



Meeting #4
 April 14, 2013
 Room #273

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AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER – 10:30AM

II. PHOTOS AND BREAKFAST

III. ROLL CALL

E-BOARD			
Office	Name	Start	End
President	Zimmy Bajrami	Present	Present
Vice President	Lauren Keith	Present	Present
Evening Vice President	Colleen Faherty	Present	Present
Secretary	Justine Abrams	Present	Present
Treasurer	Patrick Smith	Present	Present
Social Chair	Kelly Grochala	Absent	Absent
Parliamentarian	Brad McConnell	Present	Present

SENATE			
Office	Name	Start	End
4L Senator	Jessica Almeida	Present	Present
	Chris Buggy	Absent	Absent
	Jenn Ljungberg	Present	Present
	Leslie Park	Present	Present
3L Senator	Brian Gilcos	Present	Present
	Jay Goldberg	Present	Present
	Jaelyn Cohen	Absent	Absent
	Michael Mulanaphy	Present	Present
	Phillip Pavlick	Present	Present
	Sarah Turk	Absent	Absent
	Vacancy		
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3LE Senator	Danny Ljungberg	Present	Present

	Taimour Chaudhri	Absent	Absent
	Jason Mushnick	Absent	Absent
	James Sullivan	Present	Present
2L Senator	George Blazeski	Present	Present
	Vacancy		
	Zach Farnsworth	Present	Present
	Nicholas Keller	Absent	Absent
	Drew Leatherman	Present	Present
	Bryan Tiscia	Present	Present
	Ryan Lang	Present	Present
	Kali Trahanas	Present	Present
2LE Senator	Ali Gabinelli	Present	Present
	Dana Gieser	Present	Present
	Arianna Moure	Absent	Present
	Edward Nasti	Present	Present
1L Senator	Stephanie Pisko	Absent	Absent
	Alexander Yarbrough	Present	Present
	Marko Pesce	Present	Present
	Darren Pfeil	Present	Present
	Tyler Sims	Absent	Present
	Yoana Yakova	Present	Present
1LE Senator	Mel Powers	Present	Present
	Michael De Jianne	Absent	Absent
		22 Present	
		Quorum fulfilled.	

a. Automatic Removal of Senators for acquiring fourth absence

- i. Senator Buggy
- ii. Senator Pisko
- iii.

Senator Moure walked in

IV. MOMENT OF SILENCE

V. PUBLIC INPUT

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. *See E-mailed Attachment "Minutes_3_23_13"*
- b. *[Action – Motion to Approve]*
- c. *[Result – Unanimously approved]*

VII. OFFICER REPORTS

a. Zimmy Bajrami, President

i. Election results

1. In sum, all candidates who sent a statement of intent were elected.
2. New E-Board members:
 - a. President = Colleen Faherty
 - b. Vice President = Justine Abrams

- c. Evening Vice President = Dana Gieser
- d. Treasurer = Ryan Lang
- e. Secretary = Darren Pfeil

ii. Student org leaders mandatory meeting

- 1. April 22nd Mandatory Leadership meeting for new Student Org. E-Boards
- 2. 3:30pm – Room TBD

iii. 80’s Prom cancelled

b. Lauren Keith, Vice President

i. Committee Reports for next year

- 1. Will ultimately leave it up to Justine, the incumbent Vice President, but I propose that each committee chair person submit a weekly report to her. Whether or not the committee has engaged in any activity, it is important that she be kept updated and that the chair persons be held accountable.

ii. Mentor survey

- 1. Currently awaiting the results of a survey regarding the mentor program.

c. Colleen Faherty, Evening Vice President

i. Registration info

- 1. Employment Law is cycled in the evening every other semester. If there are classes not seen in the rotation, bring it to Colleen’s attention.

ii. Evening T-shirts

- 1. Evening t-shirt design submission from Taimour – “Evening Students are Ninjas in the Law.”

iii. Election Posters

- 1. Please take them down today.

d. Justine Abrams, Secretary

i. SBA Member Absences

ii. [Action – Yield to Senator Pavlick for discussion re: Section XI.A. of this Agenda]

iii. [Action – Motion to Vote]

Roll Call Vote:

Office	Name	
4L Senator	Jessica Almeida	In favor
	Chris Buggy	-
	Jenn Ljungberg	In favor
	Leslie Park	In favor
3L Senator	Brian Gilcos	In favor
	Jay Goldberg	In favor
	Jaclyn Cohen	-
	Michael Mulanaphy	In favor
	Phillip Pavlick	In favor
	Sarah Turk	-
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3LE Senator	Danny Ljungberg	In favor
	Taimour Chaudhri	-

	Jason Mushnick	-
	James Sullivan	In favor
2L Senator	George Blazeski	In favor
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	Zach Farnsworth	In favor
	Nicholas Keller	-
	Drew Leatherman	In favor
	Bryan Tiscia	In favor
	Ryan Lang	In favor
	Kali Trahanas	In favor
2LE Senator	Ali Gabinelli	In favor
	Dana Gieser	In favor
	Arianna Moure	In favor
	Edward Nasti	In favor
1L Senator	Stephanie Pisko	-
	Alexander Yarbrough	In favor
	Marko Pesce	In favor
	Darren Pfeil	In favor
	Tyler Sims	-
	Yoana Yakova	In favor
1LE Senator	Mel Powers	In favor
	Michael De Jianne	-
	TOTAL	23 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstain

iv. *[Result – Approved]*

e. **Pat Smith, Treasurer**

- i. Giving a farewell. Good luck and thanks!

f. **Kelly Grochala, Social Chair**

- i. **Barrister’s recap**
 1. Nobody died.

g. **Brad McConnell, Parliamentarian**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Academics & Curriculum – Senator Goldberg**

- i. Resolution from last meeting was handled with the administration
- ii. Faculty’s “2020 Campaign”
 1. Curriculum by 2020
 2. Community
 3. Student life
 4. Changing facilities
 5. Information service and technology
 6. Non-J.D. programs
 7. Study abroad
 8. L.L.M.
- iii. Why the resolution is so powerful

1. The student body's rally around a certain point hones in on the point that the student body wants something done.

***Senator Sims walked in ***

- b. **Career Opportunities** – *Senator Mulanaphy*
 - i. Keep reporting as you learn of Summer opportunities to OCS
 - ii. OCS wants to reach out on an ad hoc basis to people to those who have positions they want, to those who have positions they don't want, etc.
 - iii. We also want to suggest that OCS looks beyond the Greater NY area
- c. **Community Affairs & Outreach** – *Senator Almeida*
 - i. Dana, Sarah, and Colleen – thank you for your help in attempting to put together the 80's prom. Those at Bello's told us that the timing conflicts would not allow for the event, and then called too late to tell us it was available.
 - ii. Thank you also to Barbri for willing to sponsor it.
 - iii. St. Thomas More is on every 3rd Tuesday of the month; will continue throughout the Summer; leave the school around 7:15am and get back around 8:45am.
 - iv. *Evening VP Colleen:* Also thank you to Mike, Yoana and the Sports Club in donating to the St. Thomas More Society.
- d. **Election By-Laws** – *Senator Buggy*
 - i. *President Bajrami:* Legends never die.
- e. **Facility & Library** – *Senator Glicos*
 - i. No report.
- f. **Go Green** – *Senator Pfeil*
 - i. Senator Yakova made a suggestion as to signs to remind individuals to turn lights off, but Flanagan was not into it.
 - ii. Will talk to Flanagan about lights being on in the classroom after 10 or 11pm. Will suggest that security comes in and turns the lights off at night. Perhaps implement the automatic lighting in the classrooms too.
- g. **Honor Code** – *Senator Pavlick*
 - i. No report.
 - ii. *Senator Pavlick instead decided to tell the Senate about a charity organization:*
 1. True Mentors is a charity based out of Hoboken.
 - a. Volunteer coordinator is a SHU Law alum.
 - b. Like Big Brothers, Big Sisters – positive adult reinforcement mentor. They run classes weekly – cooking, arts, helping kids with their HW.
 - c. Jersey City/Hoboken – it's not so much about economics, because unlike other Big Bro/Big Sis organizations, those two cities are well off.
 - d. Truementors.org
- h. **IT & Communications** – *Senator Ljungberg*
 - i. No report.
- i. **LRW & Skills** – *Senator Keller*
 - i. *See Attachment #6 – added during the meeting*

