I. Call to Order
   a. Roll Call
   • Laura Magnotta
   • Anna Strawn
   • Jason Samuel
   • Alisha Falberg
   • Andrew Sherman
   • Wanika Fisher
   • 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
   • Matt Regan
b. Minutes Approval

Laura: Alright, it appears that we have quorum. Let's move on to approve last week's minutes. Also, just a reminder that the minutes are posted shortly after each meeting on the SBA website in case anyone wants them faster than we email them out.

Andrew: Motion to approve.

Garrett: Second.

No opposition in UP.
No opposition in Carlisle.

II. Public Comment (15 minutes)

Laura: Alright. Let's move on to public comment. Anyone?

Anna: Alright, these are both about the library in Carlisle. I don't think you have the same problems with study carrels up there, but can we find a way to have them in Carlisle? Second, there is a door in the basement of the library that opens into the student locker area and it would be very useful to be able to use. It's hard to explain, but it would be very useful to use and it's meant to be an entrance I can tell-

Laura: We have the same thing here.

Anna: We asked why we can't use it and it's supposedly because you can take something out of the library without passing the reference desk, but you could just as easily walk out at night when no one is at the desk or put something in your backpack and walk right by the desk. So, we would like to bring it up to deans to see if there is anything that can be done.

Laura: The study carrels were brought up last year and the computer room in the basement there was a thought that was originally being considered, but the Dean thought that now that there are less students there might not be as much of a need for them, but if
there is still a want. I know tables in the center of the library are not the same as private carrells.

Anna: Yeah, it’s really distracting to have someone across from you.

Laura: I’ll bring up at the deans meeting. I’m sure there is a reason why, but we’ll bring it up.

Wanika: A few things. First, the doors downstairs are really hard to open and I always get trapped with my bag. They’re hard to get open and to get them to stay open. And the other thing that I’ll keep bringing up is toilet seat covers - I’ll always bring it up! And then the other thing is water bottle refilling stations - I think we had talked about them once before. And then also my own personal annoyance is that there is no ATM in the building and there is in Carlisle. I’ve been down to the Carlisle campus many times and I see people use it. And Carlisle has better vending machines that take credit cards and I don’t understand why we don’t have that stuff.

Laura: I’ll look into the room doors. There are two sets of doors there, maybe we can prop one of them open? I’ll bring up to Randy. I brought up toilet seat covers at the deans meeting and Dean McConnaughay is concerned about them and has been looking into it. He likes the automatic one. He is on a mission to improve the bathrooms and toilet seat covers are at the top of the list. One concern he had about them though is that just the paper kind that you pull out yourself will create more trash, so we’re looking into it. The water bottle refills, I’ll bring it up again, but there are water fountains and the cafe will refill it for you. The no ATM the issue at UP is that we can’t get connectivity on the first floor and bank won’t let us have it on the second floor. We have to have PNC because they have a contract with Penn State. And there’s not enough traffic on the first floor, so it’s not an issue of traffic. How often is the ATM used in Carlisle?

Anna: Yeah, it’s used very frequently. I don’t have statistics or anything, but there’s a good rate of usage.

Laura: That’s a good argument for us to make, that students will seek it out because they need money, not just because walked by it. Vending machines, I’ll bring it up. I’m not sure who does it, probably campus catering, but I’ll look into it. Anyone else?

Brian: I noticed a few weeks ago after our meeting there was a car show in our parking lot and they were showing all kinds of weird things, like engines and stuff, and I was wondering if there are any restrictions?

Laura: I noticed that, too. They were exhibiting engines and blocking rows so you couldn’t park. I think we’re open access after 4PM, so anyone can use the lot, but I will check. It was bizarre.
Wanika: My understanding is that there is no permit that they have to seek to do that. They are impromptu people and they just decide to do it, but if you see a trend, we can tell campus security and they can send people out here to look into it, but there has to be a trend.

Laura: I was watching The Fast and the Furious this weekend and it was just like that movie! But I was like, this is State College, not LA. We’ll look into it. I really love that movie. Anyway, as always, if things come up between meetings you can email me, Anna or Jason and we can address it.

III. Speakers Trust Member Appointment (5 minutes)

Laura: Alison nominated Kelly Walsh to this position, who attended the Speaker’s Trust meeting last night and was very helpful and I think she’ll be a good addition.

Shandra: Motion to approve.

Cody: Second.

Jason: Is this appointment of a nature of just wanting people from both campuses on Speaker’s Trust?

Shandra: Yes, but I think its also in the by-laws. I know last year we had it that way. There should be 1 individual per class per campus on Speaker’s Trust and the officers from both places. I think that’s the reason.

Laura: At our last meeting we appointed a 1L from UP, so this will even it out.

