting words or paragraphs. Finally, time limits: The time line in the meeting agenda will be closely followed. In the event that time is running out, you make a motion extending time. It is recommended that you ask the chair for time in five minute increments. Questions?

Andrew: Can you email this out?

Joe: Yeah, definitely. There’s also a handy-dandy chart that I can send out about other procedures that we probably won’t do here.

Andrew: I think it would be helpful for the new people especially.

Joe: Yeah.

Laura: Any other questions for Joe? No. OK. Thank you very much, Joe. I think that will be helpful going forward.

II. 1L Class Representative Appointment (10 minutes)

Laura: So, now that we know how to make motions going forward, we will move to nominate the 1L class representative in Carlisle. Since no one ran for this position in Carlisle, as you all know, it’s my prerogative to nominate someone to fill that position. I am nominating John Higgins, since he received a number of write-on votes and I have talked to him and he is willing to accept. I think he will be a great addition!

Cody: Motion to approve John’s nomination.

Sean: Second.

Jason: Can we ask John questions?

Laura: Yes, go ahead.

Jason: Can you just briefly tell us why you want to be 1L representative?

John: I think it’s important to see that Carlisle gets represented. I don’t know what my classes concerns are yet and I don’t really know my class yet, but I think it’s important for them to be represented and I want to get to know them and represent them.

Laura: Any other questions? No. We’ll put it to a vote.

No opposition in UP.

No opposition in Carlisle.

Laura: Motion passes. Welcome John! We are excited to work with you.

John: Thank you.
Laura: Now you’re an official SBA member and can vote on everything else. Next we’ll move on to public comment. The general rule for public comment is that it is for non-SBA members to make comments they must do it during public comment. Only SBA members can make comments when we discuss motions, but since it looks like everyone here is SBA, we’ll just move on.

III. Public Comment (15 minutes)

Cody: Jason, what is happening with extending the hours of the cafe? I have an 8 am class and it would be nice to not have to leave class to get coffee because it doesn’t open until after class. Even if it just opened a little earlier, like 7:45, that would be nicer. So, if we can talk to them, it would be nice.

Laura: This was brought up at last meeting and we did talk to the Deans about it. The issue we are coming to is when we had the cafe survey last year, students expressed that they wanted the cafe to stay open later so they could get stuff after 2:30 classes. We took that to the cafe and they said either they would stay open a half hour later or stay open a half hour earlier, but not both. So, we decided to have the cafe stay open later and now we’re hearing complaints about it not being open in morning. So, the next step is we are going to look at sales differentials in the morning half hour compared to afternoon half hour. After we do that, we will go back to campus catering and figure out why we cannot extend hours. Dean McConnaughay is on board with extending hours, so we are in the works of planning a meeting with the cafe right now and I’ll let you all know.

Anna: A few things that people brought to attention. First, the library: someone mentioned that they would like there not to be public access to library during study break and finals. Second, the library study rooms - if a room is occupied and someone else wants it, they can go downstairs to make reservation for that specific time and kick out the person already in by saying they have a reservation, so we would like to make a rule that says you have to make a reservation ahead of time. Finally, someone asked if we could get caffeine free soda or drinks of some kind in the vending machines.

Laura: As far as no public access in the library during reading week and finals - the issue is that we are a public building and are open during normal business hours. We will definitely make sure that the building is secure after hours. The issue is undergrads coming in, I’m not sure if it’s the same in Carlisle, but probably. Study rooms - I know you can only reserve study rooms in UP if there is more than 1 person planning on using the room-

Anna: Sorry, I was not clear. Here, there would be a group that is in a room and another group wants it, so the other group would make a reservation and kick the first group out.

Laura: Why wouldn’t that group just make a reservation in the first place?

Anna: Most people don’t use the reservation system, they just go and find an empty room, but some people figured out they could bend the system to kick people out if they wanted a room that was occupied.
Laura: We’ll look into it - I’ll look into the library to see what the actual policy is. As far as caffeine free soda, there are other options - water is caffeine free. But I can see if there is room for something else besides water, I know there is an issue with stock here in UP - diet Mountain Dew seems to always be running out, don’t ask me why it’s so popular - but perhaps we can get some caffeine free options - I’ll definitely look into this.

Kyle: I know we have a lot of new people here, so we need to explain the parking situation because I’m not sure if they know how it works here.

