SBA General Body Meeting
September 18, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. 114 Katz Hall, Carlisle / 114 Katz Building, University Park

Agenda

I. Call to Order

• Roll Call
  o Jason Samuel
  o Matt Bosakowski
  o Kaitlyn Charette
  o Brian Brodeur
  o Bobby Anderlik
  o Kyle Peasley
  o Aaron Schwartz
  o Jack Tebbetts
  o Erin Hayes
  o Liz Ashbaugh
  o Brian Rans
  o Sean Jorgensen
  o Meg Rooney
  o Garrett Lent
  o Guy Bowe
  o Marcy McLaughlin
  o John Higgins
  o Jared Kephart
  o Jeff Gdovin
  o Jean Cho
  o Sarah Raquel Lopes
  o Ailise Delaney
  o Alexander Park
  o Cynthia Yan
  o Victoria Thorsen

  • All present - 25

III. LLM Rep Appointments (5 minutes)

• Jason – This meeting is about the special budget and next week will be a normally scheduled meeting. As always you can speak to your representatives to take care of any problems, but anyone is welcome to come to the meetings.
• Matt – We can’t see the PowerPoint.
• Jason – Ok we will take care of that.
• Ok, so for the LLM Representative Appointments, Adem Yasar and Ji Yang are being appointed because no one ran for the LLM position. Adem is the honor code rep and Jee Yang is the class representative. Do we have a motion?
  o Jared – Motion to appoint.
  o Alex – second.
• Discussion
  o Jeff – Motion to close discussion.
  o All in favor – 24
  o All opposed – 0
  o PASS – 24-0
• Jason – Congratulations you are now full-fledged members, feel free to vote on all things tonight.

IV. Speakers Trust Appointment (5 minutes)

• Jason – Next, Elizabeth Milford is the nominee for Speakers Trust
  o Sean - Motion to Approve.
  o Liz – Second.
  o Discussion
    ▪ Jason - Seeing none, all in favor.
    ▪ All in Favor – 24
    ▪ Opposed – 24
• Jason – Excellent, moving on.

V. Public Comment (20 minutes)

• Jason – I ask that each person raise their hands and I ask VPs help me choose people to speak. We will alternate between UP and Carlisle.
• Jeff – I would like to make a motion to limit public comment.
  o Second – Alex.
• Brian – I don’t think that is constitutional. You are censoring elected officials.
• Jason - I don’t know if that is unconstitutional.
  o Jason - motion on the floor by Jeff.
    ▪ All in favor of limiting – 7 up, 0 Carlisle
    ▪ Opposed – 7 up, 3 Carlisle
    ▪ 7 abstention
    ▪ FAIL – 7-10-7
• Jason – To get back to what I was saying, we are going to alternate speakers where appropriate and treat them all with respect to those who have the floor. We are a unified student body so let’s strive to live that out tonight because we are elected by everyone. I also ask that the reps yield the floor to non reps because they cannot speak when we get to approval process.
• Bobby – Can they state their name before they speak?
• Jason – Yes. With that being said, we are going to open public comment with Dunell Ridore.
• Dunell – My name is Dunell and I am a 3L. Just to start off with a simple question, is there a possibility for the budget process to move semester by semester rather than whole year?
• Brian B. – I was going to say I’m not too sure because we get an estimate at the beginning of the year and we won’t know what budget will be for spring.
• Jason – That is something that next year’s SBA could take into consideration if they want to at their first meeting before school ends that way orgs have a way to prepare semester by semester over summer.
• Dunell – So this goes to speakers trust, what is the actual rule between the budget going through what got budgeted and what didn’t for speakers trust this year?
• Brian B. – I’m not necessarily aware of a lot or any speakers trust events that got funded. We didn’t fund any speakers that would fall under speakers trust.
• Dunell – For example there were events in BLSA that were speakers that did get funded.
• Jason – Can you state those events specifically so everyone knows what we are talking about?
• Dunell – Let me find it real quick. I can recognize one, state of the ….
• Marcy – Can I state one quick thing about the process? Correct me if I’m wrong Brian, but I think if any event like that was a speaker event, then none of the event would be towards the speaker’s fee, but rather refreshments and such.
• Brian B. – I was actually going to check with Garrett and Marcy and they had the BLSA packet in front of them.
• Marcy – They were sent to Sue so Garrett is getting them.
• Brian R. – I was in charge of speakers trust last year and we funded all event costs, gifts, etc. Everything involved is funded by speakers trust unless outside scope of speaker. Like if they want to vacation for days after the event, then we don’t fund that. But Speaker’s Trust does fund everything.
• Dunell – Intermural Committee, I understand we pay to rent the fields, but are there not public parks and we pay for lights, but they can’t play in the morning?
• Brian B. – We are playing in a public park and you still have to pay to rent the fields.
• Dunell – So if you play the game at the public park would they kick you off if you didn’t rent the field.
• Brian B. – If organized and you paint the lines then yes they will.
• Dunell – That makes sense.
• Jason – Anyone else wish to speak?
• Steve Worthington – I am a 2L. I’m a representative of LEAP and one of the events we request money for, we weren’t granted money for that. Is there a procedure we could follow to make our case or understand why it was denied? Is there a procedure for that?
• Brian B. – Yes you can. We gave money last year but one reason or another it didn’t show up that you actually had that so we didn’t put it on. You can put a supplemental allocation form and get appeal before committee.
• Jason – Thanks Steve, anyone else?
• Dunell – On the Intermural Sports again, we talked about this, but I wanted a clarification on justification of UP students bearing the costs of IM sports in Carlisle
when we have costs that you don’t have to pay and we have to pay student fees to actually play.