- ii. Example of “unfair lack of uniformity” = unlike all of the other LRW sections, Senator Pesce’s LRW section was asked to type a statement of undisputed facts for their summary judgment motion. We feel as though the lack of transparency and the “pin against one another” attitude can easily be taken care of.
- iii. Example of conflicts with events = Barrister’s, Diversity Banquet, and Superbowl.
- iv. At the end of the discussion, was told about the complete overhaul of the academic curriculum, including a “Lawyering” replacement of the current LRW program.
- v. *[Action – Yield to Senator Goldberg]*
- vi. Discussion:
 1. *Senator Goldberg:* Strongly urges, insists, and recommends to the Seton Hall University School of Law Administration to explore making changes to the current way we approach the final year of law school in order to better suit students for practice and future success upon graduation. Thinks the best approach is to implement an apprenticeship style final year or similar practical-centric approach. More expansive and inclusive clinical programs as well.
 - a. Originally proposed a resolution to the Senate and against President Bajrami to sign it.
 2. *Dean Foerst:* Taimour and Katie (Faculty Appointees for Curriculum Faculty) have been involved from the start. We’ve been discussing a lot, but primarily LRW.
 - a. The committee is looking at a totally different revamp the LRW class. There will definitely include research & writing, but it is going to include various different writing projects, on top of non-writing projects.
 - b. As to the timing conflicts raised by Senator Keller – all of the social events are planned ahead, so that Dean Hobbs and other necessary faculty can schedule their lives around it. It’s also about booking venues a year ahead of time. The LRW professors don’t have much wiggle room with assignment deadlines because students need several weeks between projects, etc.
 - c. More than anything, this is a law school and academics must come first.
 - d. One thing that has changed has been the deadline change. We changed the deadline for most assignments to Sunday night, *primarily in order to allow weekend social event attendance*. You can go to Barrister’s, have plenty of fun, take care of yourselves for a couple hours, and still have 24 hours to work on it.
 - e. As to the curriculum-related business raised by Senator Goldberg, you do not need to pass a resolution to have a meeting with the administration. To talk to the administration. You can contact Dean Foerst and then move up the ranks from there.
 3. *Senator Trahanas:* Maybe next year’s 1L LRW curriculum should have a writing sample workshop. Having a solid writing sample is a huge part of the employment process. The LRW professors are not always available. So, if students didn’t do well on their last assignment, students don’t have many resources to turn to in order to polish up their samples to send out to judges, etc.
 4. *Dean Foerst:* That’s actually a great suggestion. Most 1L employers don’t expect a writing sample, but for those that do, that’s a great idea. For those who write a note or comment for journal, you might want to be able to use that since it’s so polished, but for others, having the LRW professors available is a good idea.
 5. *Senator Goldberg:* If we made LRW worth 6 credits, and assigned full-time faculty to teach the classes, the issues raised might be taken care of.

6. *Senator Pfeil*: The resolution was not a first attempt to meet with faculty. We tried setting up a meeting with Professors Grocz and Herrera several times and they were canceled.
7. *Dean Foerst*: Understood.
8. *Senator Almeida*: When we were 1L's, all of the classes were not the same. There's a formula as to who is grouped with who, and the professor is focusing on the strengths or weaknesses that are unique to that group of 1L's. It may be a detriment to students if we don't let them tailor to their groups of students.
9. *Senator Pfeil*: How does the formula work? I was told it was completely random.
10. *Dean Foerst*: The point is, as the class goes along, the teachers should have the academic freedom to tailor their teachings to the students who need to focus on particular skills.
11. *Senator Ljungberg*: Students and Deans should meet to talk about this and keep the process/formula procedure transparent.
12. *Dean Foerst*: That is what the student faculty appointments are meant to foster. They need to report back with minutes.
13. *Senator Goldberg*: Exactly. The fact that there are no Faculty Appointee minutes presented to the Senate means that we, as representatives, are not doing our job.
14. *Dean Foerst*: The first talks about the 2020 Plan occurred today at an administration meeting. In the normal course of events, it would first go to the faculty, there would be a meeting, and the student representatives would bring minutes back to the Senate.
15. *Senator Gabinelli*: Just a point of advice. Keep the big picture in mind. The fact that one 1L section gets something a little more than others is no different than the first year associate experience where you get 12 assignments and another associate gets 1 assignment.

j. Pirate Pride –*Senator Gabinelli*

- i. We were well-recognized at the UVA tournament. Other teams mistook drunkenness for hype and tried to be like Seton Hall, but they failed.
- ii. *Senator Trahanas*: Is it always that UVA is schedule on the weekend of Barrister's?
- iii. *Senator Gabinelli*: No, not necessarily. Our Barrister's schedule is made way in advance, and Easter falls differently every year.

IX. FACULTY COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- a. **Appointments**
- b. **Admissions/Financial Aid**
- c. **Journals**
- d. **Library/IT**
- e. **Clerkships**
- f. **Academic Curriculum**
- g. **DASC – *Senator Mulanaphy***
 - i. The LEO program:
 1. Two years ago = 220 applications – somewhere between 38-40 were accepted in the program.
 2. This past year = Decreased 90 applications received – extended 16 offers of admission.
- h. **Graduation**
- i. **Diversity Council**

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Constitutional Amendment to Article IV.J., "Officers of the SBA"

- i. Sponsor:** *Senator Pavlick*
- ii.** *See Attachment 1*
- iii.** *[Result – Approved at Section VII.d.]*

b. Constitutional Amendment to Article IX, "Nominations and Elections"

- i. Sponsor:** *Senator Almeida*
- ii.** *See Attachment 2*
- iii.** Purpose of the Amendment:
 - 1.** For those running unopposed, you don't have to buy the t-shirts and the merchandise. But more important, it's about getting the names out to the student body so that they can make an informed vote.
 - 2.** To force Senator candidates to go to pre-election meetings, when they're not subject to the same rules that apply to E-Board candidates, is inefficient. Statements of intent are important and should be required of all candidates. But it becomes an issue because year after year, people don't send in their statements of intent on time because they think that that requirement is only for E-Board candidates.
- iv.** *[Action – Motion to recess for 15 minute revisions to Amendment]*
- v.** *[Result – unanimously approved]*
- vi.** *[Action – Motion to table the constitutional amendment discussion to after the student organizations apply for provisional status]*
- vii.** *[Result – unanimously approved]*

*****15-minute Recess*****

viii. *[Action – Motion to Add the Friendly Amendment to the Agenda]*

ix. *[Result – Unanimously Approved]*

x. *See Attachment #7 – added during the meeting*

xi. Discussion:

- 1.** *[Action – Motion to vote to approve]*
- 2.** Vote to vote:
 - a.** In favor = 6
 - b.** Opposed = 12
 - c.** Abstain = 1
- 3.** *[Action – Motion to limit discussion to 1 minute per speaker]*
- 4.** *[Result – several seconds]*

xii. Discussion:

- 1.** *Senator Gabinelli:* Taking issue with number 4. It's crucial for Honor Council purposes to debrief candidates as to the rules of the election. There might be a number of violations if students aren't properly debriefed.
- 2.** *Senator Pfeil:* Agree. It shows the character of the potential candidate to take time out of their schedule to attend a meeting with the rest of the candidates. It's brief enough.
- 3.** *Senator Sims:* Agree but also issue with number 5 because if a person didn't want to be a Senator enough to get it in on time, they may not be responsible enough to be a Senator.

