SBA Minutes:

A. Call to Order — Skjoldal
B. Approval of the Minutes — Roll/Quorum — Rajfer
   A. Minutes approved — Gabler motion, Bloom second
      1. Approved
      2. No opposition
      3. No abstention
C. Dean Mogill
   A. Customer service center — stop by if you have questions etc.
      1. Will try to answer questions
      2. Work with student organizations
      3. Orientation
      4. Student life
   B. Available to us for meetings
   C. Policy of transparency — motives are clear
      1. As an administrator, does not necessarily support the policy of the administration
      2. Speak on behalf of and for students — advocate of students
      3. Might disagree with the powers that be
D. Tonight — share information that he can if we have questions
   1. Kevin — transcript of board of governors meeting. Is that correct?
   2. Mogill — Yes
   3. K — share excerpts
   4. M — from board of governors meeting from the summer
      a. At meeting the resolution was voted on
      b. Open meeting, under open meeting law
      c. Motion that brought the resolution came from Lou Katz, alum of the law school, owner of NJ Nets
         i. Lou spoke via phone from Athen
            1. Motion that he wanted to offer — “resolve that the 2 campus prop. Presented by PSU be deferred and further resolve that the board of go rec. to psu that they work together to plan finance and construct a facility in Carlisle and recognize university’s commitment to law school”
            2. “lets begin process to channel our energy into a Carlisle law school…spanier is extraordinarily supportive…fashion a process of going forward with building a law school in Carlisle…”
3. “…incredibly supportive and has been in my discussions with him”

4. Rod Ericson, Provost, university is still strongly supportive of the 2 campus idea, …absolutely true…we will be supportive [of DSL]…supportive of the actions taken by the board of governor

ii. Motion was passed

iii. PSU board is meeting on Thursday and Friday

iv. Spanier is giving the State of the University Address on Friday — 4pm in room 144

d. Questions:
   i. Who makes the decision
      1. Board of gov. has the right to decide the primary location of the law school
         A. Question becomes, what it two campuses?
            1. This has to be primary campus.
   ii. Can students access that statement?
      1. This was transcribed by Terry and Welsh from tape that existed, ask them
   iii. What is the board of gov. authority in respect to financing of law school
      1. None really. Budget is tuition driven. Money from university is for facilities. Board has not gone to legislature to ask for more money. We are still financially independent to a large extent but we are PSU law school
   iv. State of University address and trustee meeting are coming together?
      1. Whatever will be said at the meeting will be planned in advance. Decisions are probably already talked about

e. Mogill — More information that can be shared, the less gossip.

D. Officer Reports
   A. President Skjoldal
      1. State of University Address on Friday
      2. Dean will let students know the outcome of the board meeting
      3. Officer Report:
         a. Welcome to new members
            i. Seth Zimmerman – 1st year class rep
            ii. Brittney Russell – Honor code
            iii. Anthony
            iv. Matt
            v. John
            vi. Rex
         b. Budget Meetings
            i. Get in to that more later
         c. October 4 – blood drive by Red Cross (not set in stone) in the Café
   4. Website
      a. 5 links on site, getting there
b. Keep and eye out, check it out

B. Vice-President McCullough
   1. Report:
      a. Elections went well
      b. Working with committees to see where they are and give update next week

C. Treasurer Desai
   1. Budget
      a. Meetings started on Friday, met Sunday, Monday and today
      b. Things are going well, no complaints
      c. Demand from all orgs = $45,511
      d. Supply = $30,000
      e. Meeting until Thursday
      f. Committee will meet, but Tuesday morning SBA reps will have the budget committee’s recommendations
      g. Copy of any orgs budget request form
      h. Vote — next meeting

