

SBA Agenda February 18, 2009

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - a. Meeting Minutes 2/11/09 - approved
 - b. Reports
 - i. Senator's Reports
 - 1. 1L John C – Did we decide to buy markers and erasers?
Make sure erasers are purchased as well?
 - 2. **Motion to allocate \$50 to purchase dry erase markers for study rooms**
 - a. Konrad feels paper towels are sufficient
 - b. Motion fails.**
 - 3. 1L Melina – Where should we post more info about Barristers?
 - a. Alan – on email, we currently have an address given to students.
 - b. Matt – put on Facebook?
 - c. Michelle – Put something on Bulletin Board?
 - d. John – What type of details are we putting on flyer?
Just general info will be released in first edition of *Writ*.
 - e. Konrad - Good emails last year describing Barristers.
 - ii. President's Reports
 - 1. Met with Dean this morning. Talked about rumors about his resignation, support staff, etc. He's very open about the whole situation. Michelle has been told from the Dean that reason for resignation he can leave school in good hands. Law school is in a good place, feels it's in the best interest of the school. He's doing this of his own volition.
 - 2. June 30th is when he'll step down. Committee will be created by Board of Directors, if no Dean found in nationwide search by July 1st, an interim dean (probably faculty member) will step up.
 - 3. First step in cuts was voluntary severance package, 11 people at the law school accepted. Board of Directors told the COL that this wasn't enough, very fiscally conservative right now. Told school they had 2 weeks to make mandatory cuts – cut support staff to seasonal employment.

4. Dean has been telling staff that cuts are done, no reason to worry right now. No need for students to worry. SBA has been asked to help quell rumors.
5. Would like to re-emphasize that NO faculty have been cut.
6. Dean Juarez has volunteered to come and speak to us about these issues.
 - a. Adam – Would like him to come, would like to ask about timing of his departure.
 - b. Phil – I feel the same way that Adam does. During his tenure, it feels like he's not that interested in what we say.
 - c. Katie – First of all Dean is planning on coming back as faculty in a year. Secondly, there will be a lot of reorganization during the next year – some things may take a back seat. If we start hearing students getting frustrated, administration would appreciate a little bit of leeway.
 - d. Ben – Due respect to administration and Dean. I have been on SBA for a year and a half, and have received no communication from them. I would just echo Phil's point – feels Dean owes it to us. Saw him once fleetingly in hall.
 - e. Karina – Feels it would be good to have direct communication with him too.
 - f. Patrick – At this point, evening students are concerned about transferring.
 - g. Melina – I wanted to meet with the Dean, I met with him in a week for an hour.
 - h. Matt – Wants to echo what Michelle is saying. I'm just as frustrated as anyone, but I want to move forward. We also need to keep in mind that there will be an assistant, I don't want to upset administration so we can keep good relationship and funds.
 - i. Darryl – Just hearing small group of students, can we set up a townhall forum for school? Kind of a closing remarks session?
 - j. Michelle – We used to have them, but attendance would be really low. Feel that this would be better forum.
 - k. Ben – Maybe we should just cut ties and move forward.
 - l. Michelle – I'll request that Dean comes here for the next meeting. If it happens, Michelle will email us.
 - m. Alan – incumbent upon us to remain stable for the student body. Keep them apprised of what we're

doing and provide leadership. That's what we're here to do and we need to keep this in mind.

iii. Committee Reports

1. Fundraising Committee

a. Alan – met with classmates regarding Stephanie Barruda, means a lot to her and the community. Have permit and insurance, we're in good shape on DU's end. Good position to get registration started very soon.

2. Student Life Committee – Nothing.

3. Social Committee – Tiffany not in attendance due to class.

a. As of right now, 76 tickets sold to BB.

b. If on SBA, no ticket needed, but need to purchase tickets for spouses/significant others.

c. Email barristers@law.du.edu to reserve tickets.

d. Social Event tomorrow at Governor's Park

4. Election Committee

5. Communications Committee

6. Finance Committee

V. New Business

- a. BLS co-President, Greg – Poker Tournament. Wants to make it bigger and better this year! Focus on bringing in additional firms, looking at doubling what we did last year. Looking at \$2,000 costs. SBA allocated \$345 for Poker Tournament, we are also doing door prizes and going around to businesses asking for donations. Volunteers from SBA to help us ask businesses? See it as a fun networking event for students and practitioners. Friday, April 10 2009 in forum. Asking SBA to officially co-sponsor.
- i. Matt – curious, looking at account balance and there is \$4500 in account.
 - ii. Doing business law week, about \$1,000 is earmarked for BL week. We're trying to keep \$2k rolling over, would like to leave some money in account for next year. We can tap into that if we need to, but would like to leave that for future students.
 - iii. Phil – That would be held against SBA, right now we have student orgs that have very large account balances. We just want to make sure that money gets spent.
 - iv. BLS has banquet in early fall, and we don't know every year what we'll receive from SBA.
 - v. Alan – We did mid-year allocations last week, any reason why BLS wasn't here?
 - vi. Didn't have firm numbers, felt it was inappropriate to ask for vague numbers.
- b. Travel Request – ICAA
- i. **Motion to give ICAA \$1,000.00 for 4 DU students to travel to Vienna for moot court competition. Phil seconds.**

1. Four DU students, international moot court competition. Students have been training for a long time for this, will bring recognition to our school! Students have fundraised most of their money already, and last \$1k is covering remaining costs. They are still under \$1200 cap for organization, Cory Hinkle came last semester to speak to us about group, new group. Have not received SBA funds yet.
 - a. Charles – More students that are members other than just the 4 students?
 - b. Matt – No, formed group to go to competition. Preparing to do CLE to raise money.
 - c. Karina – When they come back they want to present to the student body and get more people interested.
 - d. Phil – As Matt was saying, they have received funding from Moot Court and Dean’s Suite, and SBA will be final group to secure funding.
2. **Motion passes.**
- ii. Ben – ABA event went very well! Success! We elected new 15th Circuit governor. Will keep us updated on ABA events, Tiffany and Ben wanted to pass that along.

VI. Adjourn