4. *Senator Ljungberg*: We've had a problem getting people to fill Senate seats. There is nothing talked about for Senators at these meetings, and we want a full Senate.
5. *Senator J. Ljungberg*: As to number 5, agree with Senator Ljungberg; it helps us fill the seats. As to number 4, I would have loved to know who the candidates were.
6. *Senator Almeida*: As to number 5, it would stop the Honor Council from having to hold another special election.
7. *Senator Tiscia*: If you can't show up for a 20 minute meeting, what to say that you can show up 8 times a year for Senate meetings?
8. *Senator Goldberg*: Right now we're facing a really hard issue in not having enough people on the Senate and not having contested seats. To put up barriers is to worsen an already bad situation. The attendance at the pre-election meeting is not indicative of those who are able to be attending Senators because, as you can all see, half of them are not here.
9. **[Action – Motion to sever item 4 for discussion]**
10. **[Result – several seconds]**

11. Hand Vote:

- a. In favor = 21
- b. Opposed = 0
- c. Abstentions = 1

12. Discussion as to Item 4 on Constitutional Amendment:

- a. [Action – Motion to limit discussion to 1 minute per speaker]
- b. [Result – several seconds]
- c. *Senator Pesce*: In my experience, I had no idea that seats would be open. There was no email. But it's not just about people who are not in the Senate that makes it important to attend the meeting; it's those who are participants of many organizations and are questioning whether they can and/or should run for Senate.
- d. *Senator Sims*: We need to require them to attend meetings because it's about more than just those who have been in the Senate and basically already know the rules.
- e. *Senator Trahanas*: Why make these individuals go through another loophole?
- f. **[Action – Motion to vote]**
- g. **[Objection – Continue debate]**
- h. Vote on motion to vote:
 - i. In favor = 9
 - ii. Opposed = 11
 - iii. Abstention = 2
 - iv. Result – failed
- i. *Senator Farnsworth*: Heard both sides. I am proposing a middle ground. If we took off the table item 4, I would be happy to come up with something more comprehensive and specific that could straddle the line between having useless meetings and having an informed candidacy pool.
- j. *Evening VP Faherty*: I think we need to take more than 1 minute per speaker to debate. I would recommend a committee to overhaul our Constitution and have a convention to revamp our Constitution entirely.

- k. *Senator Powers*: I thought you didn't have to attend the meeting if you emailed saying that you couldn't go to either meeting. Secondly, the real issue is how it is communicated to people.
- l. *President Bajrami*: I've been in politics for years. For those interested in public service, if you think that one meeting is burdensome, you've got a lot of surprises coming your way. It's very important that people show up to one of two meetings because if they can't, then they shouldn't be running for office. Moreover, we have plenty of senators who attended that meeting last year and aren't here this year because they've been removed.
- m. **[Action – Motion to vote]**
- n. **[Objection in favor of Continued debate]**
- o. Vote to vote on Item 4 as written:
 - i. In favor = 12
 - ii. Opposed = 9
 - iii. Abstentions = 0
 - iv. Result – approved motion to vote

Roll Call Vote to Approve Item 4 as written:

Office	Name	
4L Senator	Jessica Almeida	In favor
	Chris Buggy	-
	Jenn Ljungberg	In favor
	Leslie Park	-
3L Senator	Brian Gilcos	Against
	Jay Goldberg	In favor
	Jaclyn Cohen	-
	Michael Mulanaphy	Against
	Phillip Pavlick	Against
	Sarah Turk	-
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3LE Senator	Danny Ljungberg	In favor
	Taimour Chaudhri	-
	Jason Mushnick	-
	James Sullivan	In favor
2L Senator	George Blazeski	Against
	Vacancy	
	Zach Farnsworth	Against
	Nicholas Keller	-
	Drew Leatherman	-
	Bryan Tiscia	Against
	Ryan Lang	Against
Kali Trahanas	In favor	
2LE Senator	Ali Gabinelli	Against
	Dana Gieser	In favor
	Arianna Moure	In favor
	Edward Nasti	In favor
1L Senator	Stephanie Pisko	-

	Alexander Yarbrough	-
	Marko Pesce	In favor
	Darren Pfeil	Against
	Tyler Sims	Against
	Yoana Yakova	In favor
1LE Senator	Mel Powers	Against
	Michael De Jianne	-
	TOTAL	8 In Favor 11 Against 4 Abstain Result - Fail

p. [Result – Fail]

q. [Action – Move to vote items 1, 2, 3, and 5]

r. [Objection – in favor to debate]

s. Vote to vote:

i. In favor = 19

ii. Opposed = 2

iii. Abstain = 0

t. [Result – passed motion to vote on items 1,2,3, and 5 as written]

Roll call Vote to approve items 1, 2, 3, and 5

Office	Name	
4L Senator	Jessica Almeida	In favor
	Chris Buggy	-
	Jenn Ljungberg	In favor
	Leslie Park	-
3L Senator	Brian Gilcos	In favor
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	Jaclyn Cohen	-
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	Taimour Chaudhri	-
	Jason Mushnick	-
	James Sullivan	In favor
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	Edward Nasti	In favor
1L Senator	Stephanie Pisko	-
	Alexander Yarbrough	-
	Marko Pesce	In favor
	Darren Pfeil	In favor
	Tyler Sims	Abstain
	Yoana Yakova	In favor
1LE Senator	Mel Powers	Against
	Michael De Jianne	-
	TOTAL	19 In favor 2 Against 1 Abstain Result - fail

u. [Result – Fail for not having majority of Senate present]

c. Carpe Diem

i. Taliza Adams

ii. See Attachment 3

iii. Ms. Adams:

1. Felt a little lost and lonely when coming to SHU Law. There are a ton of student organizations, but with a 16 year old child, it's tough to get involved in the organizations that exist here.

iv. Discussion:

1. *Senator Ljungberg:* How does this differ from our Evening Student Forum?
2. *Ms. Adams:* I'm a Full Time Day Student. Our intent is to build a bridge with companion organizations like the ESF, but with the Full Time Day Student schedule, it's hard to get involved in an evening student organization. Aside from getting involved with the community and SHU Law student life, would like to coalition with OCS. There seems to be a disconnect between OCS and students who have already held jobs, or who have children, etc.
3. *Senator J. Ljungberg:* Applaud Ms. Adams for attempting to start an organization. ESF was founded for students who are non-traditional law school students, who have responsibilities that are unique to the typical law student experience. I am having a hard time understanding the real difference, since the needs referenced appear to be addressed by ESF.
4. *Ms. Adams:* The biggest issue is that neither myself, nor the rest of the FT Day students didn't know about the ESF's lecture circuit and other initiatives taking place that we can take advantage of. ESF is a strong organization, but the FT Day students' needs shouldn't be overlooked. If there's a possibility that my image can be recognized, even with some of this overlap, we have possibility to address *everyone's* needs.
5. *Parliamentarian McConnell:* Completely understand where Ms. Adams is coming from, as a former military man who didn't just come right out of undergrad like the traditional student. The question is, what kind of interest have you gathered?

6. *Ms. Adams*: I've acknowledged about 9 students' commitments, and all of them were either a parent or of some other "mature" nature FT Day student. Giving the group one year to make an attempt will allow us to foster growth.
7. *Senator Blaseski*: To give them one year will give the group some time to assert their differences from ESF. The way to control the overlap between the ESF and Carpe Diem would be through the Finance Committee.
8. *Senator Goldberg & Dean Foerst*: Agreed. Maybe the fact that the ESF is open to Day Students is a reason to change the name of ESF.
9. *Senator Goldberg*: The "mature" student population should strongly consider running in the run-on Senatorial elections.
10. **[Action – Motion to limit discussion to 1 minute per speaker]**
11. **[Result – approved]**
12. *Senator Farnsworth*: Giving them a year will allow them to show the rest of the student body that Carpe Diem is a real organization and effective in its own right, separate and apart from ESF. We have the opportunity not to approve them for full organizational status next year.
13. *Senator Trahanas*: What I like about the organization is bringing in students to discuss career opportunities in a forum different from that which fosters traditional law student expectations.
14. *Senator Tiscia*: Cannot imagine what it's like to be a FT Day student and to have a life and responsibilities outside of law school. As a day student, however, I never saw evening students, so I totally support the different organizations.
15. *Senator Almeida*: When will you hold events? During the day? At night? And what are your visions for SBA funding?
16. *Ms. Adams*: The idea for our organization is to have fully funded meetings the first two or three meetings. The idea is to have people bring coffee or to meet at local coffee houses.
17. **[Action – Motion to vote]**
18. **[Result – several seconds]**
19. **[Objection – Continue debate based on the remaining speaker's list]**

Hand Vote on the action to vote, despite remainder of speakers' list:

- a. In favor of moving forward to a vote = 17
- b. Opposed = 5
- c. **[Result – Approved to vote on Carpe Diem's provisional status]**

Hand Vote to Approve Carpe Diem for Provisional Status:

- d. In favor of Approval = 20
- e. Opposed = 2
- f. **[Result – Approved for provisional status]**

d. Arab Student Org

- i. **Ghalib Mahmoud**
- ii. *See Attachment 4*
- iii. *Mr. Mahmoud*: Main issue is that we have a Muslim Law Student Association, but not all Arabs are Muslim. Many are Christian and those students don't feel as though they can be part of the Muslim Law Student Association. The main purpose is to use the Arab Law Student Association to talk about issues in the Arab areas, which may foster legal jobs for students who are of Arab descent – legal issues involved in oil, transnational markets, religious oppression, etc. It's a very under-represented population.
- iv. Discussion:

1. *Senator Farnsworth*: Agree that this should be approved. There are many non-religious issues involved in the Arab world, and to foster our school's continued commitment to diversity, I think it's important that we recognize them. That being said, the Senate will need to see the different approaches to these issues from the Muslim Law Student Association.
2. *Mr. Mahmoud*: Understood. For example, the panel that the Muslim Law Student Association put on last week was purely religious. By contrast, inviting the Syrian Ambassador to SHU Law might be something that the Arab Law Student Association could put on.
3. *Senator Ljungberg*: Some words of advice. There has been a lot of apathy lately and it's hard to get law students to meet regularly.
4. **[Action – Motion to Vote]**
5. **[Result – Several Seconds]**
6. **[Objection – Senator Goldberg objects to the name of the organization]**
7. *Senator Goldberg*: The one issue is the name. People may not feel inclined to go to an organization called "Arab Law Student Association" and may feel more inclined to go to "Arab Law Society."
8. *Senator Glicos*: I think we should vote on the substance of the group, let them go forward, and then address the name of the organization later.
9. **[Action – Motion to vote]**
10. **[Result – unanimously approved]**

Hand Vote to Approve:

- a. In favor – 22
- b. Opposed – none

- e. **[Action – Senator Goldberg's Motion to Add Constitutional Amendment to the agenda]**
 - i. *Senator Goldberg* gave a short explanation of the amendment to allow for an informed Senatorial vote on whether or not to add it to the agenda.

f. **[Several seconds]**

Hand Vote to add Amendment to the agenda:

1. In favor = 16
2. Opposed = 4
3. Abstentions = 2
4. **[Result – approved]**

ii. **See Attachment #8 – added during the meeting**

iii. Discussion:

1. *President Bajrami*: There are several faculty committees that didn't even meet this year, so to require them to attend SBA meetings when they have no involvement at all whatsoever is a bit inefficient.
2. *Senator Goldberg*: A basic tenant of public service is to attend meetings.
3. *President Bajrami*: The public servants are all of you. The appointees are the appointees.
4. *Senator Goldberg*: The first time we heard about the LRW changes were today. This is problematic. What I'm saying is, if they can't make a meeting, then the President has to report the respective meetings' minutes.

5. *Senator J. Ljungberg*: Senator Goldberg brings up a great point, but we haven't had much time to look over this and it cannot be substantively considered at this time.
6. **[Action – Motion to Table]**
7. **[Several seconds]**
8. **[Objection in favor of Continued debate]**
9. **[Action – Motion withdrawn; yield to Senator Pavlick]**
10. *Senator Pavlick*: The SBA has no power to vote out an appointee. It would be a violation of executive authority.
11. **[Action – Motion to table]**
12. **[Result – several seconds]**

Hand Vote to table Amendment:

- a. In favor = 19
- b. Opposed = 2
- c. Abstentions = 1
- d. **[Result – tabled]**

XII. RECOGNITION

- a. *Senator Ljungberg*: Recognizing Senator Geiser's officiating over their wedding a few weekends ago.
- b. *Senator Blaseski*: Recognize SHU Law B-ball beat Rutgers B-ball.
- c. *Senator Trahanas*: E-Board for their hard work.
- d. *Senator Powers*: LRW Professor _____ who passed away recently.
- e. *Senator Yakova*: Recognize Senator Sims for being a great co-senator this year, who has gone above and beyond.
- f. *Senator Gabinelli*: Senator Mulanaphy for making it to the Chicago ABA Moot Court competition.
- g. *Senator Goldberg*: All the senators in the past years. Also passing on unofficial bar review to someone else, depending on who becomes social chair next year.
- h. *Evening VP Faherty*: Moot Court competition winners. Also want to recognize all the Senators who have served for years who are this year graduating. Thank you!
- i. *Senator J. Ljungberg*: Senator Almeida for being maid of honor.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. *Senator Blaseski*: Encourage 1L's to compete in the write-on competition this year.
- b. *Senator Moure*: April 18 in New Brunswick event
- c. *Evening VP Faherty*: There were about 18 LALSA's from around the country here the other week for a conference. Nice job!!
- d. *Senator Yoana*: In terms of elections, there so much of a lack of communication. Colleen has an idea of who to better the communication as to elections for next year.
- e. *Senator Gabinelli*: Finally Admitted Students day is tomorrow. If you see tours, say hi and let them know you love it! Wear Seton Hall gear!

XIV. PRESIDENT BAJRAMI'S FAREWELL SPEECH

- a. Kelly – putting together amazing events.
- b. Justine – one of the most tenacious and fiery people I've ever had the chance to know.
- c. Pat – his brilliance, his desire to assert, but ability to come to middle ground and being balanced.
- d. Colleen – one of the most well-rounded and put-together individuals I've ever met. Thank you for reminding me to be nice to people even if I don't know them, and to smile.
- e. Lauren – for being a right hand and being loyal, for her honesty, and integrity. Always there to guide and having a great heart.
- f. Brad – for being someone who is thought of as a big brother, and for serving the country. He always takes care of me and doing what any big brother would do.

- g. The Senate –for taking me to task when you thought I Was wrong, for supporting when you thought I was right. Everyone means something and contributes something to the cause.
- h. “Show me a man who is perfect, and I will show you a man who has done nothing.” I was an imperfect man and an imperfect President. But when I was voted in, I decided to make decisions for the greater good for the students of this law school. I can say with a smile and with good sleep every night, “mission accomplished.”
- i. Advice – take something that seems too hard, too impossible, and grab it and keep at it until it is easy. More than any recognition, what’s more important is being able to stand tall and look at the people you represent in the eye because they trust you as you trust them.
- j. I will miss all of you – yes, Danny, you too. Serve well and serve honorably.

XV. ADJOURNMENT AND FINAL ROLL CALL

- a. *[Action – Motion to adjourn]*
- b. *[Result – Unanimously Approved]*

BYE!

Attachment #1

J. The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep a record of all the proceedings of the SBA;
- b. Prepare, prior to each meeting, an order of business for the use of the presiding officer, showing the exact order, under the correct headings, all matters known in advance that are due to come up and, if applicable, the times for which they are set;
- c. Keep the SBA's official membership roll and call the roll where it is required;
- d. Inform the SBA when any Officer or Senator has accumulated his or her third or fourth absence at the meeting where such absence occurs within a week of the meeting where such absence occurs through the use of electronic communication.
- e. Document all absences and report them to the SBA for action;
- f. Maintain record book(s) in which this Constitution, special rules of order, standing rules, and minutes are entered, with any amendments to these documents properly recorded, and to have the current year's record book(s) on hand at every meeting;
- g. Make the minutes and records available to members upon request;
- h. Serve as a non-voting member of the SBA, with the right to propose legislation as well as participate in debate;
- i. Perform all other duties prescribed in this Constitution and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the SBA.

1. Attendance:

- a. Any Officer or Senator of the Student Bar Association is allowed two (2) absences during his/her term of office.
- b. Upon an Officer or Senator accumulating a third absence, the Secretary shall inform the Student Bar Association that the Officer or Senator has accumulated a third absence within a week of the meeting where such absence occurred through the use of electronic communication at the meeting where the absence occurs.
 1. Following the announcement receipt of the Secretary's electronic communication that an Officer or Senator has accumulated a third absence, a voting member of the Student Bar Association may call, at any time thereafter, for a vote of removal by a two-thirds majority of the Senate to take place at any subsequent regular or special meeting of the Student Bar Association.
 2. Prior to a vote of removal following an Officer or Senator's third absence, that Officer or Senator shall be entitled to:
 - a. Notice, of not less than a week, that the Officer or Senator will be subject to such a vote at the next regular or special meeting of the Student Bar Association, and
 - b. An opportunity to be heard by the Student Bar Association, at the regular or special meeting of the Student Bar Association where the vote of removal is to occur, on any reason for which that Officer and Senator should not be removed.
 - c. Any Officer or Senator of the Student Bar Association with four (4) recorded absences during his/her term of office shall automatically be removed from the Student Bar Association roll and his/her position declared "vacant".

Attachment #2

ARTICLE NINE: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: Eligibility

- A. Candidates for Officers and Senators of the SBA must be current members of the Student Body of the Law School.
- B. Student Senators must be current members of that academic class or anticipating membership in that class at the first general meeting of the newly elected SBA. In the event that a member transfers divisions during their term in office or fails to transfer divisions as anticipated prior to the first regular SBA meeting of the new term, they shall automatically resign their office. Any vacancy created by such a transfer in division shall be filled pursuant to Article Three, Section Five of this Constitution.
- C. Candidates for all SBA appointments must be current members of the Student Body of the Law School.

Section 2: Election Process

- A. The Election Process shall be conducted in accordance with this Constitution and the SBA Election Bylaws.
- B. Elected officers of the SBA shall be elected by a plurality of the popular vote of the Student Body of the Law School in accordance with this Constitution, as well as any other rules adopted by the SBA or proscribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the SBA.
- C. 1L Day Division Senators of the SBA shall be elected by receiving a total number of votes from their respective section that ranks them among the top two (2) vote receivers, with each 1L Day Division Section electing two (2) total senators. In the event that two (2) individuals do not run or do not accept their election to 1L Day Division Senator, those receiving votes and accepting their election shall assume office and the vacant positions shall be declared vacant pursuant to Article Seven, Section D of this Constitution.
- D. Beginning with the 1L Evening Division Senate elections for the fall semester of 2012, 1L Evening Division Senators of the SBA shall be elected by receiving a total number of votes from their respective section that ranks them among the top two (2) vote receivers, with the evening section electing two (2) total senators. In the event that two (2) individuals do not run or do not accept their election to 1L Evening Division Senator, those receiving votes and accepting their election shall assume office and the vacant positions shall be declared vacant pursuant to Article Seven, Section D of this Constitution.
- E. 2L and 3L Day Division Senators of the SBA shall be elected by receiving a total number of votes from their respective division that ranks them among the top eight (8) vote receivers. In the event that eight (8) individuals do not run or do not accept their election to 2L or 3L Day Division Senator, those receiving votes and accepting their election shall assume office and the vacant positions shall be declared vacant pursuant to Article Seven, Section D of this Constitution.
- F. Beginning with the 2L Evening Division Senate elections for the fall semester of 2013, 2L Evening Division Senators of the SBA shall be elected by receiving a total number of votes from their respective division that ranks them among the top two (2) vote receivers. In the event that two (2) individuals do not run or do not accept their election to 2L Evening Division Senator, those receiving

votes and accepting their election shall assume office and the vacant positions shall be declared vacant pursuant to Article Seven, Section D of this Constitution.

- G. Beginning with the 3L Evening Division Senate elections for the fall semester of 2014, 3L Evening Division Senators of the SBA shall be elected by receiving a total number of votes from their respective division that ranks them among the top two (2) vote receivers. In the event that two (2) individuals do not run or do not accept their election to 3L Evening Division Senator, those receiving votes and accepting their election shall assume office and the vacant positions shall be declared vacant pursuant to Article Seven, Section D of this Constitution.
- H. Beginning with the 4L Senate elections for the fall semester of 2015, 4L Senators of the SBA shall be elected by receiving a total number of votes, cast by any 4L student regardless of division, which ranks them among the top two (2) vote receivers. In the event that two (2) individuals do not run or do not accept their election to 4L Senator, those receiving votes and accepting their election shall assume office and the vacant positions shall be declared vacant pursuant to Article Seven, Section D, of this Constitution.
- I. Elections:
1. Elections of all Officers and non-first year Senators shall take place in the spring semester.
 - a. No later than the first SBA meeting of the spring semester, the SBA shall select and schedule the week during which candidate speeches shall occur and the polls will be open.
 - i. Should any circumstances close the law school during the scheduled week, ~~the SBA shall~~ ~~the Honor Council shall have the authority to~~ reschedule candidate speeches and polling times as appropriate.
 - ii. ~~For the elections taking place in the 2009/2010 academic year, the SBA shall schedule the week of elections no later than March 31, 2010.~~
 - b. All other election events and deadlines shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Honor Council pursuant to the mandates of the Election Bylaws promulgated by the SBA.
 2. Elections of all First Year Senators shall be held no later than the second week in October in the fall semester on such a date as selected by the Honor Council.
 3. The Chair of the Honor Council shall announce all candidates for Office and non-first year Senators to the Senate and all candidates no later than three days following the deadline set by the Honor Council in which statements of intent are due, and to the entire student body no later than seven days following such time.
 4. Due to the nature of Senate elections, the Honor Council chair shall waive the requirements for the statements of intent and pre-election meeting if there are not enough candidates for the seat prior to election week.

Attachment #3

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

CARPE DIEM PROPOSAL

To: Student Bar Association
From: Carpe Diem
Re: Provisional Status
Date: April 7, 2013

Carpe Diem seeks provisional status with the Student Body Association (“SBA”) at Seton Hall Law. The following proposal demonstrates that the group’s purpose can be achieved with clearly established goals and minimum financial support from the school.

I. OBJECTIVES

- (1) The primary purpose of Carpe Diem is to unite Seton Hall Law’s mature student population. The transition from a mature lifestyle to life as a law student can be unfamiliar and challenging. Carpe Diem seeks to provide a support network for Seton Hall Law’s mature student population by promoting a feeling of fellowship and network among older students and all SHL students. This will be achieved via social engagements, a system of academic support, and community service based activities designed to strengthen our footprint at Seton Hall University School of Law and the community-at-large.
- (2) Carpe Diem believes that Seton Hall Law’s mature student population contributes a unique diversity of real-world experiences that is valuable to the Seton Hall University School of Law community. Consequently, Carpe Diem will seek representation on the schools Diversity Council and seek to collaborate directly with admissions to promote the active recruitment of older individuals to attend Seton Hall.
- (3) Carpe Diem will also organize at least one philanthropic event per semester to raise money for a yet to be determined charity in the Newark/NYC area that supports the community at large. In addition, Carpe Diem will sponsor no less than two community service based events in the community at large.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

General Meetings

Carpe Diem plans to have two formal meetings per semester. These meetings will be provide a platform to introduce students to the organization, increase awareness of Carpe Diem’s goals and services, and help increase our membership. The meetings will also give current members the opportunity to discuss and plan upcoming events. We plan to have flexible meeting times to accommodate both day and evening students in order to foster the sense of community in Seton Hall University School of Law mature student population.

Social events

Carpe Diem will strive to hold 3 social events per semester. All students will be welcome, and student members will be encouraged to share stories and experiences. In addition, we will hold “round table talks” with practicing attorneys who chose pursue a legal education later in life. We hope these talks will inspire, advise, encourage, and educate mature students on how to balance the demands of work and family with the necessity of exceling at

law school. These speakers will also offer valuable advice about employment options for mature students employment after law school.

Philanthropic events

See (3) above.

III. NEEDS

Carpe Diem seeks the following funding for it's first year:

- The standard \$200 allowance for the general meetings, which every organization. receives.
- \$100 for each semester's events (\$300 total) to cover the cost of refreshments.

Carpe Diem will organize fundraisers to offset any unforeseen costs.

Attachment #4

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW Carpe Diem - Charter

Article I. NAME

The name of this Organization/Club shall be "Carpe Diem".

Article II. MISSION STATEMENT

The primary purpose of Carpe Diem is to unite Seton Hall Law's mature student population. The transition from a mature lifestyle to life as a law student can be unfamiliar and challenging. Over the past month's it has become increasingly apparent that Seton Hall Law's mature student population are interested in uniting to provide support to each other. Unfortunately, the demands on time mature students frequently face have prevented an organized formation of this intent. Carpe Diem seeks to bridge the divide and create a support network for Seton Hall Law's mature student population by promoting a feeling of fellowship and network among older students and all SHL students. This will be achieved via social engagements, a system of academic support, and community service based activities designed to strengthen our footprint at Seton Hall University School of Law and the community-at-large.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Members:
 - 1. The members of this organization shall be currently enrolled students at the Seton Hall University School of Law.
 - 2. All students of Seton Hall University School of Law are welcome to become members by self-selection.
- B. Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership:
 - 1. Voting: Each member is entitled to one vote, as defined yearly by the executive board.
 - 2. Privileges: Each member shall be entitled to all services of the organization.
 - 3. Participation: Each member shall be entitled to participate in all organizational events.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- A. The business meetings of the membership will be held bi-annually. Notification of this meeting shall be made via email notification to all members. Flyers will be posted on campus to notify non-members of meetings. All notifications will be sent one week prior to said meeting.
- B. The President of the organization may call other meetings in furtherance of the organization's mission statement.

