General Assembly Meeting Agenda
October 13, 2012
Room 520
5 PM to 7 PM

A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes
   a. Motion by Sasha; Emily D seconds
D. Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Alumni Association — Tara Anderson & Kayla Portillo
         1. Tara and Kayla introduced themselves and ensured they are
            around to help with planning events that incorporate alumni
      ii. Submit Agenda Items to Sabrina by **Thursday at 5p** before General
          Assembly Meetings
         1. The copy room closes before the current deadline of Friday at 5, so
            we are changing it to 5 on Thursdays so we can have hard copies
            of agendas at meetings.
      iii. Ask the Dean Questions:
         1. Last year the SBA decided this was a good mechanism to ask
            Dean Krent questions and allow him to address student concerns.
            These questions can be submitted to the SBA e-mail and then
            included in the weekly event e-mail.
   b. Vice President
   c. Secretary
   d. Treasurer
      i. Our fall supplemental budget is currently $18,484.
E. Committee Reports
   a. Careers Committee — Emily Acosta, on behalf of Fariz
      i. The Committee met to discuss and plan this semester’s “5 Under 5”
         events. There are a few alumni lined up and the group is looking to set a
         date soon.
   b. Social Committee – Bridget Maul, on behalf of Julio Costa
      i. Conviser Bash — Tentative date of November 8
         1. The goal is to keep the budget under 8,500, which is a decrease
            from last year’s 12,000 budget.
         2. There is no venue yet.
         3. Amy motions and Megan seconds.
         4. Vote **PASSES**- 18 Yes 0 No 3 Abstentions
   c. Philanthropy Committee — Amy Chessir
      i. Toys for Tots
1. This will benefit marines and their families—still trying to figure out the details of this
   ii. Food Pantry
      1. The food pantry event will be this November. Details coming soon
   iii. Bar Event to Raise Money for Children’s Memorial
      1. There is no set date for this yet, but the committee is looking to create a partnership with Children’s Memorial to do multiple events in the Spring
   iv. Co-Sponsored Events
      1. There is currently a partnership with PAD to get out and do some philanthropy

d. Diversity Committee—Smita Sarkar & Sabrina Leonard
   i. Meeting with the Faculty Diversity committee next week
   ii. Minority Student Social—potential social with all minority organizations

F. Old Business
G. New Business
   a. Approval of Barrister’s Ball Budget—The Committee is estimating a total budget of just under $98,000. With an SBA contribution of $60,000, the student body would contribute the remaining $38,000 with about $80 per ticket. **APPROVED**
      i. Background from Committee Chairs Megan & Megan
         1. Historically we’ve spent around 120K for the party, but it has gone significantly in the past years. Due to lower admittance levels, we will have less money and try to put this event on as efficiently as possible.
         2. Last year was the first time we ever voted on the venue, but first we will address the concerns of the GA and if we can all come to an agreement, there will not likely be a student body vote.
         3. Before school started Megan, Megan, and Emily A made a long list of venue options, then narrowed it to 7. They then found that 3 of them would not hold our desired capacity and 1 wanted everyone to guarantee to be sober (dry event). From the remaining venues, Megan & Megan have selected the Odyssey. The Union League Club, the Field Museum and Soldier Field.
         4. Target date is April 13
         5. The Odyssey was the most economical and bang for buck. This is a cruise—5 hours on Lake Michigan. The price includes the boat and open bar. You would be docked for the first hour, cocktails the whole time, 3 hour cruise, and then docked for the last hour so people can leave. Because we have a full charter of the boat, we can cruise for as little or as long as we want. The entertainment includes 2 DJ’s and a band (1 for each bar), a cigar roller also with pre-rolled cigars, flapper cigar girls, and a photo booth)
6. The value per person attending is 550$-- They are proposing $80 student contribution (for 475 students), which is $5 more than last year. The requested SBA funding is 60K. (50 other tickets are for faculty and staff) (There is a possibility that more student tickets will be allotted.)

ii. The finance committee saw the budget and agreed the 60K request was reasonable and appropriate.

iii. Discussion

1. Question 1: Is this a safety hazard?
   a. The owner of the Odyssey has stated that there is security and he is also sure that the school’s insurance is likely enough. There are safety measures in order as they are used to dealing with student groups. It is also known that Kent has done Barrister’s on a boat before.

