

MINUTES- March 2, 2009
Taken by Kat Allen, Secretary

I. Attendance

Name	Position	Present (P)/ Excused (E)/Unexcused (U)	Proxy	Total Unexcused
Derek Steele (DS)	President	P		
Veronica Lopez (VL)	Vice President Day	P		
Nick Mowbray (NM)	Vice President Eve.	P		
Andrew Heap (AH)	Treasurer	P		
Kat Allen (KA)	Secretary	P		
Kristina Kirby (KK)	ABA Rep.	P		
Courtney Smith (CS)	ISBA Rep.	P		1
Jeremy Hagee (JH)	CBA Rep.	P		1
Adam Savin (AS)	3L Day Rep.	E	Kristina Kirby	1
Sulema Medrano (SM)	3L Day Rep.	E	Veronica Lopez	1
Brian Reidy (BR)	3L Day Rep.	P		
Joe Sirchio (JS)	3L Eve. Rep.	P		
Michael Elliott (ME)	2L Day Rep.	E	Rachel O'Konis	1
Chuck Prochaska (CP)	2L Day Rep.	E	Melissa Caballero	
Jennifer Maples (JM)	2L Day Rep.	P		

Melissa Caballero (MC)	2L Day Rep.	P		
Rachel O’Konis (RO)	2L Eve. Rep.	P		
Prati Khanduri (PK)	2L Eve. Rep.	E	Kristina Kirby	
Lauren Ortega (LO)	1L Day Rep. (A)	P		1
Mark Mazzone (MM)	1L Day Rep. (A)	P		
Raed Abboo (RA)	1L Day Rep. (B)	P		
Diana Rdzanek (DR)	1L Day Rep. (B)	E	Mark Silverman	
Jaclyn Hilderbrand(JH)	1L Day Rep. (C)	P		
Mark Silverman (MS)	1L Day Rep. (C)	P		
Megan Wagner (MW)	1L Day Rep.	P		
Pericles Abbasi (PA)	1L Day Rep.	P		

I. OPEN MEETING

- a. Approve February 8, 2009 meeting minutes
- b. Motion to vote, seconded
- c. Minutes approved

II. Street Law Course:

- a. Students trying to bring a new course to Kent for high schools students which focuses on criminal rights to give an overview of how laws are enacted, and several basis areas of law.
- b. Drafted a resolution for the SBA to look at and if approved would go on to the Faculty Curriculum Committee. This is the resolution:

“Whereas, students need a practical opportunity to gain hands on experience in educating others about the law; and

Whereas, this opportunity will provide students an opportunity to solidify their own knowledge of the law; and

Whereas, Chicago-Kent College of Law strives to offer a valuable service to the community and also promote its own reputation; and

Whereas, a Street Law Course will provide these opportunities to students; and

Whereas, Professor Daniel T. Coyne has already agreed to teach this course; and

Whereas, the Street Law Course will give students the guidance and experience of educating high school students about laws that affect their everyday lives, including their legal rights and how to be effective citizens;

Therefore, be it hereby resolved, that the Student Bar Association supports a new class offering, called Street Law, and believes that this course should be accepted as part of the Chicago-Kent College of Law curriculum starting in the Fall 2009 semester.

Let it be it further resolved, that the Student Bar Association send this resolution to the Faculty Committee on Curriculum for their consideration.”

- c. This is the second SBA resolution to come up; MM can help with the process
 - d. JS: Do you have to go to high schools to teach this?
 - e. Drafters of Resolution: Yes, you will learn how to teach it and then every other week the student teachers will to the classroom to teach the students. There is no homework besides preparing the lesson.
 - f. RO: This is a more hands-on course then any of the classes here.
 - g. Drafters of Resolution: Professor Coyne is in support of this resolution and has offered to teach it.
 - h. NM: How many hours a week are in the school?
 - i. Drafters: It would be one to two hours per week. It would be a two-credit course. Two students would teach each class.
 - j. JM: If we approve this, what happens?
 - k. DS: It will then go to the faculty to approve.
 - l. Drafters: 50 students so far have expressed interest in this class.
 - m. LO: Shows support for this and thinks it is a great idea to get us involved with high school students.
 - n. Drafters: Loyola already has this program going right now and it is successful. As far as money goes, we could have a fundraiser or something for transportation. Loyola has been doing this for years' it is a well-established program.
 - o. DS: Is there a motion to vote?
 - p. MM: Motion to vote as is.
 - q. Vote: 22 in favor of proposal as is; 1 opposed (BR); 1 abstention (PA). Passed.
 - r. DS: SBA is in support of the resolution.
- III. OLD BUSINESS: Moved up: Technology @ Kent – (Bill Mette & Mark Silverman)
- a. Bill is going to show us a presentation so we can make an informed statement to students on whether their suggestions are practicable or not.
 - b. Our Current Environment:

