

SBA Minutes August 18, 2010

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4:30-5:30 p.m.
Room 170

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

- a. Missing Isabel Lenuzza

III. Dean Katz

- a. Thank you for doing this, some it's for resumes but for the most part you do it because you care about our school and want to part of it. My working relationship improves because of my interaction with SBA. Why SBA is important for my ability: So much of what is done in this building is done for the students so when getting a handle on things that work, don't work, what we need, any form of student input, I look to SBA as the representative voice of all the students in the building. Been trying to students more involved in the governance and administrative side of things. Important for student participation in initiatives. Three initiatives: implement strategic plan times three. CDC: trying to improve the office.
- b. Chris Michael: People are confused about the admin requirement. Class of 2012 does not have to take it?
- c. Dean Cheever: It is still a requirement. No action has been taken to change that. Rumor is because admin law is no longer a specific course required by the Colorado Bar. Let's work together to make sure SBA is involved in the hiring of faculty this year. We need to do more to make services available to evening students so let me know how we can do that.

IV. New SBA Members

- a. Deanna
- b. Dieter
- c. Isabel
- d. Brooke
- e. Kevin

V. Budget

- a. John: Left side it shows you that left side shows what was proposed last academic year and the actual amount in the shaded column. Today we are voting on the right side for this academic year. We will talk about student org rollover. Expenses are broken up. Shows SBA budget as well. We are going to work on ABA funding each year. Social committee got a budget this year as well in order to purchase food. Communications committee has a budget like last year for simple suggestions.

- b. John: On second form, finance committee passed new rules on student organization budgets: in the past we usually see the balance from each org each year that is not used, all they see on their report is a total balance from all student orgs and SBA added together, Dean sees us as having extra money that we do not spend. Left column shows usage by student orgs for the year, \$28,168.87 unused last year. 2nd column is what requested, 3rd is what was given. To prevent this from happening, finance committee voted that starting June 1st of every year and taking their balance from June and deducted the amount of money not used from the money given.
- c. Maureen: That does not appear to be what has done on this budget. You have left some groups with 12K less than they would have had.
- d. Casey: In the 4th column you were see negative numbers but we are never going to take any money away from any org. A negative number is treated as a zero.
- e. Casey: Back when the meeting happened with the finance meeting, part of the budget request is that speakers are not included in their budget. This is part of the speaker fund not through each org's budget.
- f. Audience Member: Are orgs aware of this?
- g. John: Not yet, they will be aware of it next week in the Student Leadership Meeting. We did not do it before because it would have a negative effect of requests: making up events, spending useless money, etc.
- h. Maureen: I think what is going to happen is that extra money is going to set aside for orgs but they are going to have to request funding rather than sitting on their money.
- i. Casey: Yes, every org can still request money.
- j. Alex: Numbers do not add up. Negative numbers as zeros we have more money in transfers, \$33,000.
- k. Casey: 26 number is from the total expenses that all orgs will be able to spend this year, we subtracted from that what they had already had. John, explain the event policy.
- l. John: Traditionally student orgs when they have physical set up would be paid \$100 from law school and student orgs have to pay the rest of it. Law school has decided that because the number of people showing up is way less than what they requested, therefore, orgs will be more efficient in determining the amount of people showing up. We were able to get the Dean to give us the money spent on physical set ups and we are re-giving it to the orgs. We included that into each amounts given to each org.
- m. Maureen: We need a column to see what the balance amount for each org will be.
- n. John: The orgs not getting money, their balance will be the first column.
- o. Maureen: I would like another sheet with the exact amounts that we are giving each with a correct total.
- p. **Alan: Motion on table this to next week with a correct sheet. Stephen Holmes seconds. Tabled.**

VI. Committee Sign-ups

- a. Communications – 3 members
 - i. Chris M.
- b. Community Relations – 3 members
 - i. Melina
 - ii. Wilson
- c. Elections – 3 members (need Chair)
 - i. Christina
 - ii. Dieter
 - iii. Brooke
- d. Faculty Hiring – 6 members (need Chair)
 - i. Deanna
 - ii. Dieter
 - iii. Kevin
 - iv. Maureen
 - v. Wilson
- e. Finance – 4 members
 - i. Deanna
 - ii. Stephen
- f. Fundraising – 5 members
 - i. Kevin
- g. Intramural – 3 members
- h. Social – 5 members
 - i. Chris M.
 - ii. Maureen
 - iii. Melina
 - iv. Brooke
 - v. Christina

