I. Call to Order and Roll
   a. Call to order 9:15 p.m.
   b. 45 present, 43 voting.

II. Special Guest: Dean David Schizer
   a. Introduction
   b. Application numbers are up
   c. New faculty hires
   d. Public interest program – more investments.
      i. Second year in which there will be guaranteed summer funding.
      ii. Newly enhanced LRAP program.
         1. Global alliance program
   e. Record fundraising
   f. Transition in Career Services.
      i. The dean expresses regret that the media released the information before the school released an announcement.
      ii. Expresses commitment to the career services department and its importance. Goals: keep serving students, improve it. There has been helpful student feedback.
   g. Grade reform
      i. Slow approach to addressing a potential change. Dean Schizer likes what we have more than the systems of our peer schools but sees both sides of the issue. Generally it’s in the student’s interest to have more information about his or her performance. Concern that alternative systems prioritize networking skills.
      ii. Another potential idea is to keep the grading system intact but allowing for some courses to be taken P/F.
         1. Benefit of encouraging students to take more risks.
         2. Countervailing argument made by many faculty members is that there are certain courses that people take credit/fail and that degrades the quality of the conversation in the class.
   h. Question and comment
      i. Feedback on grading system – positive feedback for P/F option.
      ii. Concern about the Center for Public Interest Law and why it’s taking so long to appoint a new head.
         They’ve been in transition for months.
         1. Dean response: Regrets that Harlene Katzman left but she had a great job opportunity. It was unfortunate that other staff members left at the same time. There have been some strong applicants.
         2. Goal is to make sure the school gets the right person even if it takes a little bit longer.
      iii. Vision for CPIL under a new hire?
         1. CPIL was strong before, so the school isn’t looking to make a fundamental change – it’s in place to support students who want to go into public interest work. Points to evolution of the office. The school wants the center to be supportive of both part time and full time opportunities. All CLS grads should think of their careers as inextricably tied in some respects to public interest work.
      iv. Attention drawn to Australian and NZ LLM’s, public interest, 3L job fair.
      v. Concern about administration’s approach to the students of the law school. Historically the administration waits until the students come to them, whereas our peer schools are becoming known for the opposite – more reaching out on a ground level to student leaders. There’s been progress on the faculty front but not much in terms of increasing accessibility or being visible. Are there plans in the works for increasing outreach to students rather than the reverse?
         1. Doesn’t really see the administration-student interaction as this. The dean has lunches with students (Dean Lunch Series). It is important, the Dean has his job because of the students. Everyone’s busy but he values all the interaction he does have.
      vi. Discussion about enhancing JD-MBA program opportunities at Columbia.
         1. Dean: interested in intensifying ties with the business school. Not just double degree programs but cross registration and jointly taught classes.
2. Interested in looking into shortening the JD-MBA program. Between the 1st and 2nd year people could take business school courses. The virtue is you get a second degree without spending more time in school but you don’t have a 1L job. The dean would like to see this happen
3. Sollicits student feedback
4. Not close to announcing anything but it’s an issue the Dean is very interested in.
5. The administration has not been considering a two year JD program.
6. Senator suggests that the intensive summer be before the 1L year. Then people can pursue a legal and a business internship between 1L/2L and 2L/3L.

vii. Suggestion for more community building for the 2L and 3L classes reminiscent of the 1L dinner.
1. It’s something the administration thinks about and the Dean is happy to hear there’s interest in those types of events.
2. Interested in community building in a different way. Construction project for the new reading room. There are currently only 313 seats in the library. The new room will build an intellectual community. One of the Dean’s highest priorities.

viii. Cross-grad school collaboration
1. Not something the administration has been focusing on. Sollicits feedback on what points of intersection would be most desired.

ix. Manhattanville development and its impact on the law school.
1. Dean Schizer is not closely involved but his sense is that it’s moving along well.
2. Significance for the law school: the business school is moving (not right away but they’ve announced it). When they do move, their half of WJWH will be much less useful to them. The law school has expressed a strong interest in taking over that half. Process ongoing. Feels this additional space would be valuable because there should be more classes of about 60-70 people.
3. Some possibility of SIPA moving. They’re not as far along in their thinking as the business school is. Their space could also be very valuable to the law school.
4. The law school has expanded up (the 9th floor) and out (the library room). Hopefully the physical expansion will continue to WJWH and the SIPA building.

x. What’s the Business school’s timeline?
1. Dean Schizer has asked repeatedly since he first took his position 4.5 years ago, and they’ve always said 5 years. Guesses that 10 years is a good estimate.
2. Thinking about the law school’s space needs, we probably have about ten years in the current scenario.