- i. We are not operated like an undergrad school. We are like a corporate network which means we are Microsoft-centered. Most of the infrastructure here dates back to 1999. The technology landscape changes drastically. It is hard to change the course of direction that the “ship is sailing in.
- c. Network Speed:
- i. Not talking about wireless v. hard-wired, but speed in general.
 - ii. Many people complain their wireless is better at home; that is of course true because there are hundreds of people using the same network and the staff and students (off law school and business school) is all in the same network.
 - iii. There are a couple of open access points that the public can connect to like Room 345 and the Kent Courtroom but otherwise the public is limited.
 - iv. Reliability: there are not really issues with reliability. Generally everything has remained up and consistent.
 - v. We do have issues with bandwidth-use. Once or twice in every 6 weeks there is one computer that will create issues but by it is short-lived and gone before those problems can be investigated.
 - vi. We have 20 megabits of connectivity. We saturate the network on a routine basis. What is doing this?
 - 1. If you are of our size, there is a void of tools to analyze bandwidth. This software is expensive and impractical. He found something that might work, but it was aimed toward smaller organizations and would die after 24 hours.
 - 2. He did get about 4 24-hour period of data. And based on this, 3% was being used for email; 36% was HTTP; 1% was other internet/administrative things; and 60% by “other unknown things” which is probably file-sharing. They are looking into exactly what this is so they can see if they are justified in getting money to look into this issue further.
- d. Support for 64-bit versions of Windows
- i. Regular Windows operating systems come in 32-bit versions. There are 64-bit versions. Very few things actually run faster on 64-bit versions. What happened with income 1-Ls is that many computer companies started making 64-bit versions which the Examsoft Program did not recognize. This issue was resolved.
 - ii. Printing is still a problem because 64-bit computers need printer drivers which do not work. We have been trying to get the 64-bit printing to work and so far, lab 900 is the only one that works right now. The student lounge is the same model/driver but for some reason is not working.
 - iii. The two 700 labs are also not working. This is not a problem unique to Kent. Many other places have had this issue. Our concern is that to get the stuff working we will have to change something and therefore we do not want to advertise that the 900 lab is working until that change is made.
 - iv. Therefore, printing is the only concern. Our resources are limited with this but all of this will be communicated to the next class.

- v. MM: They are coming out with Windows 7 which will also be the 64-bit and the next standard so this will be the ongoing issue.
 - vi. We will have to contact Microsoft to take care of this issue if it continues/gets worse.
 - vii. MM: Can't we download the drivers?
 - viii. No it must be taken from the network, not from your individual computer.
 - ix. The 64-bit version is Vista as we are familiar with it.
- e. The state of support for Macs
- i. Wireless: It does work for Macs. We have not pushed it because it is extremely inconsistent. We have had many instances where people with identical machines will not work the same.
 - 1. If students have this issue, they can simply come to the helpdesk and they will show them how to get wireless on Mac.
 - ii. Webmail: Unfortunately full functionality for webmail is a long way out. You can just get the basis interface on webmail with a Mac. The next version of webmail will work with Macs but will not be available to 2011.
 - iii. Exams: Can work under "Boot Camp" but our priority with exams is not to lose any exams and it is possible that something would go wrong with the Macs and not be able to get back into Windows.
 - 1. No one in our department could troubleshoot that right now.
 - 2. People have taken exams on Macs but those people are on their one if an issue arises.
 - 3. LO: Is there any change of switching from softest to a program that does support Macs?
 - 4. Yes, but Examsoft is the most secure in saving exams and is the most advanced. However, we can investigate those.
- f. Wireless: General and Future
- i. How you get the configuration: Your computer gets an account on the Network which allows automatic settings that do not have to be independently configured. In order to connect, the person must be in the wireless group that contains all the computer accounts.
 - ii. Wireless: You are connection at 54 or 11 megabits which is for everyone connected by wireless in that area. With hard-wired, each computer has their own bandwidth that is not shared with other users.
 - iii. Wireless connections aren't that smart: If the computers can see a shred of a signal from one access point, it will still try to connect to that point even if you move to another room. Therefore, you should power-off your computer in order to pick up the strongest signal where you are at that time.
 - 1. Currently wireless for high density areas is not practical right now. Access points max out at 15-20 people so the big rooms will have issues.
 - iv. Current Problems:
 - 1. People unplug the ports for some reason. We have a way to be alerted when this happens.

