I. Call to Order/Role 9:15 p.m.
II. Student Services presentation – Dean Michelle Greenberg Kobrin
   a. Importance of Student Senate/Student Service partnership
   b. Introduction to Student Services
      i. Dean MGK
      ii. Marta Ricardo (student orgs, finances, coordinator, journal, counseling)
      iii. Elizabeth Grainger (housing, student health issues) – currently on extended medical disability leave, but very accessible via email.
      iv. Ilene Strauss (clerkships, counseling)
      v. Matt Raffalo (student services coordinator, finances for student org, health and wellness)
      vi. Benice Justino (front desk)
      vii. Juliana Utley (room reservations)
   c. Space concerns at the law school
      i. The 9th floor is completed. Go visit it! Mostly dedicated to faculty offices and is part of the larger plan to grow the faculty.
         1. Appointments committee split into two groups – entry level candidates and laterals.
         2. Lenfest Café: only the dining area was renovated, not the food service area.
         3. There is a preliminary plan to build a new reading room in the library. The plan is to build the new addition to the law school eastward onto the plaza with the idea that CLS students deserve an iconic reading room. A very few members of the administration has just begun to meet with architects. A small number of students were involved, and more students will be involved.
         4. Café will not be renovated until the new reading room is completed.
         5. Room will be done years into the future.
   d. Questions/Suggestions
      i. Question about who is involved in reading room improvements – small group of students and a lot of administrators.
      ii. Suggestion to put in a soda fountain in Lenfest café and replace the microwave.
      iii. What about the after hours coffee bar that can be provided without operating the full kitchen?
         1. Faculty House is occupying the attention of food services at the university.
         2. University personnel – lots of turnover, but student services is working on it. Someone new is heading up dining services. Dean MGK is scheduling a meeting with him.
      iv. TVs in the lobby are cool. Could one of those TVs be put in Lenfest Café? It seems like it’d be more appropriate to put a large functioning TV there.
         1. The three TV lobbies were installed at great expense and are there to stay.
         2. Suggestion modified to recommend a better TV in Lenfest Café.
      v. AV controls the programming, suggestion that students have some control over the channel. Student Services will look into it.
      vi. Concern about the low volume of the TV in Lenfest. Student Services has begun looking into it.
      vii. Foosball table in Lenfest Café: A petition/resolution would help get this initiative off the ground.
      viii. Reading room – could students have coffee/water in there?
      ix. Temperature controls in rooms.
         1. Contentious issue over the summer. The air handlers were replaced on the 9th floor as part of the construction project. They weren’t supposed
to replace air handlers for the entire building but the old air handlers broke so then they decided to redo all of them – doubled the cost.
2. In the next couple of weeks, the temperature fluctuations are supposed to settle down.
3. System for regulating temperatures in individual classrooms unknown.
x. Suggestion of more orientation events for transfer students.
xii. System for regulating temperatures in individual classrooms unknown.
1. Requires being near a water line in the wall so that you can hook it up to a coffee machine. They might be able to get a water line in the mail room/vending machine space.
1. Pass/Fail grading: Yale, Stanford, and Harvard are on the P/F system.
   a. Honors/High Pass/ Pass/Low Pass/Fail is effectively the same as ABCD.
   b. The change could set a tone that would eliminate stress. Could lead to a less competitive environment.
   c. While it’s the same for current students, the change would make a difference in the minds of incoming students.
   d. Student Senate can put an ad hoc committee together to discuss.
   e. Why did other schools switch? Accepted wisdom about Yale’s system is that you need to be differentiated on multiple bases. People find themselves differentiated by their relationship with professors.
2. At schools that have done this, there can still be a curve in place, so a certain number of people need to get a low pass.

xiii. Idea proposed of issuing a coherent dean/school/board of directors mission statement for the next 5-10 years. CLS doesn’t have a universal code of conduct. How do we establish a more coherent identity/mission for the law school?
   1. A CLS Vision – Dean MGK’s response and probably that of some of the dean and faculty: emphasis on the value in very diverse visions; there isn’t movement towards one central idea. Many visions all complement one another.
   2. Among CLS peer schools there does seem to be diversity of vision.

xiv. Over-emphasis on the ranking system? Dean MGK wants CLS to be a great place to go to school and a good institution of learning.

xv. Request for school supplies in the print lab – staplers, three hole punch.

xvi. Student mailing folders – last quote indicated it was too expensive to implement.
   1. Budget issue - $15,000.
   2. Senate resolution would be helpful.