Jason: OK, the issue with parking - the Deans are sure now where 1Ls actually cross the street, so we are making progress with this. They are looking for a new lot for students to park and that may be happening soon. Until then, we have to look where students walk and see what can be done about that.

Kyle: Where would the new parking lot be?

Jason: By the softball field.

L: I think it’s called lot 82. The problem is that no other building on campus has reserved parking like the law school. This is the only lot on campus where they have given out more permits than there are spots. This year we got 30 more. So, with regard to 2Ls and 3Ls, all those who requested parking received it either in the Katz Lot or in the East Deck, so then the issue is still that 1Ls are parking all the way down the street. They are working on getting it closer and making another cross walk to make it safer. We are doing something to try and deal with issue.

Jason: The issue is next year, the 1Ls will still complain. It’s an issue with every class - I haven’t heard any 2Ls say anything about it this year.

Laura: I imagine that Carlisle is getting sick of parking issues in UP, so hopefully this is it and we will resolve the issue.

Jordan J.: To reiterate what Laura said, we all did it as 1Ls. It’s kind of a right of passage, but every other graduate student has to park a ways away and walk, so in the grand scheme of things we are lucky.

Sean: Please excuse me for my lack of knowledge, but this is an issue for all classes. There is some uncertainty for securing federal loans in this economy and we are so close to Washington DC, so I was wondering, does SBA have some sort of government relations committee, maybe as part of the community relations committee, or a lobbying presence at all? If not, I think it’s something we should look into.

Laura: We don’t, but it’s a good point, especially with the growing concerns about loans, both as budding lawyers and as students. We can definitely look into what other law schools do. I’m on a SBA president listserv and can find out if other schools have committees like this and, if so, we can build off of what they do. I’ll look into that. Anyone else? No. OK - moving on to committee nominations.

IV. Committee Member Appointments (5 minutes)
Laura: There are a lot, so I would like to do this in omnibus fashion like last week. These are all students who have emailed me with interest or signed up at the organization fairs, so they are all interested and I think they will do a great job.

NOMINATIONS:

**Academic Committee**
- Ben Haight
- Jun Wang
- Meghal Shah
- Sean Miller
- Whitney Kulp

**Admissions**
- Crystal Craig
- Doyinsola Aribo
- Garrett Lent
- Jared Keuhnert
- Kara Stoley
- Matthew Bodnar
- Nora Ciancio
- Sean Richards
- Spencer McDuff
- Teleicia Rose
- Vicki Thorsen

**Alumni Relations**
- Adam Martin
- Brian Brodeur
- Crystal Craig
- Dominique Walker
- Joy Simpson
- Marcy McLaughlin
- Nora Ciancio

**Budget**
- Bryan Li

**Community Relations**
- Alaina Dickins
- Crystal Craig
- Douglas Vanston
- Jeffrey Gdovin
- Kathryn Modeer
- Kyle Whiteman
Matthew Bodnar
Meghal Shah
Sean Richards
Vicki Thorsen
Sarah Woolf – Relay for Life Sub-Chair
Carrie Babiasz – Thon Sub-Co-Chair
Kara Stoley – Thon Sub-Co-Chair
Megan Janowaik – Thon Sub-Co-Chair

Diversity
Carolyn Brown
Erin Hayes
Joy Simpson
Nicole Suissa
Rachel Keung
Rebecca Buckleystein
Kimberly Nicole John

Graduation
Matt Hollingsworth

IM Sports
Adam Martin
Brian Brodeur
Chris McCabe

Inter-school Relations
Hunter Schenck
Marika Merritt

Mock Trial
Adam Segal
Brandon Merritt
Cody Graham
Douglas Vanston
Dylan Woods
Evelyn Miller
Jared Kephart
Kevin Babeu
Kyle Fleming
Kyle Peasley
Meghal Shah
Mita Shewakramani

Orientation
Jeffrey Gdovin
Jason: Motion to approve in omnibus fashion.

Joe: Second.

No discussion.

No opposition in Carlisle.

No opposition in UP.

Laura: Fantastic! We welcome all of the new committee members and the chairs will be in touch with them soon. Moving on to the budget approval.

**VI. Budget Approval (20 minutes)**

Laura: Andrew emailed out the budget to everyone and invited everyone to come and raise any concerns. I don’t see anyone here to do that though. I know the budget committee worked hard to make this budget as fair as they could with the limited funding that they had. I would like to move to approve the budget in omnibus fashion.

