General Assembly Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2012
Room 520
5 PM to 7 PM

A. Call to Order
B. Welcome Guests – LRAP Presentation guests – see names below
C. Roll Call
D. Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes
   a. Sasha; Bridget M - Passes Unanimously
E. Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Discount December
         1. Heavily discounted tickets to the below venues. Purchase through online store. Group needs to be full to purchase tickets
            a. Chicago Bulls
            b. Chicago Symphony Orchestra
            c. Second City
            d. Lyric Opera of Chicago
         2. Young Alumni Council is has also helped to organize Discount December
      ii. Study Breaks During Finals
          a. Finance Committee Passed
          b. Healthy snack is fruit platter from the Spak
         2. 12/5/2012 sponsored by SBA & Career Services
            a. 3:00 - 4:15p - healthy snack/ Starbucks coffee & tea
         3. 12/7/2012 sponsored by SBA & Student Services
            a. 3:00 - 4:15p - healthy snack/ Starbucks coffee & tea
         4. 12/11/2012 sponsored by SBA Diversity Committee & Office of Student Professional Development and Diversity
            a. 11:30 - 1:00p - Lunch from Freshii/ Starbucks coffee & tea
         5. 12/13/2012 sponsored by SBA & Young Alumni Council
            a. 11:30 - 1:00p - Lunch from Protein Bar/Starbucks coffee & tea
         6. XSport Sign-Up on 3rd Floor
            a. 12/5/2012
            b. 12/7/2012
            c. 12/11/2012
            d. 12/13/2012
      iii. Discussion - None
   b. Vice President
   c. Secretary
   d. Treasurer
i. Current Account Balances
   1. $54,178.96 initial semester budget allocation; $20,603.50 remaining – UNDER spent
      a. Unused funds
         1. Approximately $10,000 of supplemental funding
         2. Book scholarship
      b. Under budget because of discounts

ii. Supplemental Funding Allocations
   1. Finance Committee has approved most requests
      a. Exception: Incidentally while traveling – not approved
   2. Have approximately $21,000 set aside for next semester

iii. Discussion – None

F. Committee Reports
   a. Diversity Committee—Smita Sarkar
      i. Faculty Diversity Committee Meeting
         1. Attended by Smita
         2. In the works: Setting up an LLM/JD Mentoring program next semester
      ii. Diversity Week – March 3 – March 8
         1. Two groups each day – morning and evening events
      iii. Background – new Dean of Diversity, most efforts this semester has been developing relationship and redefining roles

G. Old Business

H. New Business
   a. Approval of Entrepreneurial Law Society- proposal by Jeff McIntosh
      i. Background
         1. Areas
            a. Firms working with small business and entrepreneurs
            b. Individually owned start ups
         2. Working with professor who runs Entrepreneurial Clinic
         3. Working with entrepreneurial center at main campus
      ii. Discussion - None
      iii. Bridget moves to call to vote; Keenan seconds — APPROVED unanimously voice vote.
   b. Approval of Justinian Law Society – proposed by Lindsey Orlando
      i. Background
         1. Italian American society for lawyers
         2. Events surrounding food and culture
         3. Judge Erikson faculty advisor
         4. Working with Chicago Chapter to increase exposure and event magnitude
      ii. Discussion - None
iii. Bridget moves to call to vote; Keenan seconds—APPROVED unanimously hand vote.

c. Approval Resolution Thanking Tara Anderson
   i. Leaving to go to University of MN
   ii. Started initiatives beneficial to students enumerated in the resolution
       1. Development of AsCK week
       2. Creation Young Alumni Council
       3. Increase student engagement with Alum office and creation Student Alumni Board
       4. Significant work with alumni
   iii. Gratitude 5+ years of service
   iv. Motion to approve the resolution: Bridget motions, Casey seconds: APPROVED unanimously voice vote

d. Presentation regarding the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)
   i. Professor Ron Staudt, Director of the Center for Access to Justice & Technology
      1. Could not attend – stuck in Washington DC
         a. In lieu we have Andrew Medeiros
            i. Discussed public interest at CK
               1. CK is a national leader in PI law
               2. Mission: Notion of equal access to justice
               3. Multiple certificate programs, initiatives, opportunities, practicums
               4. Fusing technology and social justice
               5. Course and software used at CK is being developed for use at other law schools
   ii. Allison Smith, Public Interest/Career Development Advisor CSO
   iii. Rachel Jennings, Career Counselor CSO
      1. LRAP Generally
         a. Creation: 2008-2009 by the SBA
         b. Initial cost $12.50 per semester per student. Increase to $15 in 2009. Stagnant since.
         c. Mission: encourage public interest
         d. Market Data
            i. High Cost Education
               1. Avg law school debt $125,000
               2. Avg Kent debt $109,000
            ii. Stagnant Salaries in PI
               1. Only pacing with inflation
               2. Sample prior year PI entry salaries – $38,800 - $52,500
            iii. Discussion of starting legal salaries generally
e. Comparing LRAP in other schools - ~ 100 schools have adopted this type of program  
   i. Each school in Chicago has a program – started between 1984 – 1998 – CK behind other schools in the area on this program  

f. Miscellaneous  
   i. Good marketing program  
   ii. Keep on par with other Chicago Schools  

2. Administration of LRAP  
   a. Applicants must make $56k or less – NO exceptions  
      i. Takes into consideration spousal income  
      ii. Each child is a $5k deduction  
   b. Must have debt of over $80,000 – public or private – NO exceptions  
   c. Extensive application documentation required – loan assistance from other programs, tax returns, employer, personal statements, loan statements  
   d. Only get 5 years from the program  
      i. This limit is due to funding levels  

