A. Call to Order


C. Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Restructuring of Committees. Jack mentioned the restructuring of the committees at the Town Hall Meeting. As per the By-Laws, Jack will be eliminating some committees.
      ii. New Committees
         1. Diversity Committee – assigning volunteers to the Committee. Anyone that is interested in joining it should let Jack know.
         2. Talent Show Committee – looking for a Chair and Committee members. Those with theatrical, technical, sound engineering experience should definitely speak to Jack.
         3. Philanthropy Committee
      iii. Future Meetings’ requirement for Committee Reports – Committee Heads must be submitted to Kirtana or Jack 48 hours in advance of the meeting.
      iv. Appointment to Board of Inquiry – No longer a standing committee; will meet on an ad hoc basis. Bill Lawlor has been appointed as the Chair.
      v. Appropriation of Social Budget. Jack would like to have a budget appropriated for SBA-sponsored socials.
   b. Vice President – no reports.
   c. Secretary
      i. SBA Calendar -
         https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=0gnimh7j6vhtc0qacyv77g75mg8%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago. Kirtana will share a link to this calendar with the Student Body.
      ii. SBA T-Shirts are here! For more information about payment or orders, please see Kirtana.
      iii. Student Organizational Office Assignments – if any organization is looking for an office, please email Kirtana.
   d. Treasurer
      i. 2011-2012 Student Organizations’ Budget
         1. Total Budget: $117,123; including $51,000 rollover from last year + $67,500 from Fall student fees.
         2. Fall Allocations: $31,820; based on past spending of student organizations.
3. Supplemental Budget: $15,000
4. Barrister’s – Finance Committee had a lengthy discussion and capped the cost of the event to $70,000.
   a. In the Fall, $35,000 will be allocated.
   b. In the Spring, the remaining $35,000 will be allocated.
   c. Last year, we made $40,000 back. Based on past trends, Barrister’s will cost $30,000.
5. Jobs - $20,000 (Career Fair, Networking Events). A loose earmark.

D. Committee Reports
   a. Barrister’s Committee – Amy & Joe are Co-Chairs. March 31st, 2012 is the date of Barristers.
   i. Joe’s presentation – Everyone seems to respond positively to the idea of having the Ball at Shedd.
      1. Proposed cost for 400 people is $67,000. 5 hour event. Joe picked up the most expensive meal option. Comes down to $167.50 per person, which is lower than what it has been in the past. The price is based on the meal option we choose.
      2. There has been no negotiation yet with the Shedd.
      3. Fariz has been a DJ and offered to help Joe find a good deal.
      4. Omar wanted to know what the non-venue costs, but Joe said that he has not gotten the specifics.
      5. Annette found that the capacity of the Rotunda was 260, so how do we accommodate 400 guests? Joe said that the Shedd said that capacity of 600 is not a problem.
   ii. Amy’s presentation – Adler Planetarium
      1. Seated dinner: $134/person. Total: $60,300. Tables, Chairs, Linen: additional $9,750. 5.5 hour event. 450 guests is the maximum if we wanted a seated dinner all in the same area.
      2. But, there is an option for heavy appetizers, which would be almost identical to a seated dinner. 700 guests is the maximum, but not everyone will have the same seat. Instead of tables, we will have two areas and two different DJs. Couches and standing tables would be used to set up the room.
      3. Sky Theatre + Galileo’s constellations are both available
      4. Adler uses Food For Thought catering, who is one of the top caterers in Chicago.
   5. Comments –
      a. Kendra was saying the venue might not be conducive to mingling based on an event she attended 2 years ago.
      b. Sylvia asked whether we are taking a vote on this today. Jack stated that we are taking an informal vote on it so that Barrister’s Committee knows how to move forward.
      c. Omar asked about the cost of DJ(s), which is not included in the cost stated above by Amy.
   b. Election Committee – Hazel stated there weren’t too many hiccups. Everything went smoothly. In the Spring, there will be electronic voting.
   c. Social Committee – Aaron is absent. The cost of English Social Night is TBD.
   d. ABA Committee – Amy, Stephen, and Nick Graves (Lt. Governor for the 7th Circuit) all attended the ABA Conference in Toronto in August 2011.
i. ABA has funds that are available for schools, but Chicago-Kent was not aware of these funds.
   1. $100 for Membership Drive – Amy had a table set up for 2 days last week outside of the Spak.
   2. ABA events and competitions
      a. Arbitration Competition
      b. Appellate Advocacy Competition
      c. Writing Competitions
   3. Big funding for new programs provides up to $500 with no limit on how many times we are given those funds. New programs that haven’t been planned at the school. But, we can’t solely depend on ABA for the funds.
      a. ABA Mental Health Day in March 2012
         i. Stress Relief
         ii. Massage
         iii. Yoga for 30 minutes
   ii. Amy started an ABA Facebook page that will contain all the information.

e. Technology Committee – Kirtana
   i. Transition to Gmail will be happening in January. Technology committee will be working together with CLC to ensure that the process is smooth.
   ii. Getting the SBA a working website that people can understand and update regularly. Kirtana stated that by January 2012, SBA will launch the website.