Shandra: Motion to approve the 2012-2013 budget in omnibus fashion.

Jordan F.: Second.
Andrew: OK, so, as I think all of you know, I had a budget presentation at end of August and gave all the student organizations 7 days to organize their budget requests and get all of their requests in. I got everything in on time and made an excel sheet, which will be available online after approval. The committee of five people met last Friday for 9 hours to discuss how to do the budget, what we have for allocations, general rules and how to allow for supplemental requests as we go. We ended up with $6,100 in reserve and we deducted both welcome back events. I think that’s it and like I said it’ll be available online and it will be publicly available for everyone to view. Any questions please ask me now.

Laura: A point of clarification, the reserve will fluctuate both as the budget committee approves supplemental requests and as it recaptures money from student groups that do not use all of their allocation, so it will both go up and down. That will be reflected in real time, or as close as Andrew can update it, on the budget online.

Andrew: The reason we kept the reserve so high is because we had the problems with the dances last year. We ended up spending thousands more than we anticipated, so we wanted to avoid any close calls again this year and we wanted to make sure we have enough for senior picnics.

Anna: Hi everyone. So, we did have problems with Spring Soiree last year and, as Vice President, I’m overseeing the social committee as one of my committees, so being cognizant of that this year, we had some issues with planning for Barristers this year. We started planning in July because Barrister’s is close to the beginning of the year, so we had to start planning early. We got contracts signed already and everything. It’s a big event, especially for 1Ls. It’s a great social event and one of the only truly intercampus events. We usually send a large number from Carlisle up to UP and so we hope to get good turn out this year. That being said, the social committee was able to precisely account for budget this year of $8500 and we can make up $3000 in ticket sales and that is overall less than last year. However, we only got allocated $6000 this year, which is way less and we can’t figure out why. So, I would like to amend the budget to add $1300 to the social committee’s Barrister’s budget.

Laura: May I ask where you think this money should come from?

Anna: Well, I mean, that can be up to all of us to decide. There’s a large reserve - larger than in past years - and I understand the concerns about the dances and this is a dance, but we learned a lot from last year. So, we could take from the reserve or do a line item.

Laura: I propose that we increase the ticket price from $15 to $20. We are estimating about 200 people attending and that would bring in more money, but it seems like people don’t want that, so can I just see a show of hand - would anyone not go if the tickets were $20 instead of $15? Please be honest.

Erin: If I were not on SBA and not friends with people planning, I wouldn’t go. I think it’s a skewed sample, but if I were not on SBA and felt obliged to go, it probably would deter me.

Laura: If we do have 200 people attend at $20 a ticket, that’s an additional $1,000, but if others are adamantly against it, maybe it’s not a good idea.
Anna: I did ask a lot of people and got half no’s and half yes’s, but I’m concerned that if we raise the price and don’t get 200 people, then we’ll be in a worse place or in the same place as last year and have to submit a supplemental budget request.

Laura: Any other ideas where the money can come from?

Jordan F.: Anna, did you submit budget the proposal?

Anna: No, the social committee chairs did. I was chair last year, so I helped them, but just a little.

Jordan F.: Did they tell the budget committee they had these obligations?

Anna: I don’t know. I think it was clear though that we have to rent these things - a venue, the caterer, the DJ - I’m not sure, but I think it’s obvious.

Jordan F.: I was on budget committee and I don’t recall that there were contracts for certain amounts submitted with their request, so to spring this on us now is not very fair.

Andrew: I know the contracts are not actually signed yet. I just emailed Holly Parrish about it to get clarification. The event space is correct; it’s about $2000. I believe we looked at last year’s budget and we recaptured over $1100 because last year didn’t cost as much.

Anna: We do face smaller attendance in Carlisle because the campus is smaller and we have a cap at 200 attendees at this venue and we chose it because the attendance is usually lower down here.

Andrew: I was not aware of this and I don’t think the budget committee knew either. I think that this is a big deal and something that should be addressed.

Anna: We picked a smaller venue because of low attendance at spring and it’s in Carlisle to cut costs on transportation. We had 180 last spring so I don’t think we’ll have an issue with hitting that this year.

Jordan J.: Do you have a breakdown of the budget?

Anna: Yes.

