



CHICAGO-KENT STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

General Assembly Meeting Agenda

September 28, 2014

Room 520

5 PM to 7 PM

- A. Call to Order
 - a. 5:07 PM
- B. Welcome 1L Representatives
- C. Roll Call
- D. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
 - a. Motion: Dan McGinnis
 - b. Second: Maureen Bitonio
- E. Rules of Order
- F. Officer Reports
 - a. President
 - i. Student Speak Survey IIT
 - 1. Casey has been contacted by main campus to participate in the Student Speak Survey discussing student life, etc. Please email Casey Brown if interested in sitting on this activity.
 - ii. Executive Orders
 - 1. ABA National Conference
 - a. Motion: Odell Mitchell III
 - b. Second: Lindsay Hicks
 - 2. Officer Orientation Dinner
 - a. Motion: Dan McGinnis
 - b. Second: Gabi Sneeringer
 - 3. Transition Meeting
 - a. Motion: Maureen Bitonio
 - b. Second: Gabi Sneeringer
 - 4. President and Treasurer's meeting
 - a. Motion: Gabi Sneeringer
 - b. Second: Maureen Bitonio
 - b. Day Vice President
 - i. Odell has been speaking to each committee to help collaboration. If anyone has not responded to Odell, please do so immediately.
 - c. Evening Vice President
 - i. Meet the SBA
 - 1. Manny is unable to make the meeting. However, the SBA intends to host this event in some fashion. Look for an email from Manny on times/locations.
 - d. Treasurer
 - i. SBA 2014-2015 Budget
 - 1. Lindsay presented the budget to the SBA. This budget will be uploaded to the website. Please refer any questions or inquiries to the SBA treasurer, Lindsay Hicks.



2. Motion: Odell
3. Second: Gabi
4. Unanimous vote approving the budget
- ii. Presentation concerning event planning and reimbursements
 1. A presentation concerning event planning and reimbursement can be found at <http://bit.ly/TreasurerInfo>.
 2. All organizations will start off with at least \$75 each semester. Some organizations start with a higher amount; the amount fluctuates based on money spent the previous year by the organization. Use the tax-exempt letter when making purchases; SBA cannot reimburse for taxes. Please refer to the reimbursement form and presentation for more information.
 3. Room reservations are done through the school's website unless the reservation is for the SBA conference room. For the latter, email SBA Secretary at sba@kentlaw.iit.edu with your request.
 4. If student organizations receive outside funds, please put the outside funds into their non-SBA related account. SBA funds cannot be moved from the SBA-related account to the non-SBA related account.
 5. Contact Maureen in the Spakateria for assistance with catering. See her no later than 7 days prior to the event.
- e. Secretary
 - i. Weekly announcements
 1. Please send weekly announcements to Miranda by each Friday at noon.
 - ii. Agenda items
 1. Please submit agenda items ASAP each month.
 - iii. Roster
 1. Miranda requests that each member of the GA fill out roster.
 - iv. Bios and Pics for website
 1. Each member of the GA should send in a bio and pic.
- f. CBA
 - i. Both the most recent CBA events, Meet Justice Ginsburg and Meet the Committees, were very successful.
- g. ISBA
 - i. Day at the Races on Sept. 13 went very well. There is an upcoming conference that Dave will attend on Oct. 13 in Chicago.
- h. ABA
 - i. The ABA has \$500 for any new event that has never happened at Chicago. You must apply for \$500 for at least 6 weeks out.
 - ii. The ABA seeks person stories concerning any experience with an internship where a student was asked to choose between a for-pay position or for-credit position. Based on these stories, the ABA rule could be amended.



G. Committee Reports

- a. Barrister's
 - i. (Odell) Last two years, Barrister's has been on the Odyssey. Barrister's committee has narrowed the location down to three location. Finances are THE most important part of the planning process, but the committee is still looking for ways to keep with the student body's wishes. There will be a detailed survey sent out to the student body so that can make an informed decision on the location. The tentative date is April 25, 2015, but is subject to change.
 - ii. Point of information from Maureen: Where will the voting occur?
 1. Response: Likely TWEN. Each student will have one vote.
- b. Career Development
 - i. (Alex) Committee members should look out for an email for a meeting in the next week or two. They will be planning the signature "5 under 5" event. The committee would also like to discuss an event for resume building.
- c. Curriculum
 - i. (Manny is the curriculum chair and is absent. Casey spoke on the committee's behalf.) Last year, Praxis and 1L Your Way were large projects for this committee. This committee works largely with Chicago Kent staff.
- d. Diversity
 - i. (Rebecca) First meeting tomorrow at 3 PM. The film series is in the planning stages.
- e. Elections
 - i. 1L Elections
 - ii. (Brendan) Welcome to the 1L reps. We had one runoff in Section B. There were only minor violations.
- f. Finance
 - i. (Lindsay) The committee meets on Wednesdays at 3 PM. Lindsay needs 3 1Ls, so please contact Casey or Lindsay with interest. GA members may approach Lindsay after the meeting.
 - ii. Alex commented with her extreme excitement for Finance committee.
- g. Marketing
 - i. (Odell) The marketing committee has many responsibilities, including primarily the SBA social media presence. Anyone is invited to send in potential information to be posted to Odell or other marketing members. Now that 1L reps are present, the committee will meet soon. Another goal is to increase student involvement in marketing to new students by working with the staff.
 - ii. Casey gave glowing support of Odell's presentation. Casey also noted that we are demanding more of our student organizations this semester. We hope to facilitate organizations working together when they can. SBA



also hopes to assist as is able in the ongoing discussion about decreased applications.

