I. Call to Order
   a. Roll Call
      • Laura Magnotta
      • Anna Strawn
      • Jason Samuel
      • Alisha Falberg
      • Andrew Sherman
      • Wanika Fisher - Excused
      • Joe Negaard
      • Carolyn Brown
      • Melissa Padalino
      • Cody Graham
      • Shandra Kisailus
      • Elizabeth Asbaugh
      • Matthew Bosakowski
      • Kyle Peasley
      • Jordan Feist
      • Jordan Johnston
      • Courtney Monson
      • Erin Hayes
II. Barrister’s Ball Funding Discussion

Laura: I put up on the screen the budget being proposed. I see Maria and Gabrielle are here - is this the same thing that you proposed?

Maria: No, this one’s OK - this is just a more specific breakdown.

Gabrielle: You also have the supplemental request?

Laura: Yes, that’s the one to be debated now? That one asked for $1300, this one asked for $1500.

Gabrielle: This is the correct amount and this is what its going to be now.

Laura: Just so everyone knows, we are holding this meeting because any request over $500 has to be voted upon by the entire SBA board. First, I’ll ask for a motion and then I’ll let Maria and Gabrielle, who are the Carlisle Social Committee chairs, explain.

Jason: Motion to approve the supplemental request in its entirety.

Anna: Second.

Laura: Let me invite Gabrielle and Maria to explain what the request is for and why.

Gabrielle: We are asking - the break down is up there.

**ALLOCATION/REALLOCATION REQUEST**

Name of Organization: Social Committee

Name of Event: Barrister's Ball

Date/Time of Event: October 19  7-10:30 p.m.

Location of Event: both campuses
Brief Description of Event: Formal Dinner and Dance for students of both campuses to get together and socialize

Person Making Request: Gabrielle Glombetti

Position in Organization: Co-Chair

Estimated number of attendees in University Park: 100  Carlisle: 100

Is this event co-sponsored?: no

   If yes, by whom?

Estimated Cost of Event: $10,300

Has money previously been allocated for this event?: yes

If yes, how much?: $6,000

Amount Requested from SBA: $7,500

ITEMIZATION

   Item 1: Ribbon Mill Event Facility -- $2,000

   Item 2: Catering/Bartenders/Linen (Alibi's) -- $4,850-$5,000

   Item 3: DJ -- $600

   Item 4: Rentals: Tables/Chairs -- $700

   Item 5: Buses -- $1000-$2000

   Item 6: Decorations -- $150

   Item 7: --

   Item 8: --

   Item 9: --

   Item 10: --

Gabrielle: Buses could change depending on number of tickets we sell up at UP - it could fluctuate. The rest is kind of set in stone. We received $6000 and would like to keep ticket prices at $15. Anna and I have been asking around and we’ve gotten negative feedback about raising prices to $20, so we’re going to need about $1300 to $1500 more to make sure we’re covered.

Laura: Any comments?
Andrew: Where have you been getting negative feedback from?

Gabrielle: We’ve been asking around: what would people be willing to pay being that no drinks are provided, just dinner, granted a nice dinner, and the dance and people have said $20 is too much.

Anna: We spoke with Holly Parrish about past year’s prices and she said they been higher, like $20-$25 in the past, but those have included drinks and sometimes even a 5 course meal and were more fancy. I got a lot of people who asked: $20 with drinks? And I said no, and that’s part of the issue why people don’t want to pay.

Jordan J.: I think $20 for food is pretty reasonable. It’s as low as I’ve seen.

Brian R.: Have we considered providing subsidies for people who drive themselves for gas because buses are expensive. I didn’t go to Spring Soiree, so I don’t know how many people were on the bus, but can you talk about who uses that service?

Gabrielle: Right now it’s an arbitrary number for the buses, because we don’t know how many people will take the bus. It can fluctuate depending on how many people come.

Anna: That being said, we don’t want to have to get another bus right before the dance because that is stressful. I also think the buses are something the school wants to do. This truly is one of the only unified campus events and I think the school wants to promote that. Also, there’s alcohol and I don’t think we want to encourage people drinking and driving.

Courtney: I’ve been talking to others on campus and part of the problem is that people are bringing dates, so they have to pay for 2 tickets. At $15 each that’s only $30, but at $20 each, that’s $40 and I don’t think people want to pay that for 2 people.