2. Question 2: What about bad weather?
   a. April is still cold, so some students would prefer to be inside mostly. The boat does offer an inside portion, and the appeal of the boat included the price. The Union League is relative in cost, but not well known and only calls for a DJ. The Field Museum makes you use their caterer and it would cost much more, bring student ticket cost to over 125$. Then Soldier Field would bring tickets to $144.
   
   b. What happens in the event of rain—the attendees would be very disappointed to spend that much money and have it to rain. Megan and Megan talked to the contact and he said weather is only a concern with extreme wind. This rarely happens and the worse that would happen is that we would stay docked at Navy Pier. Everyone can fit inside the vote
   
   c. The boat is being remodeled just before the event, and we will be the first to use it. Many of the students who went in the past really enjoyed it.

3. Question 3: Should we ask the student body what they think?
   a. The committee traditionally makes these decisions.
   
   b. Some students are concerned that people will not attend or will be unhappy with bad weather, so they suggest asking the student body.
   
   c. If we ask the student body, we would need to include the information about price and comparisons to other venues.
   
   d. Lack of ability to make decisions may make SBA seem ineffective.
   
   e. We can’t please everyone.
f. If we were to survey everyone, it may lead to them asking SBA to use supplemental funding to cushion the cost of more expensive venues.

iv. Bridget motions to end discussion, and Rory seconds

v. Emily D motions to call to vote, and Keenan Seconds—APPROVED: 14 voted YES; 5 voted NO; 2 abstained.

b. Approval of SBA Maintained Student Refrigerators: APPROVED
   i. Background
   1. The Student Life Committee along with the corresponding faculty committee proposed the idea of getting Student refrigerators. The refrigerators will be free (provided by Dean Sowle), but SBA will be responsible for cleaning them out weekly.
   2. The refrigerators will continue to exist in future years, so we are opening floor for discussion on taking on the responsibility to clean them in future years. Each SBA member would probably be responsible for cleaning it once a year.

   ii. Motion to open discussion- Ed; Jake seconds
      1. It is weird to share a refrigerator with so many people.
      2. The microwaves are hard to clean and this may be like the refrigerators
      3. Not all people will have to use it if you are afraid of things getting stolen
      4. It won’t take long or much to clean.
      5. If we clean it once a week then maybe it won’t get “hard” to clean
      6. It doesn’t cost us anything to try it. The refrigerators are free and we should offer it to the student body.

   iii. Motion to end discussion by Bridget M; Britney MacDonald seconds

   iv. Call to vote by Bridget M, Megan seconds—APPROVED: 14 voted YES; 4 voted NO; 3 abstained.

   v. Motion for a refrigerator committee by Ed, Jake Seconds; Motion PASSES. 12 voted YES; 9 voted NO
      1. Emily will appoint someone, probably Jackie since she seemed so enthusiastic about them

c. Re-approval of The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy

d. Re-approval of Space Law Society

e. Re-approval of Health Law Society

f. Re-approval of National Security and Law Society

g. Re-approval of The Commentator
   i. Bridget Motions, Casey Seconds to approve C-G
   ii. Voice vote: APPROVED unanimously

h. Approval of The Outdoor Adventure Club
   i. Background
1. Ed and Keenan propose OAC to expose students to outdoor adventures that they already enjoy or perhaps have never done. The diverse population of Kent has a wealth of knowledge in these areas and it also provides a unique way to network among students and practicing attorneys. It is also a non-alcoholic way to spend funds. Professor Parrot agreed to be the advisor and is looking forward to helping out. There are currently 3 founding members.
   ii. J. Ian motions to open discussion; Jake seconds
      1. There are no plans to ask for more funding than the allocated $150. The students are looking for more members first.
   iii. Bridget motions to end and Amy seconds: APPROVED unanimously (Keenan and Ed abstain)

H. Announcements/ Reminders
   a. Happy Birthday Britney Macdonald!—She celebrated her birthday since the last meeting
   b. Next Meeting: November 11
   c. Attendance Requirement—Keenan reminds everyone that you can only miss 2 meetings before you can be dismissed

I. Bridget and Britney motion to adjourn.