



General Assembly Meeting Agenda
January 25, 2015
Room 520
5 PM to 7 PM

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Welcome to New LLM Reps
- D. Officer Reports
 - a. President
 - i. Committees
 - 1. Casey will be transitioning the 1Ls into leadership roles. GA members should email Casey if they have a strong preference in any particular committee. Casey will call a meeting of committee heads to jumpstart the new semester.
 - ii. SBA Social
 - 1. We will be planning a SBA mixer. Manny, evening VP will work in conjunction with the Social committee to plan. Details to follow.
 - b. Day Vice President
 - c. Evening Vice President
 - i. Email Manny with any particular ideas about the SBA lobby social.
 - d. Treasurer
 - i. Lindsay is looking for two additional members to join the finance committee. The committee meets on Wednesdays at 3 PM. Please email or contact Lindsay for more details.
 - e. Secretary
 - i. How to access the Google Calendar.
 - 1. In order to access the Google calendar without a direct link, a student can use the 9 squares button in the upper right hand corner of their Gmail account. This opens up the student's google apps. Click on "calendar". In the lower left hand corner, the student can search calendars for "student bar association." Every student has viewing rights.
 - f. CBA
 - i. CBA and CBF (Chicago Bar Foundation) are hosting a Texas Hold 'Em tournament as a fundraiser for Access to Justice. Please see the CBA website or Alex for more details about how to get involved. (Update given via Casey.)
 - g. ISBA
 - i. Conference - Feb. 28th: The semester ISBA conference will be held on Feb. 28th at 9 AM. If any student is interested in attending the ISBA conference, David, the ISBA representative, can bring one student. Please contact David Welch for more details.
 - h. ABA



- up on the day of the event. The Philanthropy committee hopes to increase participation on the day of the event.
- ii. Kent Justice Foundation Auction: Philanthropy committee is working with KJF on their auction this year. Email Alex Brinkmeier, David Welch, or KJF to get involved.
- h. Social
 - i. Mardi Gras Party! The event will be held February 5th or 6th, 2015. The Social committee will share the details with the GA members and then to the students.
 - ii. General outline of semester's socials
 - 1. Conviser Bash - April 9, 2015 potential date: subject to change
 - 2. Other events will likely be held before Conviser and at the end of the semester (in addition to Barristers and the Talent Show.)
- i. School Relations
 - i. The School Relations committee had success with the massage chairs and coffee/donuts. The committee will research use of massage chairs again. Second, they are open to ideas from the GA at large. Contact Militza Pagan.
- j. Technology
 - i. David will work with Odell on website matters.
- k. Talent Show
 - i. Perspective dates - Potentially April 1st or 2nd, 2015. Details to follow.
- F. Old Business
 - a. None
- G. New Business
 - a. UPass - Corey Shadowitz
 - i. Corey would like to explore the possibility of continuing the UPass throughout the school breaks. There are concerns that the CTA will be inflexible with contracts between CTA and IIT. However, the matter will be explored. Corey will work with the school relations committee on this matter.
 - b. New Organization Proposal - Alternative Dispute Resolution Team
 - i. Brendon and Amber presented for the ADR Team. The ADR team does not have a completed petition.
 - ii. ADR was started in the Fall of 2014 and has already sent a team to the national level. There is a group of 6 students this semester, with plenty of potential for growth. Negotiations, Arbitration, and Negotiation Competitions are all held this semester. Being a new organization, the ADR team has seen success. However, they hope to grow the team and need the support of the SBA. ADR is a skill that every lawyer needs, and the team hopes to share the skill with other students. The ADR members have spoken to faculty members and will work with the school in hosting events. The faculty is Professor Aidasani.



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- iii. Membership is based on try-outs. Try-outs include conducting a negotiation. However, because training has yet to occur, the techniques are not being judged per se, but instead the candidates will be judged on presentation. Membership with other teams such as Trial Advocacy or Moot Court Honor Society is not a conflict with ADR; if a conflict exists, it would need to be resolved with the other team's coaches.
- iv. The current ADR members have spoken to the faculty/staff at the school. They were told that currently, ADR is on a "trial-run" in hopes that they can have success in competitions. The faculty advisor is highly involved.
- v. GA discussion
 - 1. Lindsay noted that trial team and moot court do not get money at the beginning of the semester like other student organizations. But they can come to SBA for additional funds.
 - 2. Miranda requests more information on the staff/faculty's position of the ADR team. When, if at all, will the school take ownership of the ADR team? This way the GA can vote with full information.
 - 3. Brendan says that this organization meets all the favorable traits of a new organization and should be voted affirmatively.
 - 4. Gabi questions how the exclusivity aspect of the organization plays a role in the organization.
 - 5. Logan questions how new members are granted membership.
 - 6. Gabi questions whether there is a way in which a group of students can gain funds without being an organization? Answer: There are some ways, such as partnering with an organization.
 - 7. Odell agrees with Brendan in that the organization has many positive features that would be beneficial to the school. However, he hopes that the school will take ownership in the organization in order to empower them win competitions for the school.
 - 8. Casey notes that at some points, there are private sponsors that foot the bill for competitions for Kent's other competitive teams.
 - 9. Amber notes that the ADR coach mostly deals with the faculty.
- vi. GA vote
 - 1. Motion to approve Brendan
 - 2. Second by Odell
 - 3. Hand vote - 23 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention
 - 4. The motion passes.

H. Announcements/ Reminders

- a. Next Meeting: Sunday, February 15th