Elizabeth: Something I was thinking about regarding tickets and buses: what if we charged extra for those riding the bus? I think that would solve some of the problems. That would solve problem about getting people coming late because they would have to reserve their seat. If they were too late, they have to drive. I know that might discourage people, but I think it would solve problems about bus expenses.

Maria: It might discourage people from coming and defeat the purpose of having a 2 campus event.

Courtney: I feel like it would basically be punishing students who have to commute because they will either have to drive themselves and pay that way for gas or pay to take the bus and that’s not fair.

Laura: The official request was for $1500 and I will say that we demand that we get the security deposit back. I will do whatever it takes to get it back and so if we approve this allocation, we will get that back. I know that there are people that will be driving and getting a hotel - making a weekend of it - and if we only need 1 bus that would be less money. I don’t want to count on that though because I want to get as many people to come as possible, but we may get some of this money back.
Missy: Can I ask, has there been a change in policy on having beverages on the bus? I’ve been on the bus before, like our 1L year, and they’ve been packed, but now people can’t drink on the bus anymore and they complain. So, I think this is a big motivating factor and it has changed the attendance. If there was the drinking on the bus I think it would increase participation.

Laura: I can bring it up with deans, I have a meeting with Dean McConnaughay on Monday, but I can tell you it probably won’t change because of Barristers and that’s our own fault, so you can blame your classmates. So, I don’t think they will change that policy. Will people just not go? Or do you think they will drive themselves?

Missy: I think they will not go. They can’t drink on the bus, so they can’t pre-game. And if they drink beforehand, it will wear off on the bus and people will get tired. I hear everything! And that was a big issue with everyone I talked to and I remember our 1L year they had the buses and you could drink and it was a bonding experience. I know it caused problems last year, but it is a bonding experience.

Laura: I understand, but I don’t think that in light of what happened its going to happen. I know if it were up to Dean McConnaughay the dances wouldn’t happen at all.

Jordan J.: The venue is only 200 people and so its first come first serve and I could be wrong, but we just can’t take 3 buses from UP. That’s the reality.

Laura: The $1000 to $2000 is for 2 buses, we’re not thinking 3. We’re not even accounting for it. We’re operating under the assumption it would be 2 buses at the most.

Jordan J.: I was talking about 3 buses because of all the 1Ls that came our 1L year.

Laura: OK. So, there are two options of what could happen right now: I could put it to a vote or we can amend the motion.

Brian R.: Why don’t we just raise the price one week before? It would encourage people to buy tickets early and those who don’t, it would raise more revenue and we could compensate the shortfall by going into the reserves.

Shandra: I think that’s one way to approach it, but I think I would only be in favor of that option if that is it also what happens for Spring Soiree. It should be allocated the same for both events. If one campus has to do it, the other does, too.

Laura: It would be across the board. I see the dances as one entity and whatever happens to one would happen to other.

Jordan F.: I think it would be fine to raise funds, but I just want to remind everyone how this happened in the first place. UP gave a detailed statement about the budget they needed for Spring Soiree and Carlisle did not do that for Barrister’s and then this group comes along and asks us for a fourth of our reserves because they did it wrong. I think its only fair that there’s price increase. I just don’t understand.
Jason: One way or another, we have to fund this and it doesn’t matter how - it has to happen. The request maybe wasn’t the best, but that’s what supplemental requests are for.

Courtney: Regardless of how the Social Committee did it, you can’t take it out on the students. If we increase the price the week before, those who didn’t pay the $15 probably won’t pay when it increases because they won’t want to pay the increased price. One way or another it will come out of reserves, so we might as well just do it.

Cody: If it’s going to come out of the reserves anyway, why are we even voting? We should be asking those who didn’t do it right to just cut corners.

Laura: It costing less than in past years by a lot. Holly Parrish put a paper together showing how much Barrister’s has received in past years. When Ian was President they got over $9000, so this year is costing us way less. And there are no corners to be cut, so this is something that has to happen. This is how much it costs and I don’t think there are any extravagances that haven’t been accounted for. Could it have been clearer, yes, but we now know what we need and we can vote.

No opposition in Carlisle.

5 opposed in UP.

18 for, 5 against - supplemental request passes.

Laura: One last thing: everyone from SBA must attend and if you can’t send me an email. As members of SBA, we should support this event that we are working to put on and it’s a chance to have a good time!

Jason: Motion to adjourn.

Carolyn: Second.