Jordan F.: Is this a one-year appointment or a three year thing? How does that work?

Laura: Yes, members of Speaker’s Trust have to be appointed each year. Moving on to a vote.

No opposition in UP.
No opposition in Carlisle.

IV. Mock Trial Committee Bylaws (5 minutes)

Laura: Moving on to the Mock Trial Committee by-laws. I sent them out last night for everyone to look at them. Shanie and Kira updated them to reflect the new 2L mock trial.

Kyle: Motion to approve the by-laws.
Andrew: Second.

Kyle: Just a really small thing, the section under the 2L mock trial part, there is a typo that says 1L and should say 2L.

Shandra: It’s just a typo, not a problem.

Laura: Let’s not have a motion for that, we can just fix the typo. Good catch.

Garrett: For the 2L competition, it says anyone from any class can participate as a witness. Does this limit the 1L’s from participating in the spring?

Shandra: No, because there will be a completely different case. One is civil and one is going to be criminal. They are totally different fact patterns and civil and criminal trials are completely different.

Kyle: It mentions in the lawyer part that there is 1 lawyer as a judge for the 2Ls?

Shandra: I talked to Professor Gildin about this and he recommended that we have just one lawyer as a judge for the 2Ls. It’s more practical and, as second years, they might not want to sit through three lawyers giving feedback and if they are interested in getting that much feedback, they can take advocacy their 3L year.

Laura: Seeing no more comments, let’s put it to a vote.

No opposition in UP.
No opposition in Carlisle.

V. Constitutional Amendment Committee and Membership (10 minutes)

Laura: OK, so now on to the Constitutional Amendment Committee. I suppose I was remiss in not explaining this in the email because there was confusion, so I’ll explain it now and we can vote. The ad hoc Constitutional Amendment Committee will exist until the Constitution is successfully amended. The goal of the committee is to amend the constitution to make our temporary committees that have existed for a few years standing committees and to create 1 LLM Class Rep and 1 LLM Honor Code Rep position. We will also create an LLM Committee. The Committee will also explain to the SBA the process that is needed to amend our Constitution. Because LLM’s pay student activity fees, I believe and I think everyone else does too, I think it’s important for them to be represented and have a say. So, I’ll first open the floor to approve the committee.

Jason: Motion to approve the Constitutional Amendment Committee.
Joe: Second.

Laura: Any debate on the motion? No. We can take a vote.

No opposition in UP.
No opposition in Carlisle.

Laura: Great! OK, so now that we have this committee - just a note in our constitution. Ad hoc committees only exist for the year the SBA sits, so it will be gone at the end of this year. Now, I nominate Joe Negaard for the leader of this committee since he’s our parliamentarian and has spent a lot of time reading our constitution, so he’s familiar with it.

Jason: Motion to approve Joe as committee leader.

Kyle: Second.

Brian: Are you a functionalist or a formalist?

Joe: I don’t believe my politics will come into play when writing language for the constitution for the law school.

Laura: I think we’re happy to hear that. Let’s put it to a vote.

No opposition in Carlisle.
No opposition in UP.

Laura: Now I have a few members to nominate, but before I say that, Jason, who will be taking over the LLM committee once its created, will not technically be on the committee, he’ll just participating since he’s a Vice President. The 1Ls really stepped up here, so thank you, but before I start, since there was confusion, is there anyone here that wants to be a part of this committee that didn’t because they did not know what it was? No, great. Then I nominate: Garret Lent, John Higgins, Marcy McLaughlin, Matt Bosakowski.

Jason: Motion to approve the nominations.

Anna: Second.

Garrett: I was just wondering if there needs to be voice from all classes? Any more 3Ls or 2Ls or LLMs?
Laura: Good point, but I’m not as concerned about equal representation here because SBA has to vote on it. You’ll draft the language and we’ll vote. I don’t know many LLM’s, but their voice is being heard just by having the committee.

Jordan F.: Are we going to have the amount of representatives based on the population of LLMs or the same as we do it?

Laura: There will be 1 representative and 1 honor code rep, as per the recommendation from Dean Elkin. While the number of LLM’s may increase, right now they are about the same number as a section of JD students, so it makes sense that there is 1 and 1.

Wanika: Are LLMs going to be able to vote in the SBA elections?

Laura: The membership of SBA is composed on all students at the Dickinson School of Law and they are members, so they would get to vote for e-board and LLM reps.

Jason: So can they vote for the executive board when they won’t be here, since they are only here a year?

Laura: I’ll refer that to the committee -Joe I hope you wrote that down! I’ll talk to Dean Elkin to discuss it too, because 3Ls don’t vote, so that’s a good point. So, put it to a vote.

