General Assembly
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2012
Room C20
3 PM to 4 PM

A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Amy moved, Emily seconded. APPROVED.
D. Officer Reports
   a. President
   b. Vice President – By-Laws – will be distributed by email for approval by the General Assembly. The following By-Laws have been changed: (1) 1L(s) can run for the President position; (2) Election rules; (3) New committees (Diversity, Career Services, Talent Show, Philanthropy, Scholarship). Moreover, any member of the SBA can suggest amendments to the By-Laws.
      i. Members of the SBA General Assembly will be e-voting on these amended By-Laws next week.
   c. Secretary
   d. Treasurer – For Spring 2012 and absent any new information, the expected total budget is $22,272; and the $20,000 remains set-aside for Career Committee.
E. Committee Reports (2 minutes each)
   a. ABA Day/Week – Amy reported the following events:
      i. Diversity Day – scheduled for March 2, 2012, but could be incorporated with Law Week/Month.
      ii. Mental Health Day – scheduled for March 27, 2012. Amy is open to receiving suggestions as to planning the details of this event.
      iii. Jack proposed that we do a Diversity Week and make it a joint effort between BLSA, APALSA, Lambdas, HLLSA, and other student organization groups interested in this event.
         1. Form an Adhoc committee with Annette and Hazel.
      iv. 7th Circuit Meeting at Chicago-Kent – scheduled for February 10-11, 2012. All Chicago-Kent students and SBA General Assembly members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Anyone that is a dues-paying member can vote in the elections
         1. February 10 at 8 PM– Chicago-Kent is hosting a social at English. All Chicago-Kent students and General Assembly members are encouraged to attend.
   b. Barrister’s Ball – Amy – the contract has been approved; and deposit will be given soon.
   c. Talent Show – Julio and Kirtana – the Talent Show has been scheduled for March 21, 2012; and Try-Outs will be held on February 27-28, 2012.
i. Currently, Julio and Kirtana proposed a budget of $3,500 for the entire event, which will be e-voted for by the members of the SBA General Assembly.

d. Technology Committee – Kirtana – the new SBA website will be uploaded by the end of the month!

e. Social Committee – Aaron
   i. Bi-monthly Bar Review – won’t cost the SBA anything. The first Bar Review has been scheduled for February 2, 2012 at RockIt Grill & Bar.
   ii. The first SBA Social – February 9 at location TBD.

f. SBA Survey – Sasha – if there are any comments, SBA members must send them to Sasha by the end of this week.

g. LRAP – do we want to keep the fee at $15?
   i. Jack’s proposal – increase the Student Activity Fee (SAF) by $5 + LRAP by $10.
   ii. One SBA member proposed that SAF be reduced to $55 and LRAP fee be increased to $25. Emily A. moved this proposal. Kirtana seconded it. 2 YES. 20 NO. FAILED.
      1. This proposal may decrease the SBA budget by $10,000.
      2. Members were concerned about increasing the overall cost of student activity fee.
      3. One member suggested that we donate a lump sum amount at the end of the semester.
   iii. Another SBA member proposed to add $10 to the LRAP and keep SAF the same at $65. 12 NO. 7 Yes. FAILED.
      1. Members are concerned about issues of transparency re: our SBA budget and committing to this increase.

F. Old Business

G. New Business
   a. Approval of February 10 ABA Social - $5,000 – Emily motioned, Max seconded. 20 Yes. 0 No. 0 Abstained. APPROVED.
   b. New Organization – George Rodrique – Space Law Society. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.