VII. Funding Requests

- a. Amanda Gonzalez, CCIE; Inclusive Excellence Leadership Series
 - i. Program director for CCIE, do legal inclusive work for the legal community. Last year we did the Inclusive Excellence Leadership Series that, I would like to do this year. Diversity programming by various communities at the law school. Working with Catherine smith all summer to set up 6 meetings, one each month. We send out a letter to all the major law firms showing that these are being offered, if students go to 4 of these, all the member firms knows that this student participated in the workshops. Last year SBA paid for the food at all of these. I would like to request that you do this again. Speakers are mostly partners at large law firms. Roughing 30 people per session. Good food 3-4 dollars per person. \$720 total for a years worth of programming.
 - ii. Melina: I know the major law firms are involved. Is there a way for students to use this if they do not want to work at these law firms?

- Willing to help these students by giving the information to local, smaller firms?
- iii. Amanda: I can send it out to the specialty bars and they would distribute it to their members.
 - iv. Alana Frosh: Not a student organization?
 - v. Amanda: No.
 - vi. John: Any motions?
 - vii. **Melina: Move to fund no more than \$4 per person for the expected attendance for these events. Christina: Second.**
 - viii. **Alan: I would recommend a motion to amend for \$540.**
 - ix. **Chris: Amend. Passed.**
 - x. Allan: Where will this money come from?
 - xi. John: This will come out of our general account.

VIII. Senator Reports

- a. Allan: Bookstore moved. They have taken about 2K in sales, SBA gets about 400 from that. Race judicata is not sure to happen next year. We are talking about other events, more inclusive.

IX. President's Report

- a. Student Organization Space
 - i. Last year we voted on a new plan for the fourth floor. It involved turning student org rooms into more usable rooms by all orgs. Since then, three offices have been relocated to the fifth floor temporarily. This is where the student orgs' stuff is. The org spaces that have not been moved yet are rooms 424, 442, 444, 445, and 459. 459 is storage space. Email tonight going out that by Sept 7 they need to get everything out of that room that they do not use. The administration has seen that student orgs have traditionally used their rooms for storage space and studying. This year they want to make it more usable to all student orgs. These four rooms, once they have been moved out, SBA is to tell administration what to use them for. Some options: all student rooms, storage space, printing room. What do we think we should convert these to?
 - ii. Chris: Bottom of the email it talks about they need to go through Joanna to get their stuff the week of Sept 14.
 - iii. John: all their stuff is now on the 5th floor. The orgs already moved need to speak to Joanna to get their stuff. I will ask Joanna to make herself available for orgs to get things for Derby Days.
 - iv. Chris: Are all these rooms the same size
 - v. John: 424: 119 sq feet, 442, 444, 445: 123 sq ft.
 - vi. Chris: For a printing room is a great idea, you do not need a lot of space so make the old SBA bookstore a printing room, storage 424, study rooms for the other three.
 - vii. Melina: Why do we need to vote today? Students have made requests in the past.

- viii. John: I am bringing it up today because Joanna wants to start making arrangements now.
- ix. Allan: Given Melina's concern, is it possible that we do a survey to the student body we can get some data to see what the students want?
- x. Stephen: How many orgs were displaced?
- xi. Katie: We have 54 orgs, there is no way the administration will give the students anything crazy. 20 orgs have been displaced in 4 rooms. No way to physically place all the orgs, who decides how they get allocated? I would like them to half storage, half meeting rooms for orgs.
- xii. Stephen: We want to try to get all these orgs into a few number of rooms. The result will be more storage for student orgs.
- xiii. Maureen: When we discussed this plan we talked about remodeling them.
- xiv. John: That will happen in the future due to the budget issue but it will definitely happen.
- xv. Maureen: I move to table this until next week with more ideas, student ideas, etc.**
- xvi. Christina: Second. Tabled.**
- xvii. Allan: Motion to expand meeting 10 minutes.**
- xviii. Favor: 6**
- xix. Opposed: 7 Fails.**
- xx. John: All other issues tabled to next week.**
- b. Communication Program
- c. New Annual Funding Policy
- d. Budget – next week
- e. MSLA Fees
- f. Pictures for website
- g. 1L Elections – Sept. 1-3, 2010
- h. SBA Retreat – October 2, 10-1 p.m.
- i. Derby Days – August 21, 11-3 p.m.
- j. Student Leader Meetings – August 23, 12-1 p.m. and August 24, 5-6 p.m.

X. Announcements

XI. Adjourn