

# SBA Agenda

October 7, 2009

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approve Minutes from 9/30/09 – **approved.**
- IV. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Current Financial Status – \$72,382.59 balance
  - b. Finance Requests
    - Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (90623)
    - Travel To:** Animal Law Conference
    - Number of Students:** 3
    - Est. Cost Per Student:** \$335.00 **Total:** \$1,005.00
    - 2/3 of Est Cost per Student:** \$223.33
    - 2/3 of Est. Cost:** \$670
    - Travel Dates:** October 15 – October 18, 09
    - Current Balance:** 2,303.23
    - Finance Committee Recommendation:** \$670.00

**Melina – Move to approve. John C seconds. Passes.**

**To:** American Constitution Society  
**Event:** Annual Supreme Court Preview  
**Current Balance:** \$1,540.19  
**Total Org. Members:** 35 (but invited all progressive orgs)  
**Expected Attendance:** 70 (25 of which are attys)  
**Requested Amount Per Student:** \$3.50 Total: \$250  
**Speaker Dates:** October 5, 2009  
**Finance Committee Recommendation:** \$150 = \$2.14

Ashleigh – only 30 people went, of that, 15 were students.

Melina – natural that you'd have to overshoot, want to make sure that everyone has food.

Alan – 40 meals not used according to this total. Agree with Ashleigh.

Darryl – Wouldn't it be better to reimburse in this instance? Most orgs would get their request in on time.

**Lindsay - Motion to approve, Ashleigh and Tom abstain. Passes.**

- V. Unfinished business
  - a. Appointments
    - i. LLM Senator – Sherry Manning
    - ii. MSLA Senator – John Rodriguez
- VI. New Business
  - a. Phil
    - i. T-Shirt orders

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1. We are almost out of t-shirts ordered last Spring, but there are new Senators who don't have one. Recommending another \$300 to order more shirts. **Move to allocate \$300 for this purpose. Karina seconds. Patrick opposes, Alan abstains.**
  2. Alan – where will the funds come from? General fund.
  3. Jon – General fund does have \$47,000.00.
  4. Patrick – What is President's budget at? \$4,137.66
- ii. Proposal for SBA Administrative Guidelines
1. With co-sponsorship proposal from before, goal was to create lower set of rules. Proposal for Admin guidelines, purpose is to record and make public internal rules we set. Way to memorialize these things, but not making them as significant as by-laws of constitution.
  2. **Move to add SBA Administrative Guidelines to our website, second by Chris.**
    - a. Patrick – What exactly is this?
      - i. This is subordinate to our by-laws and constitution. Separate administrative tool to post rules separate from the by-laws and constitution. We don't have separate authority to create rules.
    - b. Alan – We already have this power per the Constitution. Article 4, sec.1, (B).
      - i. Exercising this right. Chose a different title by stating admin guidelines. Goal is not to make this formal, not called a "rule."
    - c. Patrick – Still need 2/3 to adopt this? Yes.
    - d. John – Leave at 2/3 to amend by-laws, but majority to change regulation policies? No – this rule would be 2/3 requirement to create new guidelines, internally if we want to work with these guidelines, it would require majority vote.
    - e. Jon – Why have this now? There have been several times where we have voted and no recording of this vote. Finance Committee doesn't have an ability to record practices without making them a governing type of document.
    - f. Alan – Concerned because we set bar so low to enact these guidelines and low to set them aside. Don't really recommend our behavior to be set aside so easily.
    - g. Jason – Echo what Alan says. Draft it out further?
    - h. Jon – Using Finance Committee as an example, I don't want to have a formal rule, but guideline is a good idea.
    - i. Phil – Definitely tried to keep bar low, were instances to vary from adopting guidelines as a by-law. Problematic to set aside by-law on temporary basis.
    - j. Ashleigh – Will someone go through previous minutes, or will we start from scratch? Start from scratch.
    - k. Karina – Vote on guidelines? Yes, free as Senate to make them.

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- l. Melina – Limits our discretion, maybe this adds more work now?
  - m. Stephen – Guidelines help us make a decision as a whole, but maybe have a committee do the memorializing at their level?
  - n. Ashleigh – Like the idea because it allows predictability.
  - o. Jon – In response to Melina, this is putting most succinct part of minutes over the years in one spot.
  - p. Sarah – Would make us more efficient too.
  - q. Alan – If these are important enough guidelines, they should require a 2/3 vote.
  - r. John C – I think we should delegate this to Rules Committee.
  - s. Tom – Rules Committee members pretty new, not sure it would be beneficial for committee to decide this at this point. Purpose is to go through by-laws and look for discrepancies. Maybe next semester that would be good for us.
  - t. **Jon moves to table. John C seconds. Motion passes.**
- iii. Trick or Treat Street
    1. Thurs. 10/29 5-8pm.
    2. Student Orgs set up tables, kids from community trick or treat around forum. Each org has \$30.00 in their accounts to buy candy and decorations.
    3. Working on sending invite to other grad students.
  - iv. Third Thursday – skip.
- b. Karina – GSAC
    - i. Updated website, have info on each grad school. Also place to post events to invite all other grad schools. Anything we want to share with other schools, let Karina know and she will forward it on.
    - ii. Grad Games, 10/24 1-3pm, has sign-up sheet will be passed around. Free events and free food, beer may cost.
  - c. Ashleigh
    - i. Funding for student orgs in relation to filming day presentations to be played again at a night presentation.
      1. Will have specific language next week. Want to implement a policy next week that orgs don't get funding if they don't record speaker and make it available online for evening students.
        - a. Julie – Have you talked to admin about this? Issues in past about taping in general. Been an obstacle in past.
        - b. Phil – School is not designed to have taping done. From tech office, there is a lot of labor involved.
        - c. Katie – If orgs want events taped, as long as we have notice beforehand we can do it. Also, with Flu hitting school as hard as it has, we're urging profs to tape more than in past.
        - d. Lindsay – Want to be clear, you would vote against funding for an org if there is no recording and no later presentation? Yes.
        - e. Jason – Difficult for orgs to comply with that.

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- f. Alan – Last year we resolved to encourage orgs to have more evening options, but there hasn't been much done with that resolution.
- g. Tom – How easy is this to get done?
- h. Katie – It's easy, but orgs don't think about it beforehand. Doable if orgs got Student Affairs information a week or so in advance. Without that notice, it won't get done. Tech office is drastically understaffed and there are other pressing matters.

## d. Reports

### i. President's Report

- 1. Emails – worked with Katie, Deans Cheever and Vigil, worked to increase all-student emails to 2, working to get calendars up to date, encourage 1Ls to sit in on these meetings. CDC reached out to Phil, heard about our discussion of all of their emails, would like to come in. Dean Katz is also interested in reigning in these emails. Working with Julie and administration on getting Maternity policies in place.

## VII. Adjourn