No opposition in UP.
No opposition in Carlisle.

Laura: Great! That’s a good first step and I’m hoping that the members can find a time to meet and come up with this language and propose it by next meeting and Joe will give us an explanation on the process.

VI. Executive Council Reports

a. Presidents Report (5 minutes)

Laura: I’m giving a portion of my time to Carolyn and Missy from the Social Committee up here to talk about Barristers.

Carolyn: We’ll be starting to table from October 1 to October 17 and we don’t have a big social committee this year, so I don’t know how we’re going to table. I think its important for the 1Ls to get your fellow classmates to go - I know a bunch of us went down our 1L year, we had three buses - so if you can help get your 1Ls to go, its a lot of fun. So, we’ll probably be tabling from 12-4. You just have to sit there, so...
Missy: If anyone can help, it would be great so Carolyn and I don’t have to sit there for four hours each day.

Wanika: Did you get rid of that whole thing where we each had to sell 10 tickets and you’re bad if you don’t?

Laura: We did that for the Halloween party one year, but I don’t think we do that anymore. But I am going to say this, there is good representation in Carlisle already. Maria and Gabriella have been doing a good job and I know Anna’s already volunteered to table. So, I’m looking here to UP to step up and help. So, Carolyn, if you can send out and email to everyone asking availability, that would be great. And I just want to remind everyone that SBA members should attend, so if you can’t, let me know. I think it would be great if we could all be there for support. It’s a lot of fun. My dress ripped my 1L year and I still had fun!

Jason: I can speak for the current 2Ls that we had fun last year as well.

Laura: We had our deans meeting and I want to get the message out that the purpose is to have fun. But, we also have the opportunity, in a place where alcohol is being served, to learn how to act around people we have to be more respectful around. The deans know that we are going to go and have a good time, but they want it to be clear that these events are going to be treated like they are at the school. If you do something that would violate school rules there you will get sanctioned just as if you were at school, so please pass it on to your friends that there are expectations that are there and you will get in trouble if you don’t follow the rules.

Andrew: How are we splitting ticket sales?

Anna: There is no quota. We’re going to talk at the end each day until we get to 150 tickets sold and then every time we sell 10 tickets, we’ll email to we make sure that we don’t go over.

Laura: It’s first come, first serve on this system.

Cody: I had some people ask about the venue. Is it a hotel or a conference center?

Anna: I was going to talk about that during my report, but the Ribbon Mill is not a hotel or conference center, it’s just a venue. The entrance is odd, but it’s a beautiful, hardwood floor, huge room. It’s a nice venue and I hope you like it when you come down.

Laura: That’s were the Carlisle PILF auction is held and everyone that goes down raves about it. OK, the Keurig machine – I am going to ask the 1L’s to take care of this. I will get you access to the student organization office. After the café closes each day, the
person assigned to that day should place the Keurig machine on the ledge near the student mail folders. This is in UP only.

A few things that we’ve seen. First, prices are now displayed in the cafe, so you’ll know how much muffins will cost before you buy them.

Dean McConnaughay says we should know soon about what NY bar association decides. He and Dean Toomey were happy and hopeful after their visit and they seemed to be impressed with what we are doing and now know its not just us playing a video.

I’ve been working with the academic affairs office about scheduling. We are looking into putting something together to better explain the process of choosing courses and scheduling. We will have more on this in the future.

As far as caffeine free drinks in vending machines, we are working on it, but there are only so many buttons and the spaces are all being used by diet Mountain Dew right now, but we are working on it.

I discussed the library and signing up for study rooms with the deans and the response was similar to mine. It takes about 10 seconds to do it and its easy to do, so just put your name down and its fine.

An SBA member brought this up and I think it’s good idea to have a little get together at each campus to get to know each other better since we’ll be working together all year.

b. Vice-Presidents’ Report (10 minutes)

Anna: We already talked about barristers, so unless anyone has any questions? Moving on. I’ve been working with the academic committee, I’m not sure if people are aware, but SBA had a book buy back program and it was disbanded last year, but nothing was done with books. They are sitting downstairs and there are a lot of them and some are still being used, so hopefully I’ll have more information on what we are going to do with them next meeting. Sara Mullen is working on inventorying them now.

I met with Phil Blackburn, who is the Assistant Director of Development in Carlisle, which raises money for the school from donors, and most law schools have a legacy gift program from each class where the graduating class chips in what they can and they give it to the dean in a big check at graduation. He wants to start a program like that here and it looks great to donors to have high student involvement. Donors don’t want to give to a school the students don’t want to give to. I told him that a concern is that law students are living on loans and are already giving all their loan money to the school, so why would they want to give more, but he convinced me that this would be a good program. He
wanted me to report to you and I would appreciate it if people would send me their thoughts. I have more information, too, if people have questions.