D. Secretary Rajfer
   1. Placards
   2. ARC will open Mon, sept 20 at 8:30pm

E. ABA/PBA Representative Stabile

F. PSU Senator Gates
   1. Was at PSU
      a. At faculty senate meeting
      b. On inter-university relations
         i. Focusing on – way in which grad programs is advertised to students at all locations (particular how law school is advertised)
      c. Fac. Senate Meeting
         i. PSU Pres. Accepts questions from floor
            1. Question: What was on the table, next step, plan for the law school and any alternatives?
               A. Ans: Unfortunate set of circumstances, in terms of a timetable, couldn’t give a comment, waiting for the dust to settle. Not hopeful that a decision or an alternative proposal will come out of trustee meeting
            ii. Was invited to state of university address and convocation on Friday
            iii. Have agenda from meeting if you want it
   2. PSU Football trip
      a. Oct 9 taking bus load of students to football game — have block seating
      b. Dean paid for the bus and a banner
         i. The Oct 9th game — All University Game, commonwealth campuses and law school and med school
            1. 2 reps from each location on field
         ii. Only sold out game
iii. A lot of fun, great thing
c. Kevin — Only 8 tickets have been sold, good cheap opportunity
   i. Leave to go to academic affairs meeting (will be back)

E. Public Comment
   A. Jens — question: when is budget presentation
      1. A: presentation that was done for student orgs.
         a. how make decisions, what goes on in budget meetings
   B. Danyelle — how you get on moot court teams, what teams are available
      1. We want info, what teams exist
   C. Zach B. — another soda machine, need more water
   D. Val — is this the right time for rep comments? Yes
      1. Lock your doors when driving up and down street
         a. Someone opened door and got in while at a light
   E. Josh — better way for when professors cancel classes
      1. Can they post it on the internet
      2. Will address that with IIT
   F. Rax — didn’t get e-mails
      1. Don’t know all the reps — please introduce yourselves now

F. Committee/Organization Reports
   A. Speakers Trust – new trustees
      1. Need to recognize the new members of the speakers trust
         a. 1 2L new rep:
            i. Charles Kane
         b. 2 1L new reps
            i. Jason Reimer
            ii. Shelly Ewalt
      2. Bart moves to accept, Zach accepts
      3. Approved, no opposition or abstentions
   B. Academic Rules Committee
      1. Took on grading system in response to Dean’s request
      2. Class ranks
      3. Grading curve to raise the median
      4. Change to alpha
      5. Meeting was referred back to rules committee with direction
      6. Committee — Feldman, Kane, Naides, Mogill, Mootz, Kevin, Rachel Goldfarb, Zach
      7. Conclusion — no perfect solution to implementing new curve
         a. provide relief to most students possible
         b. treats all fairly
         c. administratively feasible
      8. Concerns
         a. Trying to raise grades — adjust the grading scale in response to the fact that the vast majority of law schools are grading at a higher level
            i. Students are faced with problems in job market
            ii. Explanation of grading system doesn’t always help
            iii. Can just set curve at 85
               1. That works for the first years
               2. But for 2Ls and 3Ls – it creates problems
A. under new system you would have an anomalous syste

B. Disproportionately favors people who do well at end of career

iv. No matter what year you implement this, at some point there will be a mix of middlers and seniors competing under 2 systems

v. One suggestions
   1. Grade exams, see how shakes out as a curve, then would put 2 curves (one with 80, other with 85) so raw scores were same
   2. There were more, this is very complex

b. Sarah — can’t just apply “bump up” from last year
   i. Disproportionately impacts people at high end

c. Why are the scores all done like this?
   i. Need to have a curve, instead of everyone failing
   ii. Problem of staying with raw score is it causes greater disparity

d. Val — was anything discussed about abroad programs?
   i. Implicit movement away from high grades

e. Bart — rescaling makes sense, bell curve can be applied the same way
   i. But then have disproportionate treatment

f. Talk to Zach afterwards

G. Roberts Rules — Parliamentarian Gallo
   A. Kevin — Mike’s presentation Talk about Roberts Rules
   B. SEE PACKET ON ROBERTS RULE

