

**MINUTES- April 5, 2009**  
**Taken by Kat Allen, Secretary**

I. Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Present (P)/ Excused (E)/Unexcused (U)</b>	<b>Proxy</b>	<b>Total Unexcused</b>
Derek Steele (DS)	President	P		
Veronica Lopez (VL)	Vice President Day	U		1
Nick Mowbray (NM)	Vice President Eve.	E		
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.	U		2
Sulema Medrano (SM)	3L Day Rep.	U		2
Brian Reidy (BR)	3L Day Rep.	E	Jeremy Hagee	
Joe Sirchio (JS)	3L Eve. Rep.	P		
Michael Elliott (ME)	2L Day Rep.	P		1
Chuck Prochaska (CP)	2L Day Rep.	P		
Jennifer Maples (JM)	2L Day Rep.	P		
Melissa Caballero	2L Day Rep.	P		

(MC)				
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)	U		1
Jaclyn Hilderbrand(JH)	1L Day Rep. (C)	E	Mark Silverman	
Mark Silverman (MS)	1L Day Rep. (C)	P		
Megan Wagner (MW)	IL Day Rep.	U		1
Pericles Abbasi (PA)	IL Day Rep.	P		

II. OPEN MEETING

- a. Approve March 1, 2009 meeting minutes
- b. March Minutes approved unanimously

III. BOARD REPORTS

a. President

i. Transition Meeting

1. This is our last meeting but there is a transition meeting for SBA positions to maintain continuity in SBA.
2. This year we will have reports that will be sent out. Jenna Maroney has put together a document to assist the transitioning process.
3. The transition meeting will be in May.
4. All the major positions will have to be present at the transition meeting.
5. There will be a meeting on April 12 for the student organizations to transition their organizations.

ii. 2009 Class Gift Update

1. We have until April 15<sup>th</sup> for the Class Gift to reach its goal of donations.

2. The money will go for fixing the lights on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor so you can read better.
- iii. Law Week Recap
  1. It was successful this year.
  2. Changes will be suggested for next year to increase attendance.
  3. The Professor Roast and the State of the Law School Address have been taped and will be placed online.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- b. Proposed SBA Constitution Amendments
  - i. Jeremy has the list of proposed amendments.
  - ii. First proposed amendment is to make the President and Vice Presidents to hold one hour of office hours per week. Committee did not feel that treasurer and secretary needed office hours.
  - iii. ME: Derek, how did you office hours go?
  - iv. DS: It gave me an opportunity to meet with students when they would email him with questions. A lot of people came to his office hours. He thinks it is necessary for President. Sees no drawbacks for office hours. Make the office hours student-friendly. Thinks they should be extended to both Vice Presidents.
  - v. PA: Maybe the evening section office hours should be extended to 10 p.m.?
  - vi. JH: Yes, that is not a problem. It can be any time within those ranges.
  - vii. LO: Andrew, is there a reason for the treasurer to have office hours?
  - viii. AH: I usually just set up a time to meet with people in the conference room.
  - ix. ME: How often did that take place?
  - x. AH: Probably every other week.
  - xi. JH: The treasurer will have to schedule times outside their office hours anyway.
  - xii. ME: Maybe we could set up meetings during budget times?
  - xiii. AH: That's a good idea.
  - xiv. JH: We can leave that up to the treasurer.
  - xv. DS: What is the specific language?
  - xvi. JH: I have not drafted anything yet.
  - xvii. The next proposed amendment is to add an evening section liaison position. We thought it made more sense to add the requirements to the Vice President Evening's list of responsibilities.
  - xviii. AH: The 4L evening spots are never filled and maybe one of those 4L sports should be a liaison sport.
  - xix. KK: We already have evening reps from each class and those are the liaisons for the evening section. It makes sense to add the jobs onto the VPE's responsibilities.
  - xx. JH: The next major issue is the 1L voting timeframe. But isn't that point moot?
  - xxi. DS: We can make the language of the last amendment apply to the ILs.

