1. Dean Schizer Presentation (State of the Law School).
   a. Enhancing the Curriculum
      i. Focus on enriching the 3rd year experience, shouldn't be more of the same.
      ii. 3-year JD/MBA.
         1. Has been approved by the law school faculty, waiting on business school and need university approval. Would take around 96 credits (instead of 83), two intensive classes each August.
      iii. Global Alliances
         1. Coordinated 3rd year curriculum developed by CLS partnering with other institutions.
         2. Amsterdam
         3. Sciences Po and Paris I
         4. Oxford
      iv. Chair in Indian Constitutional Law, position exists, looking for permanent appointment, currently has visiting professors.
      v. New National Security Initiative
         1. New colloquium to be hosted by Prof. Waxman, inviting speakers.
      vi. Center for Climate Change Law
         1. 1 year old now, run by Prof. Gerrard.
      vii. Semester in DC
         1. Currently being discussed by the Curriculum Committee. Working with different branches of government, with an intensive seminar conducted by CLS faculty and some independent study.
   b. New Faculty. 4 professors this academic year. Abbe Gluck, Michael Graetz, Bert Huang, Tom Merrill.
      i. Two members joining next year. Brett Dignam, and Robert J. Jackson Jr.
      ii. 27 new hires in 6 years.
   c. Career Counseling.
      i. Challenging job market.
      ii. New Initiatives.
         1. New faculty committee on professional development.
         2. New Dean, Petal Modeste.
         3. New faculty mentoring initiative, particularly for 1Ls.
         4. Enhanced use of alumni network.
         5. New series on changes in the legal profession.
         7. Enhanced support for public interest work.
            a. Doubled spending on Guaranteed Summer Funding Program over two years.
            b. New Fellowships
         8. Meetings on the student experience at CLS
   iii. Placement Results
      1. Class of 2010: 90% placement
      2. Clerkship placements up 28%
   d. LRAP program.
i. Qualified employment: public interest or government work. Interest-free loan given to you by CLS, with portions of the loan being forgiven over time. This amount depends on how much the person is earning. Threshold was doubled from $25k to $50k.

ii. Federal government, starting in July, created a program which doesn't work for those in the CLS LRAP program.

iii. Looking for a way for certain students to claim under both programs to cover all of their loans.

iv. Chart showing potential savings for students if this LRAP-Fed option was created.

v. Program does not cover private loans, but this may not be a big hurdle considering the current student loan market.

vi. Trade-offs: need to work for government or a non-profit organization in the U.S. for 10 years, in order to get the benefit. The traditional LRAP program offers more flexibility, but less total financial benefits than the federal programs and staying in it for 10 years.

vii. Issue is that for some students, it could be a big benefit, but for some students, it might be a constraint they later regret.

viii. Debate whether the students want to take the responsibility of making the choice or not presenting the choice at all, for fear of confusing students or regretting a wrong choice.

1. Jorge asked questions about
2. Jean said that she would stress on counseling regarding the program. Noted a concern that students don't come away with the impression that the LRAP program isn't adequately explained. Dean Schizer said that other faculty had noted the concern, but comprehensive materials would be put together.

3. Gillian asked what would happen for people who wanted to use the federal program for their undergrad debt, and use CLS's LRAP program for law school debt. Dean Schizer said that this would be fine. Dean Schizer said that by being in the new program would allow students to have more pocket money, instead of being forced to pay down your debt.

4. Leslieann asked when the earliest this program could take effect. DS said that the program was launched in July, could apply to current students now. Dean Moroni said that people could pay off only federal debt, not private. But a lot of people have AccessGroup student loans, which are private. Would depend on the individual student. GradPlus, Stafford, Perkins.

5. Eric asked about deferred associates who got a stipend to work at a public interest job, wondered how it would be classified. DS said it would be based on where the paycheck came from -- if it was from a law firm, not LRAP-eligible. But if you moved there for your second year, it would count.

6. DS said that they would continue to explore the option, sounded like an attractive opportunity to pursue for students, as long as it was explained well.

ix. Q&A.