xi. Classroom on the 9th floor is badly designed.
1. The Dean teaches in there. There’s an elevator so the room can’t be made wider. There is a microphone system that can be utilized more effectively.
2. Disappointed that people don’t like the room but he hasn’t seen the problem to the same degree.
3. The construction on the 9th floor is complete.

xii. Interest in a trial room as the law school expands. Problem is that it can’t be adapted to other uses.

xiii. What’s the rationale for admitting such large numbers of LLMs and Transfers?
1. We have fewer students than we did when Dean Schizer started because the 1L class has consistently gotten smaller though there was a bump this year because of an unexpectedly large yield.
2. LLM admits: part of a globalization strategy. (9% of the JD class come from overseas) Preferred approach to globalization.
   a. Another approach to globalization is to open a campus overseas which NYU has done in Singapore. CLS has rejected this idea because the quality of CLS v.1 would be hard to replicate.
   b. The best way to globalize is to bring students here.
3. Transfer admits: The dean, in teaching 2nd and 3rd year classes, feels transfers bring energy and liveliness to classes. They’re a little more motivated. Whether the exact number that are admitted right now is ideal is open for debate.

xiv. Interest in increasing externships targeting people interested in transactional practices.
1. Dean Schizer started the deals workshop. Concept of the class is to introduce people to a transactional practice through negotiation exercises, drafting exercises, etc. It’s not real client work. Still working to figure out how to incorporate real client work. The goal is to simulate the experience and make it pedagogically rich.

xv. Plans to reduce the size of the 1L classes?
1. Dean Schizer: when he started the small sections were 47, then they were down to 27, now they’re up to 30-31. Big sections went from 125 to below 100 which is where they are this year.
2. Smaller classes and more faculty interaction leads to a better education.

III. Officer Reports
a. President
   i. Diversity Council
      1. Meeting for the second time this Thursday.
      2. Patryk Labuda is the LLM representative on the committee.
      3. Jamal Green is the third faculty member.
      4. Looking for more members representing the administration.
   ii. Career services will be discussed later on the agenda.

b. Vice President
   i. Assassins is ongoing. Unknown how many kills there are. In the second round, there are some 30 would-be assassins still participating.
   ii. Wednesday: Amateur night at the Apollo Theatre. Tickets are still available.
   iii. Thursday: ICE SKATING. PROMOTE! It’s very free and in Central Park on Thursday evening.
      1. Tabling this week.
      2. Free admission and rentals

c. Treasurer
d. Secretary
   i. Blood drive recap – most successful blood drive ever, close to 100 donors. Thanks to volunteers.
   ii. Clothing drive ongoing

IV. Standing Committee Reports
a. Graduation
b. Newsletter
   i. Solicits feedback. The Senate claps.
c. Housing
d. IT
   i. Registrar has agreed to institute a program that will be used for both Macs and PCs. Will be pilot tested over the next couple months. Should roll out as an option next year (students can choose Exam Soft or the new program) and if that goes well, the school will switch over.
   ii. New CLS website unveiled. Give feedback to Eric.

e. Faculty committees
   i. Public interest law committee met today
      1. New dean should be announced by the end of the month
      2. Applications for summer funding have doubled among 1Ls and 2Ls this year.
   ii. Advisory Committee
      1. Met with Law Review and will meet with Senators tomorrow.
   iii. Clerkship committee meeting this Thursday.
f. Student Activities Council met last week.
   i. E-Board presented idea about curtailing the number of emails with a daily digest.
      1. Took straw poll at the meeting, people were almost unanimously interested. Computers and library committee and the e-board will continue to work on this.

g. Faculty Committees
   i. Committee convened last Monday night to get opinions. Created a proposal to take to the Advisory Committee.

V. Ad hoc grading committee report
a. Committee convened last Monday night to get opinions. Created a proposal to take to the Advisory Committee.
b. Brittany Schoepp presents committee’s proposal
   i. Committee will focus on pushing for a pass/fail option for certain classes.
   ii. Other ideas tossed around: more feedback
c. Question and Answer:
   i. Was there any discussion about relaxing the 1L curve?
      1. Came out in passing, but the idea was to focus on substantive change rather than cosmetic changes.
ii. How representative was the committee? It seems out of sync to say students want more feedback and might like midterms.
   1. There were about equal numbers of 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls.
   2. Some self selection because the Senate took volunteers.
   3. People on the committee had a range of grades.
   4. The system that is being discussed isn’t an ungraded system.

iii. Has a bifurcated system been considered? (i.e. pass/fail for the first semester and then more grade demarcations in the second semester)
   1. The committee did talk about, but is hoping to hit on big issues at the meeting with the Advisory Committee.
   2. Many ideas were raised and discussed by the committee.

iv. Is there any indication that some people might be willing to move away from class discussion and Socratic method to pure lecture?
   1. No, it did not come up.

v. How do we address the concern of the faculty that class quality will go down if there is a pass/fail option?
   1. Good professors will keep students engaged.
   2. Some students just are less obsessed with grades.