Article V. OFFICERS

- A. Titles:

Carpe Diem shall have the following officers elected from the current membership in the spring semester of the current year:

 - 1. President
 - 2. Vice-President
 - 3. Secretary
 - 4. Treasurer
 - 5. Advisor/Coach
 - 6. Social Chair
- B. Qualifications:
 - 1. Officers must be current members of the organization.
- C. Duties of Officers:
 - 1. The President shall:
 - A. Oversee, coordinate, and facilitate the operations and the direction of Carpe Diem.
 - B. Serve as chair of all meetings
 - C. Serve as the primary liaison between the Administration/Faculty and the organization
 - D. Create new subgroups if there is demonstrated student interest.
 - E. Appoint members to vacant board positions if such vacancies exist or form after the annual elections have occurred. Such appointment shall be approved by a majority vote of the existing executive board.
 - F. Create new officer positions with the approval of the other board members.

- G. Terminate officer positions that are no longer useful or have duties assumed by the other officers.
 - H. Attend SBA meetings
 - I. Report to Carpe Diem members generally on the events of the SBA meetings.
 - J. Speak on behalf of Carpe Diem at SBA meetings regarding announcements, and issues of concern.
 - K. Present the Carpe Diem Proposed Budget at the first SBA meeting of the academic year.
2. The Vice-President shall:
 - A. Assist the president in all duties necessary to facilitate the organization.
 - B. Work with Student Services to promote student involvement in Carpe Diem overall.
 - C. Carry out any additional duties needed.
 3. The Secretary shall:
 - A. Create and maintain Carpe Diem's online presence.
 - B. Shall assist fellow officers and take minutes of Executive Board and General Body meetings.
 - C. Act as a liaison between the Executive Board and all members.
 - D. Maintain Carpe Diem membership email list.
 4. The Treasurer shall:
 - A. Organize fundraisers and manage budget with Executive Board.
 5. The Advisor/Coach shall:
 - A. Provide guidance on board operations and community involvement.
 6. The Social Chair shall:
 - A. Plan social events that shall be accessible to all Members.
- D. Terms of Office:
1. Members, at one of the regular meetings, shall elect officers annually in the spring semester. Elections shall be by ballot and a majority of the votes cast shall elect.
 2. Each officer shall take office on the first day of the following school year and serve a one-year term and may be re-elected consecutively to the same office for an additional one-year term.
- E. Vacancies and Removal:
1. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the Vice-President unless he or she is unable to serve, at which time the vacancy shall be filled by election of the members by a majority of votes cast. A vacancy in the office of the Vice-President shall be left vacant with the President delegating the duties of that position. The President as outlined in their official duties may fill any other vacancies.
 2. Any officer, including the President, may be removed from office or suspended from office by either 1.) A good-cause demand of the Dean or 2.) A vote of two-thirds of the members at a regular meeting. Removal or suspension may only be with cause. The person under consideration shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting with sufficient notice of the proposed removal or suspension, the person under consideration shall not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum not whether the required two-thirds vote has been obtained. Upon a vote of removal or suspension of the President, the Vice-President shall preside at the meeting.

Article VI. COMMITTEES

The President, subject to the approval of the organization, shall appoint such standing, special, or ad hoc committees as may be required by the bylaws, as he or she finds necessary. Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by and responsible to the President.

Article VII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws or the special rules of order of the organization.

Article VIII. ACCOUNTBILITY

This organization shall abide by all applicable policies instituted by Seton Hall University School of Law, the SBA constitution, The Seton Hall University School of Law Honor Code, and The Seton Hall University School of Law Administration Rules and Regulations. Grievances regarding any action or member of Carpe Diem should be directed to the appropriate body described.

Article IX. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the organization present at any regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The SBA must then ratify the amendment. Once ratified, the membership shall be notified of adopted bylaw amendments by the most feasible means.

Attachment #5

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY | SCHOOL OF LAW ARAB LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL

To: Student Bar Association
From: Arab Law Student Association
Re: Provisional Status
Date: April 8, 2013

The Arab Law Students Association (“ALSA”) seeks provisional status with the Student Bar Association at Seton Hall Law. The following proposal demonstrates that the group’s purposes can be achieved with clearly established goals and the financial support of the SBA. The proposal will also show there is a need for ALSA among the student body and within the Seton Hall community.

I. Purpose

The purpose of the Arab Law Student Association is to provide for an ethnic organization, the first of its kind that represents and addresses pertinent issues germane to the underrepresented minority of students who come from an Arab decent or identify with being Arab.

ALSA also seeks to unite the student body by putting aside all religious ties and exposing the students, faculty, and alumni to the Arabic culture, customs, politics, and rule of law in the Arab world. The focus of the organization will be to shed light on the livelihood and way of life of the Arab people abroad and in the Diaspora while remaining in the confines of maintaining a stance against normalization and standing for justice for all those oppressed.

ALSA seeks to promote its goal through activities that promote the understanding of the values and identity of the Arab people abroad and Arab Americans domestically. ALSA will seek to highlight their role in the legal profession domestically and internationally, while at the same time debunking stereotypes of the people and the region. ALSA seeks to focus on the role of international law, humanitarian law; corporate law, oil & gas law, and property law have on the region in general.

ALSA hopes to raise awareness, promote career networking for students of Arab decent and non-Arab students on campus, and educate the Seton Hall Law community of the ever growing pragmatic events that occur in the region abroad or those affecting the community domestically.

II. Goals

ALSA plans to fulfill its purpose in several ways:

▪ General Meetings

First, the group aims to have three general body meetings each semester. These meetings will be used to introduce students to the organization, increase awareness of the organization and help to increase our student membership. In addition, the meetings will be an opportunity for all members to discuss and plan for upcoming events. Our goal is to have our membership involved in as much planning as possible. Members’ input and help with planning

is greatly appreciated. The time of the meetings may vary depending on student's class schedules and room availability.

▪ **Two Major Events**

ALSA seeks to have two major events that will cater to the entire student body and will include:

- 1) An event geared on addressing a humanitarian issue, or question of international law and policy with guest speakers (ambassadors, politicians, attorneys, corporate officers) and a cultural component that will reflect Arab culture and customs offering a show for the student body to enjoy along with food.
- 2) Networking event with legal professionals from the tri-state area of Arab/Middle Eastern, where we hope to work in collaboration with the Network of Arab American Professionals, OCS, and surrounding law schools.

III. Needs

Arab Law Student Association seeks the following funding for its first year:

- The standard \$200 allowance for the general meetings, which every organization receives.
- ALSA also intends to raise funds by having bake sales and selling t-shirts/a form of club memorabilia

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY | SCHOOL OF LAW
ARAB LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION CHARTER

ARTICLE I. NAME

This charter outlines the structure, goals, and guidelines of the ARAB LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION (“ALSA”)

ARTICLE II. MISSION STATEMENT

- To debunk Arab stereotypes and offer a voice to underrepresented law students of Arab decent irrespective of their religious background
- To educate and empower the student body and faculty on the rule of law in the Arab world, the relevant politics, humanitarian issues, culture, and customs
- To encourage a strong networking platform for Arab students seeking a career in the legal profession by establishing an outlet for alumni, legal professionals, and faculty seeking Arab speaking and/or culturally knowledgeable students or simply legal employment within the scope and guidelines of the employer
- To serve society through society and community service efforts

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- Composition
 - ALSA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender or handicap.
 - ALSA invites all members of the law school community to join by attending meetings and events.
 - All members are entitled to join ALSA events and activities as well as vote in semester or annual elections.
 - All members are entitled to run for a position on the ALSA Executive Board.
- Rights & Responsibilities of Members
 - All members will be added onto ALSA’s list serve, where they will receive updates on upcoming activities, events and meetings.
 - Members are encouraged to attend the weekly meetings to maintain membership.
 - All members have the right to vote in all elections, which will be announced via the above-mentioned mailing lists and at meetings.