1. Malitzia: What are you wanting from organizations?
 - a. Casey: For example, each organization will need a website and faculty advisor. There is also a somewhat higher burden of proof for student organizations' funding requests.
 - h. Philanthropy
 - i. (Dave) There are two updates. 1.) Red Cross Blood Drive. The planning meeting was postponed due to the fact that the Red Cross representative had a death in the family. However, the date for the drive will be Nov. 10, 2014. 2.) The Philanthropy committee would like to partner with KJF to leverage SBA and ISBA for the wine event.
 - i. Social
 - i. (In light of Brandon's absence, Ian gave the update). There are a few upcoming events:
 1. All School Social
 - a. Likely Halloween Themed.
 2. Bar Review
 3. Dates for Conviser Bash
 - a. This will occur on November 6, 2014, and likely at Hubbard Inn.
 - j. School Relations
 - i. (Militza) The first meeting will occur directly after the SBA meeting. There will be a student/faculty Happy Hour on October 2, 2014.
 - ii. (Amber) The committee is discussing an interview prep room - the CSO office will be setting up this room in a spare office and the room will open this week! There will be a sign-up at the front desk of the CSO office. The room will include an iron/board, straightener, etc.
 - iii. (Amber) The chairs will send out a sign-up sheet for the Happy Hour.
 - iv. (Militza) This committee is also entertaining the on-going storage/gym/organizational office discussion. Further would like to find the best way to address a student calendar and communicating events to the students.
 - v. Coffee Break for 1Ls
 1. Will likely be hosting more coffee breaks.
 - k. Technology
 - i. SBA Website
 1. (Dave) This committee will be in charge of running the SBA website. The website is based on a word press platform. Please contact Dave if anyone has ideas or wants to participate.
 - l. Talent Show
 - i. No updates.
- H. Old Business



I. New Business

- a. Laurel Martinez on 1L participation
 - i. Laurel gave her introductions and spoke to the GA about 1L involvement. Laurel posits that L participation is very low. Laurel suggested that organizations requesting supplemental funding should be required to put their event on the SBA organizations calendar. Furthermore, a potential solution would be to plan events during peak school hours.
 - ii. Joleen suggested that the ASP groups may be creating conflicts.
 - iii. Shout out to Section B 1L class.
- b. Proposal for Law Students for Reproductive Justice – Mohini Lal
 - i. Mohini spoke on the range of topics on LSRJ. LSRJ is a national organization. All other schools, except John Marshall, have this organization.
 - ii. Open discussion
 1. They currently have a board and 5 additional members. 9 total.
 2. The signatures required for the petition have been collected.
 3. LSRJ cannot affiliate with a larger, already established organization group because LSRJ is affiliated with a national organization. It needs to be separate so that there may be funding from the national office.
 - iii. Joel Zangerle left the meeting.
 - iv. Motion to call to question
 1. Gabi
 2. Odell
 - v. Motion to approve
 1. Maureen
 2. David
 - vi. Voting
 1. Yeas: 21
 2. Nays: 0
 3. Abstentions: 1 - Miranda
- c. Proposal for Justinian Society – Gabrielle Romano and Liz Romano
 - i. The presenters noted that this organization was present before, but did not spend money and was cancelled. The petition has been satisfied, an executive board is in place, and a faculty advisor has been appointed. The organization is national based; this is the only school in Chicago that does not have an active chapter.
 - ii. Open discussion
 1. Due to the fact that the organization has already claimed a presence at Chicago Kent, the presenters feel that they already have a large student-based interest.
 2. They are hoping to host a few events such as a movie night, pasta eating contest, etc.



- iii. Joleen East left the meeting.
- iv. Motion to call to question
 - 1. Brendan
 - 2. Logan
- v. Motion to approve
 - 1. Lindsay
 - 2. Maureen
- vi. Voting
 - 1. Yeas: 21
 - 2. Nays:
 - 3. Abstentions: 1 Miranda
- d. Proposal for Polish Student Organization – Nick DeRyke
 - i. Nick wishes to start a Polish student organization. The board is composed of 1Ls, so he touts longevity. However, there are older students interested as well. He cites instances where the group would like to partner with other organizations.
 - ii. Open discussion to presenter
 - 1. Points out the large Polish population in Chicago.
 - 2. Wants to involve older students in order to make connections.
 - iii. Relevant Discussion before vote
 - 1. Concerns for lack of preparedness. Pros for providing time
 - iv. Rebecca Charles left the meeting.
 - v. Call to question
 - 1. Motion: Rebecca
 - 2. Second: Maureen
 - vi. Motion to approve
 - 1. Motion: Maureen
 - 2. Second: Alex
 - vii. Voting
 - 1. Yeas: 6
 - 2. Nays: 13
 - 3. Abstentions: 0
- J. Motion to suspend the SBA rule Article 5, Section 1 with respect to the time requirement that general assembly members must remain present until adjournment
 - a. Unanimous approval
- K. Motion to adjourn
 - a. Motion: Lindsay
 - b. Second: Alex
- L. Announcements/ Reminders
 - a. Next Meeting: October 26, 2014
- M. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM