

# SBA Minutes

August, 19 2009

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approve Minutes from 8/12/09 – unofficial, not posting.
- IV. Question/Answer with Dean Katz
  - a. Dean Vigil and Dean Cheever will also be attending regularly
  - b. Welcomes our comments, thanks SBA for our efforts
  - c. Second Thursday issues (formerly Second Friday)
    - i. Who should pay for it? Dean Katz. Is not something that needs to come from SBA budget if Dean can get it sorted out with central admin. If SBA needs to front the money, simply because it would be easier administratively, Dean Katz will replenish SBA budget.
  - d. Ben – Would like to thank Dean Katz for visiting with us!
  - e. Lindsay – Thank you so much for your efforts to bring the Wills Lab back!
  - f. John – Can you speak to the Dean Selection process?
    - i. There is now a Dean Search Committee. Got off to a slower start than they had hoped, but believe they are on target. Has posted 20 page job description, have started taking nominations. Hope is that by end of September they will have a list of candidates of interest; hope is to identify someone over the winter, person would likely start in the summer. Received lots of nominations, Dean Katz has been nominated. Will keep the Chancellor posted on whether he'd like to continue in this post. Goal is to see if Dean likes the job, and see what approval rating is at that time, Dean Katz will get Chancellor an answer by end of September.
  - g. Phil – Update on incoming class? Financial status, staffing?
    - i. Target for incoming class is 300 new students, hit it exactly. Account for possibility that we may lose more students at end of drop/add period. As has been the trend, each class gets a bit better than the last, including hiring of professors. Hoping for a one point bump in LSAT. Reporting is now a mix of evening and day students. Night program here is ranked #9 in the country! Have a smaller evening class this year – 60 students.
  - h. Karina – What are your goals for SBA? Any suggestions?
    - i. Dean Katz wants to bridge gap between students and administration. Wants us to be his eyes and ears with student body. Important for SBA to be early warning system, alert him to issues within the school. From student side, it's important that they understand they can express concerns to Senate, and have faith that they will be resolved.
- V. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Current Financial Status – Jon Hiller
    - i. Current balance: \$114,547.39
    - ii. Outstanding – student locker fees, could add another \$1k

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- iii. Includes \$55k from Dean's Suite, \$51k from student fees (these are slightly adjusted based on student enrollment)
- b. Approve 2009 – 2010 SBA Budget
  - i. See Attachments
  - ii. Only changes to note from last Spring – CLAG and Spanish Speaking Lawyer's Assoc. accounts went negative over the summer, Dean's Suite replenished those accounts from SBA, SBA has now reduced the accounts of both orgs by the amounts that were taken from SBA.
  - iii. Everything else with budget has gone unchanged. Any excess can go under general fund, can vote on uses for the fund later.
    - 1. Patrick – General fund will increase by \$13k?
      - a. Yes, if we get \$123k
    - 2. John – There will still be money for Barrister's, last year it was moved from another account.
      - a. Jon - \$21k currently in Barrister's account.
    - 3. Patrick – talked last week about social committee, restrictions on spending policy, what else is SC using money for?
      - a. Townhall events in forum, need to have future events on campus.
    - 4. Alan – what is Race account at right now?
      - a. \$6,957.00. No disbursements to LRAP or Borruda funds yet.
  - iv. **Jon Hiller -- Move to propose 2009-2010 budget, John C. seconds. Phil moves to change budget – change student life committee to planning committee. Make budget in-line with bylaws and Constitution. Karina seconds.**
    - 1. Amendment passes.
    - 2. Budget with amendment now on table.
      - a. Melina -- \$114k number?
      - b. Jon – Purely expectations right now. To-date amount of money raised, printed budget does not account for locker sales or bookstore. \$123k is what we expect to raise by end of year.
      - c. Patrick – Too much money in general fund? Want to make sure we spend that money.
        - i. Alan – won't be a problem. As year progresses, there will be opportunities for uses to benefit students.
        - ii. John C – Agree.
        - iii. Phil – In terms of funds, in determining student org budgets, the figures now do not reflect speaker requests.
      - d. Darryl – Why is proposal for this year so different from actual amounts last year?

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- i. Phil – Large amount of money was taken from Bookstore account last year for other uses, Ring commission is inaccurate.
3. **Motion is unanimous. Budget passes.** Phil would also like to add that Student Org leader meeting is next week, hold off on disbursement until that meeting.
- c. Update on New Travel Request Policy
  - i. 3 students, max \$400 per student. SBA funds could only cover 2/3 of that, including travel allocation and anything from their Student Org account.
  - ii. Policy changed – 2 students are allowed to be official reps of University at the old \$400 policy, 3<sup>rd</sup> student will be allowed to go, but only allowed \$250.00. 2/3 rule still applies.
  - iii. Resulted from faculty issues with this policy, now affecting students.
  - iv. Darryl – What is difference between representative or not?
    1. Jon – technically nothing, except for title.
    2. Phil – Dean is set that we don't need more than 2 students in a representative capacity.

d. LLSA Travel Request

To: Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Convention

Number of Student: 2

Requested Amount Per Student: \$400                      Total: \$800

Est. Cost Per Student: \$694.00

2/3 of Est. Cost: \$464.98

Travel Dates: Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, was requested over summer.

Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A

**Phil – Move to allocate \$800. Melina seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

- e. Request to purchase SBA Banner (Phil and Lindsay)
  - i. Est. Cost - \$300 - \$325 – Mile High Signs
  - ii. See Attachment to E-mail for sample

**Phil – Move to allocate \$325.00 for banner. Alan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

## VI. Unfinished Business

### a. Reports

#### i. Committee Reports

##### 1. Fundraising Committee

###### a. Alan - Update on Bookstore Hours and Sales

- i. Deposited \$1200 in sales already. 20% is SBA's portion. Hurt by new editions that have come out for certain classes. M,T,TH 4-5:30 pm hours going forward.

- ii. Darryl – What are we doing with unsold books?

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1. Sell at some cost through wholesaler or donation.
2. Student Life Committee
  - a. Darryl – Update on Derby Days
    - i. 8/29 10am-2pm, reserved forum and outside patio area. Hoping to get food from StickyStar, will have alcohol at event. Meeting tomorrow at 8:30am.
    - ii. Dean Vigil did approve alcohol for this event.
    - iii. Phil has been in contact with ABA-Law student division, CBA, will have joint table for associations. Trying to get attorneys to join us. Will need volunteers.
  - b. Katie V. – Update on Mentor Program
    - i. Hoping that this can continue into school year.
    - ii. SBA allocated \$1k to have SBA member be chair of mentor program. Hugely successful turnout!
    - iii. Will ask Tiffany Ecker to do survey to get feedback.
    - iv. Need to think about whether or not SBA will continue program in the future?
    - v. If this is something we want to continue, we need to decide goals, who's going to run, outside chair, utilize student employees? Will need someone who will be here during summer and orientation week.
3. Election Committee
  - a. Ben – Update on Elections
    - i. Katie has been very helpful in getting emails out, same requirements for candidates. Will forward to Senate members and would like to know if there are any changes or comments.
    - ii. Patrick – targeting 1Ls or gap of 3Ls?
    - iii. Phil – Think we should put open vacancies up for election, but once election occurs, Phil will take that as a recommendation of students in accordance of SBA Constitution. Had people contact him in Spring with interest, informed them of appointments during summer and vacancies.
  - b. All will be open, but if no applications, will default to appointment. Likelihood of that happening with upper division is great, 1L elections will be intense and competitive.
  - c. Dates of elections – email for candidacy packets out on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>, due on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. Jessica Hogan will set up election website. Will then plan social function where winners will be announced.

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4. ABA
  - a. John – Overview of trip to ABA National Conference
    - i. Went to Chicago a month ago for conference.
    - ii. Justice Souter spoke about civic education
    - iii. Has membership funds that he can use for raffles, make aware of ABA membership!
    - iv. Student Advisory Council info – students could submit comments about different departments, maybe institute at DU?
    - v. Pipeline project – ABA has grant fund that is given to law schools promoting diversity
    - vi. Will have table at Derby Days
  - b. Switch from treasurer to ABA Rep, wanted to be a part of fellowship program, desire to be rep and head to conference this year too.
- ii. President's Report
  1. Rockies Game
    - a. Huge success!
    - b. Only cost \$600 for tickets, will come out of President's budget
    - c. Maybe do a dinner for evening students in their classroom, come to them.
    - d. Will take recommendations from evening reps
  2. Co-Sponsorship of Law Review Event
    - a. Would like to have us co-sponsor event, could only cover ¼ of cost. Chief article would be by lawyer who defended Jeffrey Dahmer.
    - b. **Move to co-sponsor event. Karina seconds. Darryl, Alan opposed. Motion passes.**
  3. Updates on New Policies (if time remains)

VII. Adjourn