

SBA MINUTES
September 15, 2010

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Missing Maureen Weiland, Nino Coppero
- III. Approve Minutes from 9/8/10
 - a. With John's revisions
 - b. **Unanimous; passes.**
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balance: \$103,758.49
 - b. Finance Requests:

Organization: ABA Law Student Division

Number of Students: 1 (Cassandra Fava)

Event: ABA Annual Meeting & Law Student Division Board of Governors Meeting

Location: San Francisco, CA

Estimated Cost: \$707.15

2/3 Estimated Cost: \$471.43

School Max: \$400.00

Note: The ABA paid for flight and half of the hotel

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$707.15; Come to SBA and speak to us as to what she does.

Chris motions to approve full request of \$707.15; Jason seconds.

John: Take out of general account instead of travel account.

Stephen: We need a maximum amount.

Casey: School max is for student organizations. ABA is not a student organization.

Christina: I think we should approve the 2/3 amount.

Alan motions an amendment to approve 2/3 amount of \$471.43; Christina seconds.

Deanna: Important and prestigious position, if we do not fund those who want to take on these additional responsibilities, people will be discouraged from doing so in the future.

Melina: Student organizations supplement the rest of the amount, this is an individual person.

John: A separate account for all ABA travel, including students, is a good idea that can be discussed by the finance committee.

In favor of 2/3 amount of \$471.43: Approve: 6; Oppose: 11; 3 Abstain; fails.

Alan: There needs to be a standard set for these types of requests.

Thomas Keller: If we get a full report then we should approve the full amount.

Melina: I will volunteer to set up a proposal for a way to set a budget for these types of travels.

Dena: There should be something where they have to make a request before hand.

In favor for full amount: Approve: 13; Oppose: 5; 2 Abstain; passes.

V. Senator Reports

- a. Melina: We have a debate about t-shirt colors. Either school colors or a neutral color.
- b. Eric: Talked to Dan and he gave me a couple dates for a financial aid seminar. There was an e-mail sent to SBA about putting this seminar on due to the change in student loans, job market, and amount of loans taken on.
 - i. Katie: Run this by our financial aid (Lacy) because they would say not to talk to these people.
 - ii. Melina: Our financial aid office did one of these and it was very helpful.
- c. Chad: Coffee pots or coffee areas on different levels of the law school.
 - i. John: Issue last year was maintenance and upkeep.
- d. Heather: MSLA feel like they are not part of the law school even though we are important in the area of law. They want a way to become more involved with the student body.
 - i. John: MSLA will begin to pay dues to the SBA next year.
- e. Kevin: Temperatures in the study rooms.
 - i. Stephen: It has to do with the way the building is built.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Christina (Intramural):
 - i. Intramural has been hugely successful. We have 9 teams total for the law school. We are not playing basketball because there is a conflict with winter break and finals period.
- b. Brooke (Communications):
 - i. The Communications Committee is going to submit an article to the Writ each time they publish with an update of what we are doing. This will be like the updates we e-mail out but will most likely add more or re-iterate what we are doing. If anyone has any suggestions as to what we should add, let me know.
 - ii. Next week after our SBA meeting we are going to take pictures of everyone for the poster and website. Wear business casual.

VII. President's Report

a. Sturm Faculty Excellence Awards

i. Talked to Dean Katz

1. The whole thought of having awards for students as well as scholarships. Mr. Sturm this year alone has giving over \$1 million directly into scholarships. Idea was conceived as an incentive to faculty from students.
2. Potential overlap in awards. Wording of each award indicates the difference between the two. You cannot win two awards.
3. Unfair advantage to professors with large 1L classes. The different kinds of awards will account for that.
4. Incentive to professors. Not with these awards, however, every year professors get a \$2,000 travel fund and professional development, docking this money if they are late on grades.
5. Awards will be given out at election party.

b. Student Affairs E-mails

- i. Katie: Last year SBA President Phil talked to the Dean Office and this office has put up money to create a new calendar system that will significantly reduce the amount of e-mails you receive. This system was supposed to be put into place by the beginning of the semester, we are now unsure as to when this system will be up. I will keep SBA updated as well as I can.

c. Student Organization Rooms

- i. Most have packed up their stuff and moved it out. Construction for new rooms are probably going to be ready the middle of October.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjourn

- a. **Alan motion to adjourn; Christina seconds; unanimous; passes.**