ARTICLE IV. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The ALSA Executive Board shall:

- A. Consist of the following officers:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President of Events
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. SBA Representative
- B. General Duties of the Executive Board

- a. Executive Board members must read, understand, and always act according to this Constitution/Charter.
- b. Executive Board members must serve and represent the organization and its membership.
- c. Executive Board members may be required to take on additional responsibilities should a position of the Executive Board be vacated for whatever reason. In this event, the substituting Executive Board member(s) may continue to fill this function until the next election; or the Executive Board may call a special election at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The Officers of ALSA shall be responsible for, at minimum, the duties as described herein:

- A. The President shall:
 - (1) Fulfill the mission of this club
 - (2) Presides at meetings of this club and the club executive committee
 - (3) Appoints all committees
 - (4) General supervision of the operation of the club
 - (5) Submit to this club for its approval or disapproval of all ideas and plans proposed by the councils that may affect this club
 - (6) Ensures that the Executive Board carries out their responsibilities
 - (7) Serves as the sole spokesperson and representative for the organization when necessary
- B. The Vice President of Events shall:
 - (1) Plan, organize and direct a club program which meets the educational needs of the individual members
 - (2) Responsible for planning, organizing, and directing a program that ensures individual member retention and growth in club individual membership
 - (3) Responsible for developing and directing a publicity program and informs individual members and the general public about ALSA
 - (4) Take no action binding upon this club without specific prior authorization or subsequent ratification of this club.
- C. The Secretary shall:
 - (1) Responsible for records and correspondence
 - (2) Has custody of all charters, bylaws, records and documents of this club
 - (3) Keeps an accurate record of the meetings and activities of this club
 - (4) Contains a roster of the individual members of this club, including the address and status of each individual
 - (5) Provides notice of the meetings as required by the Constitution
- D. The Treasurer shall:
 - (1) Responsible for the clubs financial policies, procedures and controls
 - (2) Receives and disburses with the approval of this club, all club funds; pays ALSA's financial obligations as they become due; and keeps an accurate account of transactions
 - (3) Shall make financial reports to this club and to the club Executive Committee quarterly and upon request
- E. The Student Bar Association (SBA) Representative shall:
 - (1) Attend the Student Bar Association meetings.

- (2) Report to ALSA generally on the events of the SBA Meetings, and specifically on any issue discussed that pertains to the ALSA's membership or mission statement.
- (3) Speak on behalf of the ALSA at SBA Meetings regarding announcements and issues of concern.
- (4) This position can be filled by any other Executive Board member in the absence of a specific SBA representative

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

- A. All positions are one year appointments.
- B. Elections will take place in March of each year.
- C. A member of the Executive Board may remain on the Executive Board for however long she/he shall be re-voted in.
- D. Willing candidates present themselves and their platform at the Election Meeting. The voting is by ballot. If a tie or any discrepancies should arise, a revote will be called at a special meeting to be held within four days.
- E. A candidate needs to receive a simple majority of votes from those present in order to attain for the position for which he/she runs.
- F. The newly elected officers will retain the titles
- G. Between March and May, the newly elected officers will look to recent officers in allowing for a smooth transition.
- H. The newly elected officers should work together in preparing for the organization fair at the beginning of the semester as well as plans for a first meeting/event.

ARTICLE VII. VACANCIES

- A. All vacancies will be filled by announcing the vacancy to the organization's membership and then scheduling a special election.

ARTICLE VIII. REMOVAL

- A. If any board member violates this charter, the member can be removed from office by a majority vote of the executive board.
- B. Regular attendance to all meetings and events is expected. If more than three consecutive absences occur and you are on the board, we will reevaluate your board position.

ARTICLE IX. ACCOUNTABILITY

- A. ALSA is an organization bound by the rules and regulations established by the Student Bar Association, the Seton Hall University School of Law Honor Code, and the Seton Hall University School of Law Administrative Rules and Regulations.
- B. Grievances regarding any action or member of ALSA should be directed to the appropriate body as described in Section A.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT AND RATIFICATION

Amendments and alterations to this charter:

- A. May originate and be approved by a majority vote of the Student Bar Association.
- B. May originate from ALSA and be ratified by a majority vote of the Student Bar Association.

Attachment #6

Legal Research and Writing Student Feedback and Administration Response
Prepared by: Senator Darren Pfeil – 1LD Senator
Administration Response by: Dean Claudette St. Romain and Professor Herrera

- 1) **Student Body:** There is a lack of uniformity among classes for assignments (extra assignments, tackling different issues, different formatting), grading, due dates, and in-class lessons. This absence of uniformity breeds confusion, frustration, and unfairness between classes and students.

Therefore we ask the administration to focus on ensuring uniformity in procedural and substantive matters, in order to administer an LRW program that provides the same valuable educational experience to all students.

Administration Response: It is imperative that LRW professors be able to tailor their teaching to their section. That being said, the LRW professors are constantly being reviewed, and those professors that do not meet the administration's expectation will not be asked to teach LRW in the subsequent years. Regarding an extension of a due date due to a professor taking a vacation, the administration was not aware of this, and such an extension is not authorized.

- 2) **Student Body:** There is a lack of information about the methods behind the composition of each individual LRW section. Although students complete a grammar test and turn in a brief writing sample before the first semester, this has been observed to be an inadequate means to obtain representative LRW sections. Based on the difficulty of ascertaining writing ability from short assignments that each student puts differing amounts of time into, LRW classes are likely to be unrepresentative of the class as a whole.

Therefore we ask the administration to be more forthcoming with the methods used to constitute LRW sections, and to use metrics that are more meaningful than grammar quizzes and writing samples.

Administration Response: The 1L sections are composed randomly, and such random selection is used in determining the LRW sections. The grammar test and writing sample are used to determine which students need supplemental help.

- 3) **Student Body:** There is an issue with the administration's due dates conflicting with important Seton Hall Law community events, specifically Barrister's Ball.

Therefore we ask that the administration reconsider their policy on conflicting due dates, and have an open dialogue with professors and students in order to create an assignment schedule that better balances the fundamental aims of quality education and vibrant student life that Seton Hall seeks to achieve.

Administration Response: Part of the first year is learning how to budget one's time, an important skill every lawyer needs. That being said, the administration asks that the SBA consider moving the date of Barrister's Ball if there is a conflict next year.

- 4) The grading system is not well understood by professors and students. Being solely provided with their numeric grade and the numeric class mean (lacking a range and median), students cannot accurately understand where they stand in their class or what their GPA is in the class.

Therefore we ask that the administration carefully rethink the LRW grading policy, possibly by providing students with range and median. Alternatively, we ask the administration to consider a Pass/Fail or High-Pass/Pass/Fail ungraded system.

Administration Response: Providing a range is definitely a possibility. However, the LRW program is undergoing a complete overhaul, as is the curriculum in general. The administration believes that, pending faculty vote, next year LRW will no longer exist, and it will be replaced with a “Lawyering/Legal Skills” full-year class, which focuses on more practical lawyering skills, still emphasizing writing.

Attachment #7
Friendly Amendment

ARTICLE NINE: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: Eligibility

- D. Candidates for Officers and Senators of the SBA must be current members of the Student Body of the Law School.
- E. Student Senators must be current members of that academic class or anticipating membership in that class at the first general meeting of the newly elected SBA. In the event that a member transfers divisions during their term in office or fails to transfer divisions as anticipated prior to the first regular SBA meeting of the new term, they shall automatically resign their office. Any vacancy created by such a transfer in division shall be filled pursuant to Article Three, Section Five of this Constitution.
- F. Candidates for all SBA appointments must be current members of the Student Body of the Law School.

Section 2: Election Process

- J. The Election Process shall be conducted in accordance with this Constitution and the SBA Election Bylaws.
- K. Elected officers of the SBA shall be elected by a plurality of the popular vote of the Student Body of the Law School in accordance with this Constitution, as well as any other rules adopted by the SBA or proscribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the SBA.
- L. 1L Day Division Senators of the SBA shall be elected by receiving a total number of votes from their respective section that ranks them among the top two (2) vote receivers, with each 1L Day Division Section electing two (2) total senators. In the event that two (2) individuals do not run or do not accept their election to 1L Day Division Senator, those receiving votes and accepting their election shall assume office and the vacant positions shall be declared vacant pursuant to Article Seven, Section D of this Constitution.
- M. Beginning with the 1L Evening Division Senate elections for the fall semester of 2012, 1L Evening Division Senators of the SBA shall be elected by receiving a total number of votes from their respective section that ranks them among the top two (2) vote receivers, with the evening section electing two (2) total senators. In the event that two (2) individuals do not run or do not accept their election to 1L Evening Division Senator, those receiving votes and accepting their election shall assume office and the vacant positions shall be declared vacant pursuant to Article Seven, Section D of this Constitution.
- N. 2L and 3L Day Division Senators of the SBA shall be elected by receiving a total number of votes from their respective division that ranks them among the top eight (8) vote receivers. In the event that eight (8) individuals do not run or do not accept their election to 2L or 3L Day Division Senator, those receiving votes and accepting their election shall assume office and the vacant positions shall be declared vacant pursuant to Article Seven, Section D of this Constitution.