xvii. Update on student voice in faculty hiring:
   1. Dean Schizer will do a town hall meeting the first week in November. If students want, can address appointments process then.
   2. Serious reason to not include students on the appointment process – they don’t include many faculty members either. Those on the appointments committee have to read submissions very carefully. Requires reading 8-15 scholarly articles in depth every week.
   3. Perhaps students can push for a system that once an individual has been identified as a strong candidate there’s room for student input.

xviii. Question about student loans and the effect of the credit crunch – student services will look into it

xix. Visiting faculty – how are they chosen? Many are often bad teachers.
   1. Visiting faculty are often being considered for offers at CLS.
   2. Faculty look very seriously at the student evaluations of visiting professors.

xx. Close-Captioning for TVs in the lobby. Problematic. They are working on it.

xxi. Improvements to Lenfest Café before the new reading room?
   1. There may still be hope for a panini machine.
III. Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Next meeting scheduled for October 20th. Committees will meet next week.
      ii. On the agenda will be appeals for the budget. Budget committee will email out recommendations beforehand.
      iii. Student Senate office hours start this week, Wednesdays 3-5 p.m. We need someone to fill in at 3:00 p.m. this Wednesday. Volunteer: Kelly Bolar.
      iv. Ad hoc committee to talk about the P/F system:
         1. Steven Wu
         2. Brittany Schoepf
         3. Eric Lindemann
         4. Andrew McCormick
         5. Craig Greiwe
         6. Ryan McDevitt
         7. Dimia Fogam
         8. Lauren Bragin
         9. Dan Shin
         10. Rajiv Batra
         11. Mike Anderson
         12. Austin Thompson
         13. Elliott Ash
         14. Representatives for the curriculum committee (Yael, Dustin, Brittany)
         15. The e-board
   b. Vice President
      i. Dean MGK is awesome and very responsive to student concerns. Encourages other senators to do approach her.
      ii. Social committee working tonight. Iron Chef competition on Friday, thanks to Max Dubin. Gift certificate rewards. Encourage your friends to participate.
      iii. Call for volunteers interested in Halloween party.
   c. Secretary
   d. Parliamentarian

IV. Committee Reports
   a. Graduation Committee
      i. First event October 23rd – open bar night for 3Ls and LLMs.
      ii. November – private event screening of Four Christmases with Reese Witherspoon.
      iv. 3Ls and LLMs meet after the meeting with Craig.
   b. Housing Committee
   c. IT Committee – meeting Wednesday at 4:15
   d. Newsletter – meeting tonight to discuss the future of the newsletter.
   e. Health Initiatives (Adam Sparks) working with Mick Bradley of Go Ask Alice! She wants to know law student opinions on health initiatives at the university.
      i. Call for feedback
         1. People appreciate the dedicated counselor. Perhaps the hours could be expanded.
         2. Health and wellness fair was a good step. The hours were bad.
         3. 1L orientation – mental health woman spoke but it was unclear what services were going to be offered.
         5. Flu shots in the law school – positive response.
      ii. Concern about healthy food options – lots of pizza in the school. Possibility of a food subsidy so that student groups can order healthy food. Is this a serious problem?
         1. General consensus is in favor of healthier food.
iii. David Knee foundation (suicidal awareness/mental health awareness). Holding a benefit at Capital. $50 for a ticket. Email Max if interested in attending.

f. Faculty curriculum committee meeting this Wednesday to discuss 1L electives. Send feedback on electives to Dustin Crawford. He can email an agenda to those interested.

g. Student Services committee met. Continuing to work on a project to work on mandatory support services. (Meredith Uhl)

h. Question about rules committee and whether or not student reps have been involved. (Dan Shin)
   i. Yes (Sparks) but they’re trying to reschedule a meeting.
   ii. There may have been decisions made without student rep input.
   iii. Committee members will look into it.

V. New business
   a. Proposal for a discussion addressing the way Student Senate/ student group leaders interface with Dean MGK and the administration. (Rajiv)
      i. Frustrating that lots of decisions are made without student input and students only hear about them after the fact.
      ii. How we can incorporate student voices into decisions.
      iii. Who are the students involved in reading room input?
      iv. We should set a time to discuss how the administration operates with the Student Senate and other student leaders. 10-15 minutes at the next meeting.

VI. Announcements
   a. Meetings run late. Don’t get too antsy.

VII. Adjourn 10:30 p.m.