- **Brian B.** – I know Marcy knows a little about this but I can give some answer. Other than emails we exchanged, you have funding through UPAC and they will cover basically any event you guys want as long as it benefits UP only. There are other events similar to other IM events. SLS has 1100 dollars at UP. Carlisle students who attended had to pay to drive up to UP. So it isn’t like Carlisle is getting beneficial treatment. Joint campus these things happen.

- **Marcy** – Brian was talking UPAC funding, something not limited to just 20 difference between UP and Carlisle, but only UP can benefit.

- **Jason** – Any other discussion?

- **Dunell** – She said student fees were just $20 difference, but they were $25 in Carlisle and $112 in UP with the sheet I was given.

- **Marcy** – The increase in fee doesn’t come from law school but comes from being present at UP campus. That extra hundred dollars is supposed to come back to you. I don’t think it’s the law school.

- **Dunell** – In general we pay more though.

- **Andrew Fillmore** – My name is Andrew Fillmore and I am a 2L. What is the actual attendance for these events in the IM committee?

- **Brian B.** – Attendance is very high at least for flag football we have 4 teams signed up with 12 players each. Also the law school students aren’t on the team attend the events. It is a big draw all semester long.

- **Meg** – For Volleyball there are eight teams throughout the spring.

- **Brian B.** – Open basketball is also popular, not as popular, but popular.

- **Bobby** – Guys and girl?

- **Brian B.** – All activities are cooed and 2 girls are required at all times.

- **Andrew** – Any opportunity where you could just join a public recreation league in Carlisle and put funds for that?

- **Brian B.** – no there isn’t but we have been trying to talk to Dickinson University to allow us to join and have more teams and be more competitive. We have no other alternative.

- **Jason** – Ok to Casey, then Liz.

- **Casey Bogner** – I am Casey Bogner from the Women’s Law Caucus. We are wondering what other channels for funding are available. Our club got funding for two general body meetings but no other events. Basically we can have meetings to tell them we have no events. Our events promote women in the law. Even though we are on IM sports talk, I don’t understand why we don’t promote our legal events when we are funding football. No other channels are available for us unless we get speakers. We can’t go to UPAC because all our events are both UP and Carlisle.

- **Brian B.** – You have options such as UPAC, ABA, etc. But all your events can be tweaked to speakers trust events. With professor night you can maybe have a panel and a mixer to receive funding.

- **Evelyn** – Quick clarification for UPAC - you can’t buy food. There are other graduate associations to get funding to cosponsor, so you can probably do that with Dickinson.
Everyone needs to understand that funding requires restrictions. GSA needs some cosponsor and UPAC doesn’t pay food.