**BARRISTER’S BUDGET**

Ribbon Mill: $2000 ($1500 if security deposit is returned)

Catering/Bartender’s/Cash Bar/Linens (Alibi’s): approximately $4,850

DJ: $600

Buses: $1000 - $2000 (depending on number of students from UP)

Decorations: $150
Rentals: Tables/Chairs - $700

Total: Approximately $10,300

SBA Funds: $6,000

Ticket Sales (200 tix @ $15): $3,000

Total = $9,000

Difference: (-$1,300)

Missy: One comment about the concern over attendance: I feel like in the beginning of the year people are way more eager to attend. I know my 1L year it was in Carlisle and, like, everyone went, so maybe it’s a beginning of the year issue. Maybe in the spring people aren’t as willing to travel? I know last year soiree was on the same day as the MPRE and St. Patrick’s Day and people had other plans. As far as ticket price, I don’t think people care that much. I know other schools charge like $40 to $60, so I don’t think a $5 increase is that big of a deal, especially since 1Ls won’t know how it used to be.

Anna: We had a hard time finding a date last year and we are expecting UP attendance to be up for all those reasons listed. We have more people and Carlisle is smaller than in past years, so even if all of Carlisle attends, we’ll still have plenty of room for UP attendees. I think we’ll have a good turn out and I didn’t realize that other schools charge that much, but I think our school culture has always been $10-$15 range.

Matt B.: I think we’re missing the forest for the trees here. As far as the budget, we can take money away from other organizations (and I was on the budget committee, so I know we judiciously and conservatively gave money to all groups, there was no waste here), so we can take away money from other groups, or give the social committee a supplemental allocation, which I think is the better choice. We can debate on the amount, but I think we should table it as a supplemental allocation and save it for a later discussion.

Andrew: I agree with you. I think we were conservative with what we gave to keep reserve high. So, the other thing is, I did not get the breakdown. I received a standard budget request form and we didn’t know what that meant. There was a line for the venue and for food, and what is this about alcohol? Is there liquor that we are not paying for? Or soda?

Anna: We are not paying for alcohol. This is something that we talked about after the budget came out and we talked to Holly to see where we could cut things. We could put UP attendees on school buses, because they are cheaper, but I don’t think that you want that. The breakdown is something you didn’t get and I’m sorry.

Andrew: We didn’t get this, so that’s why your funds are so low and transportation...yeah...that’s always an issue.
Anna: That’s a problem that we run into over and over and it’s a thing -

Laura: In the past, we have paid for costs outside of buses and ticket sales have paid for buses, so SBA was not technically paying for buses. OK, so I recommend we make this a supplemental budget request, but I am strongly encouraging that we raise ticket prices. Beyond that, in making supplemental requests in the future, an itemized form is the way that it should be done. Organizations should be very specific about how they’re itemizing in the future. So, I recommend that we stop talking about it now and ask the social chairs to put together a supplemental request backed up by figures and vote at next meeting on a supplemental request out of our reserve.

Anna: We, as a body, are voting on the supplemental request? Or just the budget committee?

Laura: Any supplemental request over $500 needs to be voted on by SBA. Does that leave us enough time? We can’t have it unless we approve it. The debate can be over whether or not to raise ticket prices, but the event has to happen - it’s in by-laws of social committee - so the debate can be over that.

Brian: It seems that Carlisle wants to keep it at $15 and we want to raise it to $20, so how about we create 2 different time frames. We start sales lower for 2 weeks and raise it close to the date to create incentive to buy?

Laura: I don’t think it’s a bad idea, but I think we should save that discussion for when we debate the supplemental allocation and debate what money they will be getting. I want to make it clear that social committee will make the supplemental allocation and that will come to SBA, but we need to understand that they need to get money somehow. Barrister’s is an important event and it’s truly, like Anna said, an intercampus event, so we’ll just move to the rest of the budget.

Cody: I know we’ve done this before, but why are we giving money to fraternities like PAD and PDP? They collect dues. What do their dues do? I’m confused as to why they get any money from SBA.

Jordan J.: Both organizations have done events that have been successful in past and benefit a lot of law students. Many law students are in those groups and they did not get a lot of money, if you look at what they requested and what they got, but it’s just part of the factors of deliberation.

Carolyn: I want to know why PDP is getting funding when they reserve the right to exclude people.

Laura: Because they applied for a charter through SBA, so they able to receive funds.

Carolyn: So, they should be open to everyone I think.