2. Mis-configured devices like i-phones interfere with and overload our system.
3. File system space: result of bandwidth spikes. If we don't catch this they render the access point non-functional.
- v. MS: But why can't we get wireless at all in 210 and in Library?
- vi. Sometimes everyone connecting at once makes it so no one can connect. We have been asked to reevaluate this.
- vii. In the library almost all the issues are from people unplugging things.
- viii. MS: Can't the access points be moved?
- ix. Yes, if we can some money to do that it might help.
- x. Future direction for Wireless:
 1. Changing encryption method because it is no longer that secure so we could change it to using your own username/password
 2. But then we have to change the whole system over at once which would create some chaos.
 - I. One problem with this is that i-phones, etc. would be able to connect easily.
 - II. If this is to change over the summer, we would have to give notice to all students by April.
 - III. RO: How are strategies determined as far as what will be improved, etc.?
 - IV. It depends on the issue. The Computer Center has regular meetings with the Faculty Technology Committee so we pitch up to them or them to us.
 - V. RO: Does the faculty advocate for student-related improvements?
 - VI. No, and if the students was to approach them about becoming part of that, that is fine. The faculty is already concerned about the wireless.
 - VII. RO: Maybe we could form a committee for next year.
 - VIII. DS: That is definitely a possibility for next year. We will follow through with this and get some feedback back to Bill before April.
 - IX. His office is 548 if anyone wants to stop by with questions or comments and email is Bmette@kentlaw.edu

IV. BOARD REPORTS

a. President

- i. 2009 Class Gift Update. The Committee decided that they are going to retro-fit the lamps with lights to provided greater lighting that is more efficient.
 1. KK: Basically there is currently fluorescent light right now and the light points toward the ceiling which is not being effectively used. They are going to take the fixture and point it down. It is \$30,000 to do this.
 2. Also, the sign that says Chicago-Kent which was given from last year's class has moved along and will be done in a year or two.

- ii. Faculty Meeting: Survey was done and students decided to come to Kent.
- iii. Alumni Meeting
 - 1. There is an alumni scholarship that can be given out, but few students apply for it. They would like to have more students apply and we need to get this out. DS suggests email.
 - 2. MM: Where do we get information for this?
 - 3. DS: It is in the Record, but not a lot of people read the record. It is a lot of other scholarship too that goes unused.
 - 4. LO: Is this information available at the financial aid office?
 - 5. DS: It is on the admissions tab which people do not think to go to. We need to publicize it more.

b. Barrister's Ball Chair

- i. Barrister's Update: The tickets will be sold in the next two weeks.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Spring Budget: DS and AH

- i. DS: It was brought to our attention after we made of Spring Budget decisions that we had a debt from last year's Barrister's Ball. We usually have a surplus from Barrister's Ball. However, we have a debt which we did not find out based on the Banner-web switchover. We have to pay back \$32,000 of debt from last year. We have covered our costs from this year, this is from LAST year. This could not be foreseen and is frustrating to student organizations. Thank you all for being here to deal with this issue. Opening floor to questions.
- ii. AH: He has been in contact with all the student organizations and has given them a good idea. If someone has questions, send them to Andrew.
- iii. LO: Says that a rumor is that one student organization when all over budget.
- iv. AH: The finance committee did not know this going in because there was very little discussion with past year's board.
- v. JH: Is the only notice student organizations got about the appeal process from two days ago?
- vi. DS: Yes, that was the first notice. In the effort to get appeals done in this meeting, we had to make it short notice so we would not have to postpone it until April.
- vii. AH: People can still appeal with the next month and it will be brought up at the April meeting.
- viii. DS: The money that we have right now is going to have to transition to pay off this deficit. Therefore, we will not have much left over. We cannot leave the SBA for next year with no funds.
- ix. MM: What is the debt from last year?
- x. DS: \$32,000. Next year, there will be procedures in place to make sure this does not happen again. Room 265 is working on this.

b. Student Fees (re-visited)

- i. We have already voted on student fees to keep it at \$65. In light of the new situation, he is bringing it back up for discussion. This will affect the budget for next year that we can give out to student organizations. With

the growing number of student organizations, this is a concern. We need to consider if we want to raise the fees or keep them the same. The vote was very close. We have a short timeline to figure this out.