e. AdHoc Committees
   i. Career Services – Yosef, Max. Max reported that everyone is concerned about CSO’s ability to provide what students need.
      1. Career Strategies Taskforce has been developed to address the issue of employment. Max stated the school took our concerns very seriously.
         a. School’s strategies:
            i. Law schools opening up its own firm. Similar to a medical residency.
            ii. Intensive classes that are more geared toward preparing students for a legal career.
            iii. Bring more speakers
            iv. Rotations in law firms
         b. Taskforce is reconvening in October.
      2. It is important that we work on immediate plans that will benefit us directly.
      3. Career Strategies Taskforce will draft a unified statement representing the student body’s needs. The Committee is looking for concrete ideas that will help us move forward.
   ii. School Relations – Sylvia. Spak, Student Services, Bookstore, Library will be the first four Subcommittees. Each Subcommittee representative will meet with each of the respective Department heads on a monthly basis.
   iii. Constituent Services – Max & Justin. First task was to set up the Town Hall Meeting to get direct feedback from the students. On top of that, Max and Justin spoke to Dean Sowle about a list of issues: (a) Summer U-Passes – Jenna Abhijeet is working with CTA to see if Kent can offer this.; (b) FFC - $85/month for Kent students; (c) Library Hours – not open long enough. Max and Justin are waiting to hear the rationale behind the
shorter library hours; and (d) Tuition – would like to see more transparency; would like to fashion a letter to Dean Krent about requesting transparency and how the money is being spent. If anyone has any thoughts, please email Jack.

E. Old Business. None

F. New Business
   a. Approval of 2011-2012 Student Organizations’ Budget – Max moved, Sylvia seconded. **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.**
      i. Barrister’s: $70,000. Max was concerned about the cost to students, but the usual ticket price has been $70. Sylvia suggested that it would be good to wait until after we have accounted for variable expenses before deciding on the ticket price. Many asked whether the $70,000 allocation includes ticket sales, to which Bernadett stated that it doesn’t.
         1. Omar would like the $70,000 amount to be a hard cap so that we can spend money on other things that are more beneficial to the students such as the Job Fair/Networking Events (golf tournament).
         2. Amy stated that the $70,000 cap is fine.
         3. If more than $70,000 is needed, then we can take a vote on it.
   b. Request for $200 for Graphic Designer. Max moves, Bernadett seconded. **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.** Jack paid the Graphic Designer out of his own pocket. SBA has full license to use the logo.
   c. Approval of Executive Order 1112-1 and 1112-2
      i. EO 1112-1 – Expenditure appropriated for ABA Conference in Toronto - $2,000. Sash moves, Hazel seconded. **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.**
         1. $2,000 was taken out before the 2011-2012 Budget was developed.
      ii. EO 1112-2 – Expenditure appropriated for food and drink for the first General Assembly meeting on September 11, 2011. Max moves, Sasha seconded. **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.**
   d. Informal vote for Barrister’s Location. Adler Planetarium – 8 votes. Shedd – 11 votes. 2 indifferent votes. Jack and Sylvia are both for increasing the number of guests accommodated at the event.
   e. Approval of new student organizations
      i. Lucas & George – **First Generation Law Students Society** – geared towards students who do not have parents who are lawyers. Omar moves, Fariz seconded. 18 voted. 2 abstained. **APPROVED.**
         1. Establish a network of first generation law students for purposes of mentorship and networking. Hope to create a legacy by partnering with the SBA and school.
         2. Events: (a) Negotiation Workshops; (b) Interview Prep; (c) Elevator Speaking Workshops.
         3. CBA Representative is interested in helping Lucas and George.
         4. Comments/Questions/Concerns: Many members were concerned about exclusivity and whether the organization would be open to non-first generation law students because SBA funds must be used for events that are open to all students. Lucas stated that both members and non-members will have to pay to attend the events. There was concern about the cost of the organization, to which George replied that the organization would be self-financing. Others stated that these events could help non-first generation students, so perhaps it should be more of a networking organization. Sylvia
reiterated that all organizations should encourage everyone to join. John brought up the Mentorship program that would be beneficial to partner with.

a. Membership fees: $10 for Fall; $30 for Spring.

ii. Kasyap – **Society for Gender and Law** – seeks to examine legal problems that occupy our time regarding feminism, sexuality, etc. Amy moves, Max seconds. 20 voted. 1 abstained. **APPROVED**.

1. Comments/Questions, Concerns: Amy asked how this group would be different from Lambdas. There is no conflict of interest, because LAMBDAS is a self-identified organization for students. Their main focus does not examine where gender and law intersect. The same goes for Women in Law. Those two organizations focus on networking, whereas this Society would focus on the broader issues re: gender and the law.

f. 2L Day Representatives – Voting took place. Julio Costa and Emily Acosta won.

G. Open Discussion/Announcements – Jack has postponed this discussion for the next meeting.

a. SBA-sponsored “alternative” events – Kirtana
   i. Day at the Races – September 24, 2011

b. Discussion about 2 LLM and 1 Transfer Student Rep positions on SBA – Sylvia
c. Chicago-Kent Flag Football – Sylvia
d. Golf Outing - Bernadett
e. Casino Night - Jack
f. Talent Show- Jack
g. 1L Projects - Kirtana
   i. SBA Office
   ii. SBA Ubber Binder