Andrew: Every organization has opportunity to get funding for Fall and Spring general body meetings and we did both of those. The only other things we funded were tailgates, which had other funding and are open to all students. We did not fund any purposely private events, only those that are open, especially given that they are co-sponsored.
Laura: Any other questions? No. Motions - sorry, we already made motions, so a vote.

No opposition in UP.

No opposition in Carlisle.

Laura: So, we have a budget! Great! Student organizations can begin to start spending that money the way it was allocated. I’m going to look into the constitution and see - Anna, will you look into a timeline and see what we have to work with - and I’m going to look into the constitution to see if we can so an email vote or an emergency meeting to approve this because I understand that it’s a time sensitive event that needs to be put on. So if you can look into a timeline, we can decide how to act appropriately.

Anna: Great, because if we wait until the next meeting, it’ll only be 3 weeks away.

Laura: OK. Everyone make sure to check your emails then!

VII. Executive Council Reports

a. Presidents Report (5 minutes)

Laura: First of all, I attended the Dean’s Forum up here yesterday and I encourage everyone in Carlisle to go to the forum that is happening tomorrow. The Dean discussed the downturn in law school enrollment: 167 1L’s – they are being more selective, there are smaller classes to protect profile of entering class and to ensure that students are able to get meaningful employment after they graduate. At graduation employment is down. However, the 9 month employment rate is steady at 90% of graduates with real legal jobs. Penn State Undergrads who are lawyers who didn’t go to DSL are turning out to be very helpful, they are attending alumni events. The Dean also discussed the long-term plan for Carlisle. The decision about whether to have 1L’s only in 1 location is due in October. This is to reduce expenses and open up resources to enhance programs in Carlisle that are unique to the campus. He also discussed more housing availability to encourage movement between campuses. The Dean talked about the NY Bar. The current 3L’s are OK - they have a waiver. The fact that the NY Bar representatives are coming to visit is encouraging sign that they are interested in giving us a permanent waiver. If they do not approve, there are still plans in place to ensure that the quality of education is the same for students who want to sit for the NY Bar and that they aren’t forced to make academic decision based on this issue. The Dean talked about tuition increases, saying that there are lots of fixed costs and they hope to keep below 5% increase. The Carlisle plans will help this. He addressed a student’s concern about law school apparel. The student wanted more exciting stuff. The Dean recommended that student contact Ellen Foreman. We can also come up with some ideas as a group and present them to her.

Next, I would like to have a Temporary Constitutional Amendment Committee – we are going to be voting to approve a temporary committee at the next SBA meeting. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please e-mail me as soon as possible. It will involve amending the constitution to make some of our temporary committees standing committees, as well as adding an LLM Committee and adding LLM representation on the SBA (1L, 1 HC). We want to get this done within the next few weeks so we can get it to a vote of the student body. I will
nominate Joe Negaard at the next meeting to chair that committee as he is the Parliamentarian and the expert on the SBA Constitution.

Also, class representatives need to serve on at least 1 committee per the Constitution. If you haven’t already, please contact me about what committee you would like to join as soon as possible. Honor Code reps are automatically on the Honor Code Committee. We will need to update that on the website. That Committee is chaired by Cody Graham.

Barrister’s Ball will be on October 19 at the Ribbon Mill Carlisle. Anna will talk more about this. I expect everyone on SBA to attend.

We are coming up with an e-mail to send out to all student organization leaders and committee chairs to let everyone know how to advertise student events and what they can do. We are getting statements from the administration that students keep asking them the same questions again and again, even though most of the answers are posted on our website.

Café Changes – We already talked about these earlier.

Proposed Academic/Scheduling Information Session – We have the support of the administration on this. I am really pushing to make this happen. I have also gotten support from faculty members. The Academic Committee will begin working with the administration to plan this event soon.

Pass/Fail Classes are decided individually by the professor. So, if there is a class in particular you want to take pass/fail, you will need to discuss that with the professor.

CALI Award Distribution. This is not FERPA protected, so the Deans were not particularly worried about it, but I will still look into it if there is still concern among the students. It’s treated the same as magna cum laude and other academic distinctions, which are announced at graduation.

Carlisle Library. Dean McConnaughay is looking to put carpet in to quite the area.

I am working with the Deans on the bathroom issues that come up. Perhaps informational signs, etc. This should not be an issue, but sadly it is. So, we are working on getting signs to demonstrate how to properly flush the toilets if the automatic flush does not work.

