

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING
MINUTES- May 4, 2008

I. Attendance:

A. Present: Derek Steele (DS), Veronica Lopez (VL), Nick Mowbray (NM), Kat Allen (KA), Andrew Heap(AH), Kristina Kirby (KK), Jeremy Hagee (JH), Courtney Smith (CS), Mellissa Caballero (MC), Michael Elliot (ME), Chuck Prochaska (CP), Rachel O’Konis (RO), Prati Khanduri(PK), Sulema Medrano (SM), Brian Reidy (BR), Adam Savin (AS), Joe Sirchio (JS), Walter Tersch (WT).

II. Open meeting

III. Introductions of people on board

IV. Contested Candidates for Open Positions

A. Vote to allow uncontested candidates

- i. Walter Tersch, 4L Eve. Representative: He wants to reform the Spak to make it more environmentally friendly and represent his section
- ii. Joe Sirchio for 3L Day Representative
- iii. Motion for Vote, Seconded
- iv. Unanimous for both representatives

B. Contested Positions

- i. Mike McSherry for 2L Day Representative: He is transferring to day division, had experience in college with student government, wants to make SBA more efficient and organized and is very approachable and easygoing.
- ii. Chuck Prochaska for 2L Day Representative: He was a representative last year and is very excited about new board. Ideas include better internet access and keeping IIT students out of library during finals.
- iii. Shenita Johnson Garrad for 2L Day Representative: She has experience with student government organizations in the past, wants to be a voice for her class and wants to stress community service.
- iv. Karina Wong for 2L Day Representative: She want to get involved, is a Barbri Representative, IP law secretary, and has experience connecting with students.
- v. Rachel O’Konis for 2L Evening Representative: She wants to be a voice for evening students and make sure that that voice is heard.
- vi. Prati Khanduri for 2L Evening Representative: She wants to increase awareness of evening students and to have events that evening students can attend.
- vii. Adam Savin for 3L Day Representative: He wants to be a part of social planning again. He did a good job with planning last year.
- viii. Candace White for 3L Day Representative: She was a 1L Representative, Secretary last year and Barrister’s Ball Chairperson.
- ix. Brian Reidy for 3L Day Representative: He wants to bring new ideas, is approachable, and has experience with student organizations in high school.

C. Votes

- i. Vote for 2L evening Representative
 - a. Rachel O’Kanis and Prati Khanduri are 2L Evening Representative: vote was unanimous
- ii. Discussion for 2L Day Representative
 - a. JH: CP is a good candidate.
 - b. AH: CP is a good candidate, KA seconded
 - c. NM: MM would do a good job.
 - d. ME: SJG would do a good job.
- iii. Vote: 8 for Chuck Prochaska, 4 for Shenita Johnson Garrad and zero for other candidates

- iv. Chuck Prochaska won for 2L representative
- v. Discussion for 3L Day Representative
 - a. ME: CW is unapproachable
 - b. JH: CW is unresponsive to emails and did not utilize her committee effectively
 - c. SM: Defends CW: she had a large load with Barrister's chair and Secretary
 - d. JH: AS was very approachable and helpful
- vi. Vote for 3L Day Division representative will be an anonymous vote for person you do NOT want in SBA
 - a. Anonymous vote: Adam Savin and Brian Reidy won for 3L Day Representative

V. Introductions and positions of board with new members

VI. Earmarking funds for socials

- A. We must earmark money for socials
- B. AH: Adding four socials instead of three may be a bad idea due to lack of funding
- C. DS: In 2004, socials were cut from four to three. Kent has had three ever since.
- D. AS: The budget is fine right now.
- E. NM is going to get in touch with the legal writing department to make sure socials do not run into legal writing assignments.
- F. Vote is unanimous for three socials
- G. AS: The budget for socials last year was \$8500 per social. Socials are getting more expensive. \$9000 should be sufficient.
- H. Vote for socials amounts
 - i. RO and VL vote for \$8500
 - ii. 13 (Everyone else) for \$9000

VII. Vision for new Board

- A. DS: is pushing for dedication of new board. We must stay dedicated to student population. New board will be more organized. Attendance is necessary. If someone cannot attend, make sure to proxy vote.
- B. ME: We need to start meetings on time.
- C. WT: Can we possibly change the meeting time?
- D. DS: We will discuss changing the meeting time at the next meeting. DS: Motion to table to September meeting. Seconded by VL.

VIII. Proposed New Student Organization

- A. China and American Society for Cultural and Legal Exchange
- B. They met all the requirements for student organizations.
- C. KK: There are good networking opportunities in this organization. There are about 20 people interested already.
- D. Vote for approval: Unanimous

IX. Open positions on SBA

- A. The following positions must be filled because entail summer duties.
- B. Election chair
 - i. Generally a 3L because they do not run again.
 - ii. BR will be the election chair
- C. Social chair
 - i. AS will be the social chair.
- D. Barrister's Ball
 - i. Crucial and intense position.
 - ii. DSis open to co-chairs.
 - iii. SM will be the Barrister's Ball chair.

X. Move to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Seconded.