- ii. AH: We also learned that next year the LLM students will be paying student fees which will ameliorate the debt problems so don't feel like you have to raise student fees.
- iii. DS: It will not include tax-LLM students.
- iv. LO: If we increase the fee by \$5 what is the result?
- v. AH: We have about 1000 students so \$5 per student is \$5000 an extra semester.
- vi. RO: Has the number of student organizations already grown?
- vii. DS: Student Organizations die out all the time. There are only about 24 really active organizations, it depends on the year.
- viii. NM: Speaks in favor of raising fees because student organizations need money.
- ix. LO: Also speaks in favor of these student groups.
- x. BR: Thinks that the \$5 does mean a lot and maybe the board should show some responsibility and lower prices.
- xi. PA: Is also in favor of raising because the \$5 could have a much better pay-off by having more money to give to the student organizations.
- xii. AH: Proposes instituting a \$5 raise for next year with the understanding we will drop it back down next semester.
- xiii. KK: Thinks that the organizations can cut down a little.
- xiv. RO: We started standardizing the approach to which organizations should get money, we could put some parameters on how many students are really in the organization which would sway the allocations to keep the money tighter.
- xv. JS: If we cut too much money from these groups, they cannot function at all practically. In favor of raising prices.
- xvi. LO: Changes position thinks that there are things that student organizations could cut down a little.
- xvii. CS: Even with the budget constraints we have down, we can keep the networking events but cut-down on the more social events and that we can prioritize within our current budget.
- xviii. DS: We live in Chicago and it is extremely expensive. To cut back on Barristers would affect the event enormously. There tends to be an expectation that the event will be great and that costs more.
- xix. AH: We can be smart about it though and save money on Barristers.
- xx. BR: Accountability might be something to look into in future years as far as how many people are in the groups.
- xxi. JS: In defense of strictly social events, a lot of them have networking potential among each other which can be helpful in the future.
- xxii. Motion to vote on increasing student fees \$5 from \$65 to \$70. Seconded.
 - 1. 10 in favor; 12 against rising; 1 abstention. Student fees will stay the same at \$65.

c. Barrister's Ball Ticket Price (re-visited)

- i. MC: Wants to keep the ticket prices down because a lot of people are deterred from attending already.
- ii. There is no support for raising prices.
- iii. AH: Keep in mind that Janet Keim can overrule our decision.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Law Week: Nick Mowbray
 - i. Fliers are up and coming
 - ii. Judge Erickson has agreed to be roasted.
 - iii. Awards (Bar & Gavel, Faculty, Staff, Adjunct, Brill Award): Jennifer Maples
 - 1. Bar and Gavel Award:
 - I. Nominees are asked to leave the room.
 - II. Bar and Gavel Award: Supposed to go to Seniors who distinguish themselves in unrecognized service.
 - III. Board Presents their proposal of 12 Students, four were not chosen based on the board looking into their resumes, etc.
 - I. BR: to vote on deferring to board and accepting their proposal:
 - II. Vote to approve their recommendation: Unanimous approval. No abstentions.
 - 2. Faculty of the Year Award:
 - I. Nominated Faculty: Batlan, Strubbe, Leslie, Birdthistle, Brown, and Malin.
 - I. Malin had the most with 7 student votes.
 - II. JH: Speaks on behalf of Leslie he is always being actively recruited by other law schools. It would not hurt to recognize this.
 - III. RA: He is leaving next year.
 - IV. KA: Note that I think Birthistle and Batlan got this last year.
 - V. JH: Motion to vote. Seconded.
 - I. Malin: 8 votes.
 - II. Brown: 1 vote.
 - III. Birdthistle: 1 vote.
 - IV. Leslie: 10 votes.
 - V. Strubbe: 1 vote.
 - VI. Batlan: no votes.
 - VI. Professor Leslie is the Professor of the year.
 - 3. Adjunct of the Year
 - I. Nominated: Hartley, Brenman and Rubenstein, Hall
 - I. MC: Hall was not a good teacher.
 - II. NM: Hartley does the environmental law clinic professor. (Reads student statement).
 - III. DS: Brenman and Rubenstein co-teach a class in Tax. They go above and beyond with their

students. If students do a tax LLM, they will write them recommendations.