VI. Underground Keg discussion
   a. Grad Chairs (Kathrin and Craig) present the program:
      i. Intended as a pilot program.
      ii. Goals:
         1. Informal social gatherings among students at regular intervals.
         2. Encourage student communication, among one another and with senators.
         3. Pilot program for grad committee. So far the costs have not been shared with social committee.
         4. Decision was not NOT to publicize but to focus on word of mouth publicity.
      iii. Attendance so far: 40 (first keg); 85-90 (second keg); 40 (third keg)
      iv. Costs $150 per week
   b. Motion to suggest to grad committee that it consider publicizing the underground keg through email raised by Austin Thompson.
      i. The program will happen under either social or grad committee.
      ii. Student Senate events should be publicized and open to all students. Grad committee has a slightly different goal but for an all-school event everyone should know about it in general.
      iii. Underground Keg promotion – idea is to get more cache and encourage communication. In theory the program sounds good but there are problems in that many people don’t talk to Senators and shouldn’t have to talk to Senators.
      iv. Even if you’re okay with the program a priori, attendance was low last time. Both 2Ls and 3Ls have said they don’t know where the keg is and people think it’s a gamut for senators to drink free beer with their friends. We know this is not the case.
   c. Question and Answer:
      i. What are we measuring success of the program by?
         1. Bringing people together, engendering a large repeat attendance, generating word of mouth, people looking forward to it.
      ii. Why was this brought up as a non-binding resolution rather than just going to the grad committee?
         1. Idea is to have a discussion amongst senators. Other options were discussed.
      iii. Point of information: grad committee wanted to discuss the issue first before it went to the whole senate.
      iv. How does the grad committee respond to the idea that the program allows Senators to drink with their friends?
         1. Grad committee was going to discuss how to proceed with the committee. The idea isn’t that it’s a private event. It’s not supposed to be about people going to senators but senators going out to students.
   d. Debate
      i. Jason Lear motion to table the question. Second (Batra).
         1. Question and answer:
         2. Debate
         3. Motion withdrawn.
ii. Motion to amend to make the resolution binding (David Peters) Seconded (R. Chatterjee). Motion is to compel the graduation committee to publicize the event through email.
   1. Question and Answer:
   2. Debate
   3. Vote on making the amendment a binding motion fails: 3-37

iii. The grad committee will have plenty of time to meet. There are no more underground kegs planned for the semester.

iv. Appreciation for the creative idea. Problem with it being secret is that people schedule events over it. It could be improved by being scheduled regularly. Location could be very unique to make it more special or consistent.

v. More appreciation for the creative idea. A lot of people haven’t heard about the underground keg. We can probably find another creative way to advertise the event (i.e. a clue in the school). Flyers.

vi. The fact that people have talked about the program with their classmates is great. There’s a real opportunity to set the plan into motion as we want to. The three instances might not have been enough to make it a working program.

vii. This discussion is useful but it could happen in committee.

viii. Grad committee will have a meeting to follow up on these ideas.

ix. It is valuable to have all Senators discuss the issue because we have to promote it. Craig and Kathrin have gotten a sense of where we stand on it.

x. This should be about the students.

xi. Austin withdraws his motion.

VII. Career Services discussion
   a. E-Board met with Dean MGK last Tuesday when rumors were spreading about how Dean Wayne was no longer the dean of Career Services. E-Board pressed Dean MGK on the fact that there was no public announcement. Dean MGK didn’t anticipate an announcement would go out soon. Then Above the Law published the news.
   b. E-Board pushed Ed Moroni to make an announcement because false information was spreading. 6:30 on Tuesday evening he told Max there would not be an announcement to the school. The e-board decided to email the Senators and then the entire school to let people know we’re working on it. Email went out on Tuesday night.
   c. Max got some positive and negative feedback. Ed Moroni was impressed with the email and told Max the Senate handled the situation well. People were also concerned about CPIL. The email didn’t go out as soon as we wanted it to.
   d. Feedback:
      i. The email should have been signed “The Student Senate Executive Board” – Max apologizes for not making that clear.

VIII. New Business

IX. Announcements
   a. This Thursday cross-grad-event. Business-SIPA-Journalism-Law. At Parlour 9 p.m. after the ice skating.
   b. Business Law Review is having a private equity and hedge fund presentation on Thursday evening in JG 103.

X. Adjourn, 11:05 p.m.