And the one other thing is tomorrow in Carlisle there will be a meeting to continue discussion about what’s going to happen to the Carlisle campus. Tomorrow there’s a public forum at 7PM, so that would be interesting to anyone who cares to attend.

Wanika: Will it be video conferenced?

Anna: No, just in Carlisle.

Brian: In my undergrad, we had a program like that, too, and a matching program, so maybe donors could do something like that?

Anna: That idea was thrown around. One was a matching program from the Dean and there were other things. I think that it would be hard to get Carlisle students to donate since there is all that stuff happening on our campus, so maybe specifying that it get donated to a specific thing, like the Children’s Advocacy Clinic, would encourage students to donate too. There were a lot of ideas thrown around.

Jason: Just FYI for those who didn’t know, yesterday there was a police officer struck by a car right where the 1Ls cross, so please be careful. We are working on making that safer. The driver was not ticketed, so I think the officer was at fault, but I think she’s going to be OK.

The student organizations have had great participation at their general body meetings so far and I think that the leaders are doing a great job. So, keep doing good things and not just taking names. C

PDO is still doing small groups and tabling. My advice is to use them. They are a great resource and they cannot help you if you don’t go to them. They are not there to just there to show you how to apply for jobs, they are there to teach you, so please use them. They are a great resource. If you have concerns about the Career Planning process, please go to them and talk to them about your issues and reservations. They are much more able to help if they have a face rather than general complaints.

The all university day the football game was a success. Our President and VP looked great on the field holding up our sign and representing our school!

c. Treasurer (5 minutes)

Andrew: So, we’ve has some good things in terms of recapture. We now have over $5,100 in our reserve and we have recaptured $483.92 now. Just some highlights: the
Sports Legal Society softball tournament gave back almost $400, so that’s really good and helpful for barristers. We had a negative reallocation because of all of the mess happening at the time of the budget, but we came out ahead right after and we’re still waiting on a few receipts, but we’re in good shape. Those are the highlights. Also, I’ll be attending a meeting with Sue up here to become a recognized organization with UPAC to get more funding. Each student organization now has to apply for UPAC funding individually, but if we get recognized, the SBA will act for all other groups and fill out all paperwork starting this fall. So, we’ll have our own account and we won’t have to coordinate with the people over there as much. We will be mostly autonomous.

Laura: Just so everyone knows UPAC stands for the University Park Allocation Committee. What they do is that everyone at UP pays student activity fees, so we pay quite a bit more up here, like $80, and this goes into a fund. We’ve not done a good job of getting that money back in the past, but this will make it much easier for student groups to get money from it. I’ll be going to a training on October 1.

Andrew: To use UPAC funding, the events need to be open to all UP students from all the schools up here, but for advertising it only needs to be at law school, so most others won’t know.

Laura: Dean Elkin is working to try and incorporate Carlisle.

Anna: I know Carlisle isn’t eligible, so I was wondering how it was going to work. Are we going to have to somehow separate the groups?

Andrew: Yeah, we have to separate the student groups, but everything will be the same except for those applying to UPAC funds.

Anna: I’m confused...

Andrew: So, they apply to us and ask for UPAC funding and student services. They go through Holly and Sue first and the treasurer signs off on it. So, instead of students going down there and dealing with it, the funding can come directly from UPAC. Instead of the law school paying and getting a check later, the money comes right out of UPAC. The process is not different, we still have to apply but it’s an additional funding source for us now, like Speaker’s Trust.

Laura: You can’t get money from UPAC unless you’re a recognized student organization. I think only a few have gotten funding up here. Big groups like OutLaw and BLSA. So now instead of student organizations going through it, SBA has done it and they just have to come to us, so that’ll be good for our budget.
Wanika: Just for your knowledge, make sure that you really say UP only because UPAC has had to stop funding for some grad students and they get really mad and are ready to take away money, so you just have to be super clear on everything that you write.

Laura: UPAC pays for transportation, so it really just opens up more money for everyone.

d. PSU Senator (5 minutes)

Joe: This will be really quick. There was no Senate meeting since our last meeting. The next one is October 16, so if you have any issues, let me know.

Laura: He is your tool. Use him.

e. ABA Rep Report (5 minutes)

Wanika: I’ll be sending out an email about different upcoming ABA events going on. Our circuit meeting will be happening soon, so come to that. And I’ll be calling out people here who are not signed up yet, so beware! 1Ls, it’s a good opportunity for you only and its only $25 a year and there are writing competitions that people don’t take advantage of, so do it!

VII. Adjourn

Jason: Motion to adjourn.

Jordan F.: Second.

No opposition in UP.
No opposition in Carlisle.