- **Brian B.** – I’m not perfect with UPAC but it said in the handbook that it covers food transportation and everything, but I will read that more carefully and get back to you guys.

- **Garrett** – To address concerns for WLC, if I look at budget compared to last year, they were given $90 for recruitment event last year. You were given $12 more dollars this year over what you spent last year. We have more orgs and less money. We looked back at receipts and if you turned those in then we allocated according to those standards.

- **Casey** – We had to email Dean Elkin personally and he generously gave us $500 for other events so we could hold events and that was budgeted in our outline that we didn’t want to do that again.

- **Erin** – Motion to extend time by 5 min.
  - Second **Sean**.
  - In favor – 24
  - Opposed – 0
  - PASS – 24-0 for extension.

- **Dunell** – If there is less money this year, then what justifies the 270 increase in IM sports budget that can’t go to other orgs?

- **Brian B.** – The price of rental and lights went up. President of IM committee sent detailed emails representing that.

- **Dunell** – I’m speaking more towards the argument towards we don’t have as much last year, in general that we give 270 more and less to others in general I don’t think that is fair for orgs here doing academic events get less. When we have less SBA money as a whole.

- **Brian B.** – well the academic events as I stated in my email there are a lot more avenues to get them funded. For the IM committee, the SBA is the only place where they receive money.

- **Meg** - We know the IM committee will use funds for sure and get used, whereas some events get less of a turnout and we feed half law school with food bought. You can submit supplemental budget requests as well.

- **Matt** – I wanted to add that in terms of impact IM sports committee has with us, outside big events the IM sports are by far the biggest opportunity to get together outside class. Meg says we know it will happen.

- **Dunell** – What efforts has IM committee made to involve UP students because Sports Law Society involved Carlisle if they wanted to come to the event. No one has invited UP to play with them.

- **Brian B.** – You are more than welcome to get a team and play with us.

- **Evelyn** – Do your teams pay for anything?

- **Brian B.** – Yes, they have to pay for own uniforms and their own footwear which was a concern. We are not paying for footwear or anything. All IM committee goes to renting fields and equipment and lights.

- **Jason** – Any more discussion?
• **Sean** – Motion to close public comment.
  o Second – **Jeff**
  o All in favor – 24
  o Opposition – 0
• PASS – 24-0 to end public comment.

### VI. SBA Budget Approval (30 minutes)

- **Jason** - again before we start I would remind you all that each of us represent student body unified and we are to craft budget for all students. It is our job to continue to be unified in how we function in all our actions as SBA. That being said let’s get started. Brian will introduce budget and we will put it up for a vote.

- **Brian B.** – I don’t have the podium, but it is online on the link Bobby sent out. Would you like to pull it up? Generally we went through to guarantee money for 2 body meetings to attract students. Then hopefully they wouldn’t needed added incentives of food for other meetings. We tried to maintain even from last yar. Only a few orgs went down. I was going to leave open to any orgs who had funding issues and address them when they came up.

- **Jason** – Thank you Brian. Open floor to motions.
  o **Garrett** – Motion to approve in omnibus fashion.
  o **Jared** – Second.
  o Discussion

  - **Garrett** - I want to go on record and say if people want to ask for funds in Public Comment, we are more than welcome to give them out. But if you say you requested funds for a specific reason then you better have your information correct. For example, WLC mentions nothing of the $500 from Dean Elkin on their request form. We had no knowledge of that information. Now, for an example of how to do this well - PAD requested funds for their golf event specifically. We know it will be returned if not used, because that’s what they did last year. The more information provided to SBA the better. The more you provided the better and you better be able to provide that information when you come arguing for it in public comment.

  - **Brian R.** – The Wellness Committee requested $50 dollars for a yoga event. They want healthy ways to remove stress and only requested $50 which was not granted. The second issue was Community Relations Committee. Supposedly the Carlise committee requested $750 dollars yet received an increase of $200 to $225. UP requested $550 dollar and got a decrease. We didn’t receive justification can we have some? Third Military Law Causus requested money for a 5k and was denied last year. This year, $250 was requested for a 5k in Carlisle and approved. Race judicata…

  - **Marcy** - Can we address these?
- **Brian B.** - The wounded warrior 5k that number is misleading. $200 of that is for t-shirts that they sell at profit and they pay money back to establish Veteran’s law clinic.