Trash collection/smoking near building. Don’t do it! If you see someone, tell them to clean-up after themselves and make sure they dispose of cigarette butts in the receptacles. Also, there is a concern that students are leaving trash around the school. The deans said that they have heard from the maintenance staff that this is the messiest students have been. Please pick-up after yourself!
b. Vice-Presidents’ Report (10 minutes)

Anna: Alright, so I’ll start with that. Barristers is a - its essentially a law school prom. That’s the best way to describe it. There’s dinner, it’s a buffet, but it’s nice, a cash bar, people dress up - real nice outfits. For girls, most people wear cocktail dress and guys wear a shirt and tie, like a suit. I did wear a prom dress last year, so you can if you’re brave enough.

The organization fair in Carlisle went really well! We had a lot of organizations, 27 I think. We had a good turnout among the 1L class, which is good because that was our target audience.

For the community relations committee, we submitted the names to Borough Council for our student representative, they will vote and we will know soon.

The IM sports started football season last night. The 3L team, the Purring Kittens, won. Also, we sent a softball team up to UP and we did well - we won!

Finally, the technology committee: we had some new members sign up, so that’s the only change there. That’s it.

Laura: I’m glad you pointed that out about the tech committee. I would like the members to work on changing our e-mail policy e-mail that we send out to students to make it new and fresh so people will actually read it? I’m excited that that might happen.

Jason: The organization fair here was a great success. 36 organizations come out, which included 5 professional organizations. It was a great event with a lot of 1L participation and a lot of people signing up for committees and lots of group recruitment.

Like I said earlier, the Deans are now aware of where students cross the street to get to the school and so they are looking into getting the crosswalk repainted and students will have a safe place to cross.

Cafe hours: we are trying to get them extended rather than shifted like last time, but that is most likely taking place next semester. The Deans are on our side, so we’re going to war with cafe.

The 1L election had great participation and the candidates’ forum went well. There were lots of people who showed up to watch. We did run long and I was charitable on letting them go over time, so we should probably have a time cap next time. We welcome our new reps!

We are working with the Deans on putting together information on mental health resources available at the law school so that students who need those services know where to go, and feel comfortable doing it.

People are complaining about having to pay 50 cents at the cafe for water. That it true unless you bring your own cup or go to fountain because the cafe charges for the cup.

The parking is being worked on.
Also, CPDO is still going to have small group meetings and tabling about once a week, so stop by and find out what great resources they have. They will also be working more closely with LLMs. Finally, there is alumni weekend coming up soon.

Brian: Where is the crosswalk going to be? And can we get Styrofoam recycle bins back?

Jason: We asked them to repaint the already existing one, not make a new one, so cars can see that students are crossing there.

Brian: I know 1Ls cross across the field...

Jason: They are not going to make a huge construction project across the field, they are possibly going to repaint it and that’s a major improvement. As far as the concern about Styrofoam, I can bring that up. You want to have that by the cafe again right?

Brian: Yeah. Styrofoam is terrible for the environment. We used to have Styrofoam recycling bins and we don’t anymore.

Jason: OK, I’ll bring that up.

Laura: Is there a Styrofoam problem in Carlisle?

Anna: I don’t think we have any...

Laura: Ok, I’ll bring it up specifically for up here. With regard to the crosswalk, the law school does not control that. It’s most likely controlled by the Borough of State College. We will have to go to them to work something out and follow their guidelines.

Brian: They made the addition last year and it was right by cafe.

Laura: I was talking about parking. Sorry. Anyway, moving on to Andrew, who shouldn’t have too much more to say.

c. Treasurer (5 minutes)

Andrew: We met. We did the budget. It was judiciously and conservatively done. We will have meetings to discuss if people have issues and we have Speakers Trust in 2 weeks, so if you have any questions, I sent out the email. I’ve started to get reimbursement requests, so we’ll take it as it goes and I’ll keep it updated live on the excel sheet.

d. PSU Senator (5 minutes)

Joe: Mine’s short and sweet. There was no senate meeting since last SBA meeting. Their schedule is every month. For 1Ls, if you have anything you want me to pass on let me know. I’m on the library and technology committees, so let me know. President Erickson is there, so you’ll get heard. I’m your tool. Use me.

e. ABA Rep Report (5 minutes)
Laura: Wanika is not here, so she can do her report at the next meeting.

Jason: Motion to adjourn.

Missy: Second

No opposition in Carlisle.

No opposition in UP.

VIII. Adjourn