H. Budget Process Explained — Treasurer Desai
   A. SEE TEJAL’s PRESENTATION
   B. When can new orgs get recognized? Get money?
      1. Recognized at any time
      2. Money, depends on budget, but probably not
   C. Will we have a chance to make amendments to the budget?
      1. Give out prospective numbers, then have people look at it, and get amendments
      2. Great idea, but we need to get the money out
         a. Can it be done in a night
      3. Nervous about SBA making decisions — not vested with same info as budget committee
         a. isn’t there an appeal process
         b. Go to website
      4. Make sure everyone got the budget
      5. Tejal — emailing budget recs: read rec.
      6. Marcy — can scan all forms into pdf
         a. T: too large, 7 copies of all proposals
      7. What would be voting on?
         a. Josh — it would be the same but with amendments
      8. No more time is needed, will e-mail recommendations to orgs as well
      9. Zach — set up appeals process, so orgs can appeal
a. Don’t think this body has a business shifting money after budget committee has decided
10. Bart — SBA should be vested with power, but doesn’t us switching undermine what committee did
   a. so a request to add has to be accompanied by a request to take away
11. Laura — if everyone gets cut, everyone will have an opinion
    a. not productive to override with committee did
12. Val — concern is no one call the vote until we are all clear
    a. want to make sure info is all out there
13. T: open session next week, with time limit, come prepared with questions, rest of committee will be here
14. IL — budget committee was selected by Tejal, not elected, did in good faith a good job
    a. concern is that this decision is made by a group of hand selected people and put to a ceremonial vote
    b. Josh’s proposal is more in the lines of us representing different interests
15. My comment
16. Zach — committee acts a neutral body with bias at all
17. Rax — process next week?
    a. budget on Tuesday morning, vote/discussion Wednesday night
18. T: talk to org leaders about it, will give org leaders copies of the budget when reps get it
19. Bart: elected members are on budget committee too?
    a. laura, tejal, Kevin,
    b. B: some safe guards in processes
    c. T: first years were selected based on needs of school
       i. 2Ls were selected based on dissatisfaction with the process, non that asked to be on, are one.
       ii. 3Ls new and old blood, Kevin gave suggestions
20. Tejal: GUIDELINES WERE APPROVED BY THE SBA AND THE ORGANIZATION LEADERS
    a. Guidelines were what to follow/process, what to fund, what not to fun
    b. Kevin: Guidelines are on the SBA website
    c. Tejal: standard things to think about
       i. Off-campus parties — really private, or open to whole school
       ii. Don’t directly give money to charity
       iii. Goal of guidelines was to make sure distribution was fair
    d. B: comment was not to undermine the power of the SBA and if we have a problem, we need to send the whole budget back
21. Josh — if you are gonna take money, you have to be able to minus
    a. If it takes an extra week we should do it and make amendments
22. Marcy — what is going to be on report
    a. If we have guidelines, that’s great
    b. What will say on report, size of organization, etc.
    c. explanations for striking
23. T: expediency vs. quality, but orgs want their money
24. Josh: if it takes a while to do it great
25. Rex: always going to be people who disagree
26. E: all orgs are aware of process and know how this is working. If we were to change it now, that would be a problem
27. T: if they have questions, should come to meeting or talk to reps.
28. Kevin: where do we stand?
29. T: Monday comm.. will meet, clean everything up, Monday night he will do reports, send out Tuesday read/receipt (you print them out), Read Tuesday and Wednesday and review, go to Tejal with questions, will e-mail to org leaders
30. If you don’t receive, contact someone
31. Copies in SBA office, if you do take a copy, let someone know and the reason why. Make sure everyone gets a copy

I. Announcements
   A. Honor code is being re-drafted
   B. Ed Polisher — passed at 102 years old, grad in 1922…

J. Adjournment
   A. Motion: Val
   B. Second: bar
   C. Vote: passed