

SBA MINUTES
March 10, 2010

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call – Jon H. missing
- III. Approve Minutes - 3/3/2010 - approved
- IV. Treasurer's Report

Land Use Law Society (90413)

Travel To: Public Interest Environmental Law Conference

Number of Students: 1 (However, SBA already approved 2 others)

Est. Cost Per Student: \$375.00 **Total:** \$375.00

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Travel Dates: February 24, 2010 – February 28, 2010

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$250

Motion to approve this amount, Unanimous approval in finance committee, Melina seconds. \$250 is max allowed to fund a 3rd representative. **Passes.**

To: NORML (90702)

Event: Mason Tvert (speaking on marijuana reform)

Current Balance:\$40.00

Expected Attendance: 40

Requested Amount Per Student: \$2.98 Total: \$119.00

Speaker Dates: February 18, 2010

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$2.98 = \$119.00

John C - Finance committee unanimously approves and moves for approval, Melina seconds.

Julie – after event head count needs a firm policy.

Passes.

To: American Constitution Society (90680)

Event: Justice Kourlis

Current Balance:\$446.63

Expected Attendance: 30

Requested Amount Per Student: \$5.51 Total: \$165.39

Speaker Dates: February 25, 2010

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$4.00 = \$120.00

Passes.

V. Unfinished Business

a. SBA President Compensation

- i. Knowing GSAC Pres is also compensated, wanted to pass along more info to us. What we're discussing is not actually deciding matter, not up to us to execute. Motion now to have Dean Katz take idea to faculty senate (for credit) and Chancellor (for compensation) with our approval.
- ii. Phil attends multiple meetings per week in addition to regular class schedule; meets with administration regularly and others to address student concerns. Need an accountability mechanism at the end if we approve this.
- iii. Phil would recommend that we vote in favor of both credits and compensation, credits only help free up a little bit of time
 1. Melina – What is process for removing president if Senate feels that President is not doing their job? Credit will have oversight by Dean. Don't need to worry about that, but would need to discuss compensation component.
 2. Alan – Concern is that there are other groups, orgs, officers who also do a huge amount of work. Why would we not compensate Editor of Law Review, for example. This job not comparable to others, Review members are given credits.
 3. Sarah – If not other group on our campus where leader is compensated, could lead to hostility. Supports credits.
 4. Jason – Journals get credits, why not make this position like an externship, and have credits based on amount of hours?
 5. Casey – if Phil's opinion, can any part of role be better delegated? Yes.
 6. Julie – Like the idea of having a minimum number of hours, offering credits would draw larger pool of people to apply.
 7. Ashleigh – Doesn't like idea of compensation, no other student leader is compensated in law school. Supports credit.
 8. Tom – Big factor that sets President apart from other orgs – president is the representative of all law students elsewhere on campus. Whether or not that is enough for compensation, combined with amount of work is required – many other student body presidents in other schools are compensated. Important to incentivize the position.
 9. John R – How does GSAC build accountability into their own program to ensure oversight? Hasn't been an issue

in the past. Other GSAC presidents have been very efficient, work with Provost and Chancellor on a regular basis. What about chance of remaining independent? Subjectiveness in “passing” to get credit? We don’t know what will happen in the future...

10. Melina – Move to previous question, Lindsay seconds.
 - a. Fails.
11. Darryl – How many credits does managing editor receive? Up to 6 for the entire time on law review, 3 per year. We can include accountability by having President keep track of their time and review with Dean.
12. Fran – Amount of monetary compensation equal to cost of credits? No. Can’t you ask Dean of Students to be in charge of compensation?
13. Stephen – Is tuition a possible credit? Yes, but it’s off the table. Not an option anymore.
14. Chris – Echoes Tom, Melina. Believe that SBA President is much more of a job, than an educational position. Have a weekly log of things the President does. Can we give the President some sort of wage?
15. Erika – We are fortunate right now, but that may change. How will compensation be tied into this? If we tell orgs that budget is scaled back, would presidential compensation be scaled back too? The idea of compensation bothers me. As a student I wouldn’t be a fan of this.
16. Sarah – Whole point of SBA is that we want to be here, students upset that we received free tickets to Barristers. Where would fees come from? From SBA budget.
17. Julie – would support pass/fail for credits, wouldn’t like to support monetary compensation.
18. Alan – Not in favor of compensation at all. Person runs for job knowing responsibilities, this person is the face of the school, benefits attached to position already.
19. Jason – would argue for both, compensation should be commensurate with number of credits.
20. John R – If we’re trying to recruit better class of presidents, compensation is not the way to go about it.
21. Stephen – is GSAC president’s compensation coming out of their budget? The GSAC president is compensated through student fees, just as this would be, but the difference is there are 5,000 other grad students to chip into this pot. A larger percentage of law student fees would go to SBA Pres compensation.
22. Phil – Fees for this would have to come from us. Only source allowable is SBA budget.

23. Tom – While there is some benefit to being SBA President, this job is not always kitty cats and panda bears.
- a. 13 for credit
 - b. 3 opposed for credit
 - i. 4 abstentions
 - c. 8 for compensation
 - d. 7 opposed for compensation
 - i. 5 abstentions
 - e. 6 for both
 - f. 9 opposed for both
 - i. 5 abstentions
 - g. 2 in favor of nothing
 - h. 13 in favor of some form of credit/compensation
 - i. 1 abstention?

VI. New Business

VII. Reports

- a. Senator Reports

VIII. President's Report

- a. Tom Rodgers lunch – April 13th, 2010 (Tuesday @ 11:45)
 - i. In 412, faculty suite

IX. Announcements

- a. Alan – Update on trying to work LP mentorship into SBA mentorship program; have reception at orientation prior to Rockies game
 - i. Sweatshirts are here, sell for \$28.00
 - ii. Have 50 of them, variety of sizes

X. Adjourn