- xxii. JH: It is good to keep things discretionary so we can leave it up to us. It gives us wiggle room for changing things.
- xxiii. JH: The final change is to add in that the SBA president and the student organization leaders meet with Dean Sowle regularly and we want to codify that and add it to the code.
- xxiv. DS: We have been meeting once a month and 3-5 presidents of student organizations attend and ask questions. I think it should be added to the Constitution. We do not have language but we do have recommendations.
- xxv. DS: We will take a 10 minute recess to write up the resolutions then we will vote on them.
- xxvi. (10 minute recess)
- xxvii. DS: We will be voting on 5 pieces of language.
  1. First Proposed Change: “The President shall hold a minimum of one open office hour per week in the Student Bar Association’s office in order to make him or herself available to the student body to discuss relevant issues.
  2. Motion to vote, seconded.
  3. ME: can you read the one hour part again?
  4. JH: (rereads provision)
  5. Vote: All in favor 19, zero opposed, zero abstentions. Passes.
  6. Passes unanimously.
  7. Second Proposed Change: “The Day Vice President shall hold a minimum of one open office per week in the Student Bar Association’s office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. in order to make him or herself available to his or her section to discuss relevant issues.”
  8. Motion to vote, seconded.
  9. DS: Suggests extended to 5 p.m. to make it easier. Actually never mind.
  10. Vote: 19 in favor, none opposed or abstentions. Passes.
  11. Third proposed change: “The Evening Vice President shall hold a minimum of one open office per week in the Student Bar Association’s office between 4 a.m. and 9 p.m. in order to make him or herself available to his or her section to discuss relevant issues.”
  12. Motion to vote and seconded. Passes.
  13. PA: It might be better to extend to 10 p.m.
  14. JH: That might help.
  15. DS: We will strike 9 p.m. and make it 10 p.m.
  16. Vote: In favor 19, zero opposed, and zero abstentions.
  17. Fourth Proposed Change: “The Evening Vice President shall attend and participate in all executive board meetings and report to the Board of Governors on all issues relevant to the Student Bar Association’s business.”
  18. AH: What happens to anyone that doesn’t attend?
  19. KK: You can vote them off.

20. DS: “We have a process available through the Board of Inquiry which can be convened if someone is not performing their duty. That will be a check for individuals and we have that as a fall back.”
21. Motion to vote, seconded,
22. JH: (Rereads provision)
23. 19 in favor, zero opposed, zero abstentions. Passes.
24. Fifth Proposed change: The President and the Assistant Dean of academic administration and student affairs shall hold a meeting once a month, during the academic school year, that is open to all student organizations leaders in order to discuss relevant issues.
25. Motion to vote and seconded.
26. Vote: 19 in favor, zero opposed and zero abstentions. Passes.
27. DS: Recommends changing the times in the current election rules. Motion to repeal.
28. MM: You need 2/3 of the people present to pass that just so everyone knows.
29. DS: I propose to repeal the section of the bylaws about voting.
30. JH: Should we specify that the “veto is by a majority of the board” instead of just “veto”?
31. MM: Unless specified it would be assumed a majority.
32. JH: Never mind, I am not proposing that language.
33. DS: Motion to repeal the language in Article 7 Section 4 regarding the voting times. Seconded.
34. Vote: 19 in favor, no abstentions or votes opposed. Passes.
35. JH: Wants to note for the record to add the word “time” into the last constitutional amendment.

c. SBA Elections

- i. Elections will be Tuesday and Wednesday in the Bookstore. There will be a roster of all enrolled students. Ballots will be available. Students must show their ID and will be checked off to vote.
- ii. Email will go out tomorrow with this information as well as all the candidate statements for all contested and uncontested elections.
- iii. Bookstore only stays open to 6 p.m. so there is an issue with providing access to evening students. Should we extend the time beyond 6 p.m.?
- iv. PA: The bookstore is open to 6:30 p.m. The 7-8 p.m. time is essential for evening students.
- v. We will have a table on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for this additional hour.
- vi. CP: What is the deadline for applying?
- vii. DS: Until the end of today. There will be an opportunity for the new board to fill empty positions.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Student Group Approval – Chicago-Kent Scotch Club
- b. Strategic Planning Committee Updates: Chuck Prochaska

- i. There is a committee formed that meets with faculty and makes networking proposals to increase the quality of life. He will put together a list of what they have done instead of going into that right now.
- ii. RA: We will send out a report next week after he meets with his subcommittee.
- iii. DS: There are three committees. DS is on the Preparing Lawyers Committee. They are currently working on restructuring the curriculum. They are trying to get more practical experience for students. Currently working on practical experience for the first year contracts classes.

V. OPEN FLOOR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Conviser Bash – April 23 will be the Conviser Bash. The location is to be determined.
- b. We need a volunteer to help set up for Dorothy Brown on Wednesday. Pericles volunteers.

VI. ADJOURN MEETING at 6:15 p.m.

III. Next Meeting: - TBD