

SBA MINUTES

February 16, 2011

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Missing Heather Larralde, Thomas Keller, Jason Gardner, Nino Coppero, Isabel Lenuzza
- III. Approve Minutes from 2/9/10
 - a. **Unanimous; passes.**
- IV. Dean Cheever
 - a. Academic advising season is coming up. It is largely going to be programmed like it was last year. We are currently updating the information on the academic advising website.
 - b. Every seven years we have to go through accreditation with the ABA. We prepare a massive document, which is our indication of how we are doing. We want to find a way that students are involved.
 - c. Stephen: Do we have any traction with the registrar office with getting the exam schedule out sooner?
 - i. I can push them to release it sooner but it keeps changing.
 - d. Chris: The commercial bar prep classes for California start early, during finals, is there any way we can move our exams?
 - i. Send me the dates and we will see what we can do.
 - e. Stephen: I have been expressed interest from attorneys who want to speak to 1Ls or teach a class, where should I send them?
 - i. Me.
 - f. Casey: Do students graduate without the prospective elective?
 - i. You can make a reasonable argument to me that a class meets this requirement; I will probably give you that.
- V. Senator Reports
 - a. Maureen: We need some new microwaves. The assessment committee is actively meeting again and I think there is serious traction on getting teacher assessments after the exam is given. You will be able to assess the exam if you assess the teacher during the normal time. These additional assessments will most likely not have the comments published to see how it goes.
 - i. Alan: I would argue that the final exam has a huge difference on whether people take the exams and that this should be published.
- VI. Treasurer's Report
 - a. All Accounts Balance: \$49,468.19
 - b. General Account Balance: \$2,032.58
 - c. Speaker Events Account Balance: \$10,286.26
 - d. Travel Account Balance: \$5,816.68
 - e. Funding Requests:

EVENTS

Elder Law Society
Event: Magistrate Hernandez Denver Probate Court
Date: 2-24-2011

Expected attendance: 40
Requested: \$160
Per person: \$4.00
Recommendation: \$160

Casey moves to approve \$160; Carl seconds; in favor: 16; abstention: 1; passes.

TRAVEL

Cass Fava
Board of Governor's meeting
Las Vegas, NV
Date: 3/18 – 3/20
Requesting: \$200 hotel, \$100 food, \$300 total.
Recommendation: \$0

Notes: Has received well over the individual limits set forth in travel policy this year; already received \$707 this year; individual max is \$400. Additionally, the ABA picks up all airfare and half of hotel, so 2/3 is already met.

Maureen: I know we have talked about setting up a different fund for the ABA or giving them more leeway. I think this would be a good impact school wide.

Casey: We do not have a separate fund. We have one for our own ABA Representative.

John: We still have \$1,500 in our ABA account; it has not been touched.

Maureen moves to approves \$300 to come out of the ABA account; Alan seconds.

Stephen: We have approved already \$707. We fully funded her last semester. I understand the position but she is going to go regardless and I do not think it is unreasonable for this body to think that her own money goes towards this.

Christina: All other travelers pay for at least 1/3 of their costs.

Cass Fava
15th circuit meeting – Spring & Governor's election
Albuquerque, NM
Date: 2-26
Requesting: \$128 hotel
Recommendation: \$0
Notes: see above

Stephen moves to table both requests until we determine what she has paid out of pocket and require her to explain what she is doing on these; Cindy seconds; in favor of approving both requests: 13; opposed: 3; passes.

Native American Law Students
Native American Association Moot Court Competition
New York, NY
students: 2
2/24- 2/27
Requesting: \$325 airfare, \$300 hotel, \$50 registration, \$50 food/day*4 days, \$725/person total
Recommendation: \$400/person; \$800 total

Notes: group just needs to be aware that they cannot also apply their current account balance to the trip if they receive SBA funding

Casey moves to approve \$400/person, \$800 total; Chad seconds.

Casey: They are in talks with the Moot Court Board to see if they will help these expenses as well.
In favor of approving \$800: unanimous; passes.

Michelle Quintero Milan & Katie Stevenson

36th Annual Indian Law conference

Santa Fe, NM

Requesting: \$580/person or

Recommendation: \$350/person; \$700 total

Notes: max allowed is \$388 per 2/3rd requirement. Numbers were a bit high based on per diem

Chris moves to approve \$350/person, \$700 total; Cindy seconds.

Tom: What about the per diem was high?

Casey: In Santa Fe, the hotel request should have been \$82 per national per diem and their request was \$150.

Tom moves to amend to \$388/per person, \$776; Maureen seconds; in favor of amendment: unanimous.

In favor of approving \$776: unanimous; passes.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Alan: Meet with alumni committee and we are going forward with the bowling event. We will be working with sponsors around this school for prizes and things to give away. We will be tabling with Barristers during that first week. Ticket price is \$75 for a team of four. We are not covering alcohol. It will be April 9th in the afternoon.

VIII. President's Report

- a. I will be sending out an email about GSAC being approved this year that they are receiving an additional \$25K for conference travel and research. Therefore, law student may not be able to get money under the research but most likely can for the travel. They have no limits on an amount. They only require some sort of active participation; you must be sitting on a panel, voting, etc. AND SBA must have already funded them.
- b. Dean Katz mentioned that in the past, parking during exams has been a problem and he has done a couple of things that should fix that problem.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjourn

- a. **Kevin moves to adjourn; Cindy seconds; unanimous; passes.**