3. Disbursement of Funds  
   a. Committee established to determine recipients- Krent, Staud, Lewers, Alumni, 3 students, SBA President, CSO reps  

4. Amount of Funds Disbursed  
   a. $2,000 - $4,000 per year  
   b. Consideration of Private debt is significant  
      i. Tiered based on amounts of private debt  
         1. $2000 0-10k in private debt  
            a. This equates to approximately $166 per month of relief  
         2. $3000 – 10k-30k in private debt  
         3. $4000 - 30+k in private debt  

5. Prior Year Recipients  
   a. $61,000 disbursed  
      i. 25 applicants, 23 recipients – 2 people did not meet salary requirements so were ineligible  
   b. Debt held $80,001 – $208,511  
   c. Salary range – $38,822 - $59,870  

6. Historical awards  
   a. $48,400 – $61,000 (2009 – 2012)  
      i. Everyone who applies – want to give LRAP  
         1. Minimum of $2,000  
      ii. Increase in funding because increase in applicants
b. Current year– already above prior year number of applicants – 28 – 29 applicants projected

7. Source of funds –
   a. In general: Received: 2012 – $38,008; 2011 – $46,945
      i. 2011 - Took money from the endowment to fund the 2011 deficit – ($46,945 funding– $61,000 assistance)
      ii. 2012 - Student fees down because admitting fewer students
   b. Student fees
      i. Received in 2011 - $27,000
   c. Endowment
      i. Down half in due to the market
      ii. Only get $8,000 per year disbursed from the endowment
         1. This should increase when the market recovers and endowment no longer underwater
   d. Development
      i. Cannot count on this because based on donor discretion
      ii. Gifts from alumni- Average $10,000 per year
      iii. 2012 is low – only $3,000 gifts

8. Future impact
   a. Do nothing
      i. Only $34,000 per year if no vote
      ii. Means 10 – 12 applicants would not get assistance
         1. Process would become more competitive
   b. Do something
      i. Funding can increase to close to dollar value needed to keep the program as is with $15 per semester increase in student fees
      ii. $20 per semester increase in student fees will anticipate future need

9. Why do something
   a. Students vote
   b. School dedicates time/energy to develop PI generally
   c. Keep up with other Chicago schools
   d. Mobility/Market in PI fields are extremely limited
   e. Alumni engagement
      i. Giving back to the school in significant ways
   f. Impact of fee increase is quite low relative to other law school costs
g. Encourage institutional support

10. Recommendations
   a. $20 per semester increase – this guarantees the projected LRAP
      i. Add: Perpetual rate of inflation annually
   b. $15 per semester increase – decrease the value of the LRAP
      i. Add: Perpetual rate of inflation annually
   c. Inflation – easy, predictable – planning;

11. Discussion
   a. Emily – how does the disbursement work: Lump sum
      i. But if your change of situation to disqualify the salary increases must return the money prorated
   b. Ian – Who is eligible? Only students in government, legal aid, NFP positions
   c. Rory – Where do the student funds come from? Fee paid with tuition
   d. Megan Mul – Are funds are invested when received to earn small interest? Yes
   e. Bridget – Do we need this separate from the activity fee? Lumping together is possible, but remember the student activity fees are not allocated to this – not transparent if we lump.
   f. Megan Mul – Can we offset the LRAP fee with the student activity fee?
      i. Raise the fee - $40 increase annually in addition to what pay fees
      ii. Offset by lowering activity fee each semester $10 – and would still function at same level without dipping into reserves that roll over
          1. Cannot lower the activity fee more than $10
   g. Ian – how many students?
      i. Current year – 950 +/-
      ii. Next year – and project 900
         1. LLMs don’t pay
         2. Remember admitting fewer students and revenue will be down
   h. Casey – what about the decrease in fees – how will that impact the operating budget? – will operate at nearly the same level based on reserves
   i. Megan Mul – we can vote to increase the fees right? Activity fees can be increased upon a proposal and vote at any time
   j. Julio – Clarification on the impact on new students
i. $120 increase in fee for 3 years/$110,000 debt = .1%
k. Jeff – When does this start? – August 2013
l. Keenan – Do we know the average number of applicants?
Increases annually 20 – 29 range since program began
e. Approval of Increasing the LRAP Student Fee (Loan Repayment Assistance Program)

1. Original Rates – per semester
   a. LRAP = 15
   b. Student = 65
   c. Total fees 80
2. Option A per semester: Megan Mulherin – YES inflation
   a. LRAP + 15 = 30
   b. Student (10)
   c. Net increase 5
      i. Total fees 85
3. Option B per semester: Megan Morton – YES inflation
   a. LRAP + 20 = 35
   b. Student (10)
   c. Net increase 10
      i. Total fees 90
4. Option C per semester: Sasha – YES inflation
   a. LRAP + 20 = 35
   b. Student fees
   c. Net increase of 20
      i. Total fees of 100
         a. Sparing $120 – not a big deal comparatively
         b. Remember the students who feel this the most benefit the most from the increase

ii. Motion to call the Question- Julio, Bridget Seconds
   a. Option C
      i. $20 LRAP increase with perpetual inflation increase. No change to student activity fees
            a. Passes 2/3 majority = 18/22
         b. Reminder – pass 2/3 majority can advocate as passed with the voice of the student body per the SBA bylaws and therefore the voice of the student body
I. Announcements/Reminders
   a. Happy Birthday!
      i. Jake Berger – 12/27
   b. Next Meeting: January 27
   c. GOOD LUCK ON FINALS!!!
J. Motion to adjourn by Jeff, Maureen seconds – APPROVED unanimously.