- IV. NM: I have heard other students say the reason that got into LLM program was due to their recommendation.
 - V. Motion to vote; seconded.
 - I. Hartley: 5 votes.
 - II. Brenman-Rubenstein: 16 votes.
 - III. Hall: 0 votes.
 - VI. Professors Brenman and Rubenstein are adjuncts of the year.
4. Staff-member of the Year.
- I. No student recommendations
 - II. KK: Suggests Theda Mickey.
 - III. AH: Says she has been very helpful and has to deal with a lot of students and she takes the time to do that.
 - IV. JH: She helped me get an emergency loan once.
 - V. DS: Any other recommendations? (No).
 - VI. LO: Motion to vote for Theda Mickey; Seconded.
 - I. Vote is unanimous. Theda is the staff-member of the year.
5. Student Organization of the Year
- I. DS: We make the nominations for this here.
 - II. NM: Nominates for the student Hurricane network because they do a lot of hard work and only a few people do it.
 - III. DS: They got it two years ago to keep in the mind.
 - IV. AH: Wants to nominate the federalist society because they consistently put on excellent speaker events and do a good job of letting both sides be heard. Just went to one event and was amazed by the civility.
 - V. JS: This year's president, John Humphries really pulled them together this year because the organization only had a few people last year.
 - VI. RA: Wants to nominate the KJF. They do a good job at trying to find jobs for their students and gives funds to some of their students.
 - VII. MC: I am part of this group and they make a serious effort to make money.
 - VIII. RO: I would like to nominate the Evening Law student Society. All of the members work full-time and still make time to plan events for evening students.
 - IX. NM: Wants to nominate CASCLE. Gareth Gollrad has does a really great job. It is a lot of LLM students but he does good service to the school.
 - X. Any more nominations? (No).
 - XI. Motion to vote, seconded.

- I. CASCLE: 5 votes.
 - II. Student Hurricane Network: 0 votes.
 - III. Federalist: 11 votes
 - IV. KJF: 5 votes
 - V. ELS: 1 vote.
 - XII. Federalist society is the student organization of the year.
 - 6. Brill Award
 - I. This is determined by the president and Derek recommends Judge Erickson. Everyone seems to love him.
 - II. No one disagrees; Judge Erickson will receive this award.
- b. Budget Appeals: AH
 - i. IPLS: We gave them \$1500 out of \$2700. They wanted \$250 for award plaques. We decided to give them \$100 because it was not the most necessary expenditure.
 - 1. Motion to vote: Seconded:
 - I. 16 votes in favor, 2 opposed. Passes.
 - ii. CASCLE: Wants \$100 toward their cultural night.
 - 1. Motion to vote:
 - I. 12 in favor, 1 opposed. Passes.
 - iii. Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
 - 1. Wants \$125 to fund a past successful speaker event and a future event of court advocacy training where someone comes in to teach people how to fight animal abusers in court.
 - 2. Motion to vote on foie gras panel:
 - I. 18 in favor; opposed none; passes.
 - 3. Motion to vote for court advocacy program:
 - I. 11 in favor, 9 opposed, passes.
 - iv. Kent Justice Committee:
 - 1. Wanted \$30 for envelope stuffing section for their auction \$75 for a Community Outreach program where they taught people how to knit hats for poor babies.
 - 2. Vote for \$75 for volunteer event:
 - 3. Vote on funding community outreach program and against envelope stuffing session as finance committee recommends:
 - I. 17 in favor; 4 opposed; passes.
 - v. American Constitution Society:
 - 1. Has past speaker events that were very successful and they spend more than they thought. They were asking for money over and above what they originally asked for. We as a committee decided to give them \$100 now to help cover costs and in the event that she does not get money from nationals, we will postpone that issue.
 - 2. Motion to vote on approving \$100 to the ACS:
 - I. In favor: 18, opposed; 3 against; passes.
- c. Proposed SBA Constitution Amendments
 - i. DS: The SBA elections are coming up and petitions are going out. The one issue is that the constitution says we have to have a certain timeframe

for elections. However, BR has suggested doing elections in the bookstore which saves everyone here from having to take the ballots. The problem is that the Constitution already has procedure laid out and we would be violating the Constitution. If we make this change, the Constitution requires we put this out into the student body for 1 week.

- ii. JH: The problem the Constitutional Committee dealt with was just with 1L elections.
 - iii. BR: It would be nice if we could make the times for elections more in the board's control because the times are impractical. The bookstore is willing to do this which will take the burden off the board.
 - iv. Motion to vote to change the constitutional section to leave the elections times and places in the board's discretion.
 - 1. "The time and place for voting in the SBA elections will be left to the discretion of the election chair subject to the veto of the board such that there is ample for day and evening students to cast their ballot during the election period."
 - 2. Motion to vote for this new language:
 - I. All in favor: 22 in favor, none opposed.
- II. Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.
 - III. Next Meeting: - Sunday April 5, 2009 @ 5 p.m. in Room 305