- O. Beginning with the 2L Evening Division Senate elections for the fall semester of 2013, 2L Evening Division Senators of the SBA shall be elected by receiving a total number of votes from their respective division that ranks them among the top two (2) vote receivers. In the event that two (2) individuals do not run or do not accept their election to 2L Evening Division Senator, those receiving votes and accepting their election shall assume office and the vacant positions shall be declared vacant pursuant to Article Seven, Section D of this Constitution.
- P. Beginning with the 3L Evening Division Senate elections for the fall semester of 2014, 3L Evening Division Senators of the SBA shall be elected by receiving a total number of votes from their respective division that ranks them among the top two (2) vote receivers. In the event that two (2) individuals do not run or do not accept their election to 3L Evening Division Senator, those receiving votes and accepting their election shall assume office and the vacant positions shall be declared vacant pursuant to Article Seven, Section D of this Constitution.
- Q. Beginning with the 4L Senate elections for the fall semester of 2015, 4L Senators of the SBA shall be elected by receiving a total number of votes, cast by any 4L student regardless of division, which ranks them among the top two (2) vote receivers. In the event that two (2) individuals do not run or do not accept their election to 4L Senator, those receiving votes and accepting their election shall assume office and the vacant positions shall be declared vacant pursuant to Article Seven, Section D, of this Constitution.
- R. Elections:
1. Elections of all Officers and non-first year Senators shall take place in the spring semester.
 - a. No later than the first SBA meeting of the spring semester, the SBA shall select and schedule the week during which candidate speeches shall occur and the polls will be open.
 - i. Should any circumstances close the law school during the scheduled week, ~~the SBA shall~~ ~~the Honor Council shall have the authority to~~ reschedule candidate speeches and polling times as appropriate.
 - ii. ~~For the elections taking place in the 2009/2010 academic year, the SBA shall schedule the week of elections no later than March 31, 2010.~~
 - b. All other election events and deadlines shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Honor Council pursuant to the mandates of the Election Bylaws promulgated by the SBA.
 2. Elections of all First Year Senators shall be held no later than the second week in September in the fall semester on such a date as selected by the Honor Council.
 3. ~~The Chair of the Honor Council and/or the Student Bar Association President must announce all candidates for Executive Office and non-first year Senators to the Senate and all candidates no later than three days following the deadline set by the Honor Council in which all statements of intent are due, and to the entire student body no later than seven days following such time.~~
 4. ~~Due to the nature of Senate elections, candidates for senator do not need to attend any pre-election meeting and it will not be a pre-requisite for their candidacy.~~
 5. ~~In the event that there are not enough candidates to fill the senate seats for any section, an extension of the deadline for submission of statements of intent must be granted until seven days before the first day of elections.~~

Attachment #8
ARTICLE FOUR: OFFICERS OF THE SBA

- A. The President shall:
1. Chair all regular and special meetings of the SBA;
 2. Chair all regular and special meetings of the Executive Board;
 3. Serve as the student representative to all university committees where permissible or appoint a representative (to be approved by the Senate) to serve in his/her place;
 4. Attend all faculty meetings or appoint a representative to attend in his/her place, **either of whom shall report back to the SBA on any matter discussed at said meetings;**
 5. Execute all resolutions as directed by the Senate;
 6. Serve as an ex-officio non-voting member to all SBA committees;
 7. Serve as the official representative of the Student Body in and throughout the Law School community and general public;
 8. Whenever possible, ensure attendance at University Senate meetings by a member of the SBA Executive Board;
 9. Appoint the Social Chair and Parliamentarian at the first regular meeting of the newly elected Executive Board. Said appointments shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate at the next SBA meeting following their appointment. Subsequent to their appointment, but prior to confirmation, the Social Chair and Parliamentarian will serve on an interim-basis;
 10. Perform all other duties prescribed in this Constitution and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the SBA.

ARTICLE SEVEN: REQUIREMENTS, REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION

- B. Attendance Requirement. **Officers, Senators, and Executive Appointed Faculty Committee Members** of the SBA are expected to attend all regular and special meetings of the SBA.
1. If any member misses more than one-half of a regular meeting, s/he will incur an absence.
 2. If a member misses more than 15 minutes of a meeting, but less than half of the meeting, s/he will incur a half absence.
 3. The Secretary will be responsible for documenting all absences and reporting them to the SBA for action.
- C. Removal. Any **Officers, Senators, and Executive Appointed Faculty Committee Members** of the SBA may be removed from office for any of the following reasons:
1. Acting in a manner that tends to injure the good name of the SBA, disturb its wellbeing or hamper its work.
 - a. A violation of this provision is a serious offense properly subject to disciplinary action. Any and all actions to remove a member under this section must strictly adhere to the procedural guarantees of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.
 2. Attendance:
 - a. Any **Officers, Senators, and Executive Appointed Faculty Committee Members** of the Student Bar Association is allowed two (2) absences during his/her term of office.
 - b. Upon an **Officers, Senators, and Executive Appointed Faculty Committee Members** accumulating a third absence, the Secretary shall inform the Student Bar

Association that the Officer or Senator has accumulated a third absence at the meeting where the absence occurs.

1. Following the announcement of the Secretary that an **Officers, Senators, and Executive Appointed Faculty Committee Members** has accumulated a third absence, a voting member of the Student Bar Association may call, at any time thereafter, for a vote of removal by a two-thirds majority of the Senate to take place at any subsequent regular or special meeting of the Student Bar Association.
 2. Prior to a vote of removal following an **Officers, Senators, and Executive Appointed Faculty Committee Members**'s third absence, that **Officers, Senators, and Executive Appointed Faculty Committee Members** shall be entitled to:
 - a. Notice, of not less than a week, that the **Officers, Senators, or Executive Appointed Faculty Committee Members** will be subject to such a vote at the next regular or special meeting of the Student Bar Association, and
 - b. An opportunity to be heard by the Student Bar Association, at the regular or special meeting of the Student Bar Association where the vote of removal is to occur, on any reason for which **Officers, Senators, or Executive Appointed Faculty Committee Members** should not be removed.
 - c. Any **Officers, Senators, or Executive Appointed Faculty Committee Members** of the Student Bar Association with four (4) recorded absences during his/her term of office shall automatically be removed from the Student Bar Association roll and his/her position declared "vacant".
- D. Resignation. **Officers, Senators, and Executive Appointed Faculty Committee Members** may resign by submitting their letter to the President and the Secretary. The President or Secretary shall then inform the SBA of the resignation. Upon notice to the whole body, the resignation shall be effective.

ARTICLE TEN: STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Section 4: Other Committees

- A. Pursuant to Article Five, the President shall appoint students to Student/Faculty Committees. Said appointments must be approved by a majority vote of Officers and Senators of the SBA at the next regular meeting of the SBA.
- B. Such other committees, standing or special (ad hoc), shall be created by the President of the SBA or the Senate, as they deem appropriate to carry on the work of the SBA. ad hoc committees shall consist of a chairman (an SBA senator) and at least one other member of the SBA, appointed by the President of the SBA and approved by majority vote of the Senate. Membership in ad hoc committees is open to all students of the Law School.
- C. Prior to the first meeting of the SBA, the SBA President may create and appoint interim members to interim ad hoc committees, subject to a majority vote of the Executive Board. Said committees and

their members may act with their full official capacity (with the exception of use/allocation of SBA funds), but shall be subject to reappointment and ratification at the first meeting of the newly elected SBA.

- D. Committee members must report to the SBA on the matters discussed at such student/faculty committee meetings.**

- E. President appointed faculty members shall be held to the same attendance requirements as Senators and Officers, enumerated in Article 7.**