- **Marcy** – About Community Relations. All of that money came back and Mr. Dickinson got $500 for PR, etc. PR is free through email and boards. While Carlisle runs Dickinson at no cost we gave UP @250 for trophies, etc.

- **Jason** – Can you guys see the budget in Carlisle?

- **Brian B.** – Yes.

- **Garrett** – As far as Race Judicata goes, we allocated money that is based on receipts for involvement of event. They spent $560 last year and we gave them $600. So we gave smaller initial allocation that matched receipts.

- **Brian R.** – One more question – according to the budget, and I’m confused in general on social budget in general. I know the largest population is in UP. $13,750 for UP, $11,337 in Carlisle and I don’t think that is proportional. Can you clarify?

- **Jason** – When it comes to the social events Barristers and Soiree, those are not designed for one campus or the other, they are not designed for one or the other. They are going to be similar. That is why the numbers are so high and similar.

- **Brian R.** – But also the separate campus for Halloween and others. I don’t mean to be offensive or rude these were all sent to me, but some take serious issue with inequity for social funds.

- **Marcy** – This I think the main difference – it is that Carlisle social chair asked for spring welcome back party and the UP social chair did not. As far as campus to campus that probably makes up a difference.

- **Brian B.** – We gave Carlisle and UP a lot more up-front money this year. We had to change venues a lot at both campuses so usually how we do this is cover some of the costs and the rest get covered at ticket sales. But since we aren’t going to same venues we don’t know if we are allowed to have deals with venders. We are expecting more money back with ticket prices.

- **Liz** – I am not complaining but since we don’t know things we have to ask questions. But the UP chapter for PAD was not allocated funding for 2 general body meetings. You said those were your goals. I was wondering why we didn’t allocate for that.

- **Brian B.** – Carlisle’s wasn’t funded either because both had their recruitment. We looked to see if events were open to all students. If they weren’t open to all then that should come out of dues.

- **Marcy** – To follow up, we gave all fraternities the same money for one general body meeting.

- **Sean** – I have a comment that goes towards general issues one of which Garrett already mentioned with WLC, but with less fire and brimstone.
More generally funding for general body meetings I see you took a taper approach, some got more or less based on membership, but my concern is the minimum is extremely low. I have personally spent money funding Work law caucus. My point is not to say I spent money and want it back, but 20 or 30 is not going to fund any event for either campus. While I am generally ok with way budget is structured, I think minimum needs to be hired. I think there is a general concern that there is simply not enough funding for general body meetings we want to have.

- **Brian B.** – For those you can always fill out reimbursement forms and participation forms, and then we are usually ok will reimbursing you for those things.
- **Marcy** – We started out and gave all groups same amount for General Body Meetings. Our logic in tapering was to give a little money to cover costs and adding in reimbursement. We wanted to help all organizations.
- **Brian R.** – What about the Wellness committee and $50 request for yoga?
- **Brian B.** – You can fill out allocation form, we didn’t know what demand would be and what free yoga would be. If you can fill out allocation form you can have hearing and make case to why you should have that.
- **Brian R.** – The main thing is in this situation we can’t bring dogs on campus, we are learning different stress relief. So much is riding on these three years of our life.
- **Marcy** – Several other events that we wanted to give event to donate time to teach classes. We don’t have the breakdown what is the $50 dollars for then?
- **Brian** – For food.
- **Kaitlyn** - Time is up.
  - In favor of approval – 8 UP, 9 carlisle
  - Opposed – 7 up, 0 carlisle
  - PASS – 17 - 7

### VI. Adjournment

- **Garrett:** Motion to adjourn.
- **Brian R.**: Second.
- **Vote:**
  - No opposition UP
  - No opposition Carlisle
  - 24 Yes; 0 N0
- **Meeting Adjourned.**