

## SBA MINUTES

March 3, 2010

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call – Karina, Christina
- III. Approve Minutes - 2/24/2010 - approved
- IV. Treasurer's Report – balance \$23,342.27
- V. Guests
  - a. Joanna Patrick – Short Q & A regarding facilities issues
    - i. Moving chairs in/out of study rooms, first floor of library
    - ii. Additional hole-punchers for library?
  - b. Dean Katz
    - i. In middle of lateral recruiting season, going well!
    - ii. Stole a prof from Ohio State! ☺
    - iii. Would like to thank us for student participation in interviews
    - iv. Strategic Plan – sent out email today to all students
      1. Round 1 coming up
      2. Round 2 is trying to make sure it happens! Need good implementation plans, set of goals, timetables, people responsible for those goals. Make sure we're getting ideas on how to implement and get everyone on board.
      3. Think Big! If we can't afford to go forward with an idea now, we might be able to in the future
      4. Two sessions – invited to both, one downtown, one here; each committee will have one segment of time allotted, please come if interested in what that committee is doing! Please help us get the word out.
  - v. Course evaluations
    1. Issue for both faculty and students
    2. Dean Cheever presented at the faculty meeting this week, good consensus to provide class time to encourage participation in evals
    3. Consensus is that in addition to doing 10 min in-class component, add a second component that allows students to evaluate after the exam – question around which piece would be available to students, but Dean Katz feels that both should be available!
    4. Current evaluation form has been around a LONG time – have an assessment committee that's responsible helping admin figure out how to measure evals. Tasked this committee with redoing the eval form, if we have

ideas on that, tell Prof. Corrada (chair), and Prof. Thomson (LP Prof)

5. Advising process is also evolving; going to group-based meetings that will provide advice over lunchtimes. It's not that we don't want to do individual advising if we don't need to, frees up time to tailor advice in later individual meetings. These sessions will be taped. Will be distributing list of advisors, profs will record names of students whom they have advised. Want to make sure broad cross-section of students will be advised.
  - a. Will there be sessions for evening students? Dean Katz will check up. Currently one evening session, or a blog? Having 2Ls and 3Ls at sessions too? Will make sure there's a way to get questions to panel if evening students can't attend

## VI. New Business

- a. Compensation for Future SBA Presidents (Phil/Katz)
  - i. Recommendation
    1. \$750.00 - \$1,000.00 per semester
      - a. Provost open to idea that representative entity head can choose to use some fees to compensate President, if they want. Send request to Dean Katz, he will talk to provost about it.
    2. 2 credits available to take
      - a. If we decide that credit is appropriate, request should come from SBA, then go to faculty curriculum committee – they decide what type of experiences get credit; issue here is likely to be lack of academic component, Dean Katz would offer supervision for the for-credit venture: in addition to usual meetings, would ask for beginning of year plan and end of year report, pass/fail standard. Credit could also be per semester too.
  - ii. Katie V – implement an accountability component?

## VII. Reports

- a. John C – ABA Trip
  - i. Weekend was good experience, Cassandra is new Circuit Governor for 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit
  - ii. Brought award from DU stating that we have most law students in ABA
  - iii. Spent time talking about different issues other schools are facing, discussed a great idea on how to encourage getting

- grades turned in on time (fine profs each day grades are late, \$\$ goes to scholarship); wrote article for Writ about trip
- iv. Talked with other SBA Presidents, we have bigger operating budget than all other law schools combined!

b. Elections Committee

- i. Week before and week after Spring Break is nomination period; forms will be up on our website.
- ii. Campaign period and elections first week of April
- iii. Announcement in Writ explaining deadlines and how to apply, questions, stop by Bookstore
- iv. Student Awards simultaneously, will also vote on Graduation Speaker
- v. Have event at Sidelines Pub across Driscoll Green

c. Senator Reports

- i. John C – Stapler issue
- ii. John R – Recognition of Prof. Bartholomew’s Husband
  - 1. Passed away this past weekend, thought it would be nice gesture to send our condolences; Family asks that donations be made to Boys and Girls Club
  - 2. Katie V – School respects family’s wishes, donate to org that family specifies

VIII. President’s Report

a. March Madness

- i. Discussed this with budget officer at central administration, agreed to let us purchase nominal gifts for winners; donated gift cards are fine

b. Issues Committees

- i. Grades/Evaluations – John C, Colleen, Mo
- ii. Communications – Tom, Ashleigh, Phil
- iii. Mentorship – Alan, Christina, Jason

c. Strategic Plan

- i. Now being implemented, big things to focus on – 3/26, all day long there will be sessions throughout day, Dean Katz would really like student input; would like to appoint one senator from each committee to be a liason for that Strategic Plan committee

d. Tom Rodgers lunch

- i. Info sent out a few weeks ago, alumni event
- ii. April 11<sup>th</sup>? Will send email again
- iii. Alumni Office would like SBA to attend

e. Café Redesign Lunch

- i. Joanna and Lauri Mlinar working to redo Café
- ii. Business not very good, but prices very high!

- iii. What aspects of other campus dining halls would we like to see here? Takes too long to get food?
- f. SBA Senate Social
  - i. Weekend night get together for those who are interested, will try to send email with recommended dates
  - ii. Can't use SBA funds

IX. Announcements

- a. Barrister's tix – Sold 11a-1pm, 4-6pm, next week and week after Spring Break in forum
- b. Chancellor's Dinner – 3/24
- c. Graduate Student Workshop - 5/14

X. Adjourn