1. Amaris asked when the JD/MBA program might be implemented. DS said that it depended on the university, but definitely applicable for the Class of 2014. Class of 2013 might be able to transfer in laterally. The two summer intensive programs will be offered starting this year.

2. Jae asked about the Oxford program, asking whether people had to apply in their first year. DS said that the eligibility for this year would probably be more inclusive since the program was being announced just now.
3. Soo asked about the JD/MBA program, asking whether the application process had been determined yet. Would apply to both schools, need to be accepted by both (separate application processes). 1st year would be down in law school (standard), could lateral later. Still working out the details.

4. Jae asked what the total estimated cost of the JD/MBA program was. DS said you would save time, but not money (4-year program plus premium).

5. Charles asked about whether there had been any talk about GSF for students working for judges. DS said it was more like a clerkship, valuable experience, traditionally hasn't been covered, though could see arguments for it. In the current environment, doubled the amount of students applying.

6. Leslieann said that judicial internships now count for pro bono hours, asked about whether it would apply retroactively for current 3Ls. Dean MGK said for concerned 3Ls to contact them.

7. Elisa asked about whether the administration had considered expanding the mentorship program for LLMS. DS said that yes, they planned to.

8. Mia asked how to tell people to contact the Dean. DS said to contact Dean Chapnick if it was about the 3L pro bono credits, or Tanya Greene.

9. Ron asked about the union dues for facilities and how it impacts students groups in hosting events. Also, couldn't really adjust the hours or amount of work for housing and facilities. DS said he had a lot of sympathy about unions and the costs they imposed, but these contracts were negotiated by the overall university and the law school could not change these.


11. Ben asked about the 3L judicial internship process, had contacted CPIL but not received word. DS said he would look into it.

12. Gillian said that there had been positive feedback from students about professors getting more involved with job prospects. DS said it was a big personal issue to help students launch their careers.

13. Njoya asked about the separate LLM job recruitment process, and whether steps could be taken to merge them. DS said that classes were open to all LLMs, different from other schools. Said that the recruitment processes are parallel, but different. For LLMs, more of an international focus, different credentials, previous educational institutions. DS pointed out that employers had different time tables for LLMs vs. JDs. JD recruitment is usually early in the year, which isn't feasible for LLMs who have just arrived.

14. Ravi said that a possible solution (instead of merging the groups), would be to provide a common job pool where JD and LLM jobs were listed. Would benefit JDs who want to work abroad, and LLMs who wanted to work in the U.S. DS said it was a helpful suggestion.

2. Roll Call at 10:07 p.m.

3. Officer's Reports.
   a. President.
      i. Asked for a quick show of hands who favored the new LRAP option. Everyone raised their hand.
      ii. Next meeting Tuesday, Mar. 9.
      iii. Student and Academic Affairs Committee to meet soon, talking about the survey.
      iv. Getting ready to distribute Shana's letter to the faculty soon.
v. Vagrancy issue was discussed with building services and public safety. If an issue arises call (212) 854-5555. Will go back and look at the video tape if a complaint is raised.

vi. Reminded senators to send out emails to their constituents reminding them about Dean Schizer's Town Hall meeting and the Career Symposium.

b. Vice President.
i. Sick, but wanted to report that the Barrister's Ball contract had been signed.

c. Treasurer.
i. Nothing to discuss tonight.

d. Secretary.
i. Blood drive tentatively set for April 5th.

e. Parliamentarian.
i. Asked for suggestions about by-laws and volunteers to discuss.

ii. Said that the bullet points regarding the meetings were helpful in sending out to constituencies.

4. Committee Reports.
a. IT.
i. Nothing to report for now.

b. Graduation.
i. Graduation speaker selection is ongoing.

c. Housing.
i. Microwave issues have been resolved, will be there soon.

d. University Senate.
i. Nothing.

e. Faculty Committees.
i. Nothing.

5. New Business.
a. Gradman and Mia asked about price lists for the items in Lenfest Café. Signs in place right now may not have been updated.

b. Nona asked about interest in providing law school gear for sale in Lenfest.

6. Announcements.
a. None.

7. Adjournment at 10:18 p.m.