

SBA MINUTES February 2, 2011

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Missing Alan Frosh, Jason Gardner, Nino Coppero, Thomas Keller, Isabel Lenuzza
- III. Approve Minutes from 1/26/10
 - a. **Unanimous; passes.**
- IV. Dean Katz
 - a. Press and the value of legal education. There are good reasons to continue law school, as a non-financial matter (what you get out of your legal education) and a financial matter. The economics of a DU legal education are not about the \$160K jobs; rather it's about finding good quality jobs for our graduates. The median for 2009 graduates was about \$71K. DU does not mess with their statistics such as how many graduates have a job within nine months of graduation. Our 2009 graduates reported at 91%, 10% of those had jobs that did not involve their legal education. We have a fellowship with district judges where we place those who have passed the bar with judges who need clerks on a part-time basis.
 - b. We just hired our new Associate Dean of Career Opportunities. His name is Eric Bono. He was the #2 guy at the CU Career Department. He is highly respected in the Denver legal community. He has a terrific vision for how to take this office and make it into something a lot more proactive and a larger force in our efforts to find jobs for our graduates. Traditionally Career Development Centers have had the view that their job is to teach you to fish. They teach people how to do job search, write resumes, do interviews, etc. Those are important but in these economic times, it is not enough. We need to find jobs by calling people and asking them before they post jobs.
 - c. We have talked about putting together a student quality group. There are at least four parts of the law school that are the primary point of contact between the students and faculty (Career Development, Student Affairs, Library, and Registrar). We wanted to put together a group of students that can constantly provide feedback. We want to know how to make these offices better. There would be two students per each group that can have meetings with the directors of these offices. These directors see this as an opportunity to learn. We would like to get this set up and running within a month or two.
 - i. Tom: I think it would be better to have three students per group so you can include all years to get all different perspectives.
 - d. I know there was a lot of talk about this free over 90-credit policy that we have. For all current students, if you take between 91-96 credits, those credits are free. The caveat is that as soon as you take a transfer credit you lose this opportunity. We are going to be phasing this out. Also, anyone with 90 credits or more, including in your last semester, you are free to audit any course you want as well.
- V. Treasurer's Report
 - a. All Accounts Balance: \$57,395.49
 - b. General Account Balance: \$10,284.33
 - c. Speaker Events Account Balance: \$10,287.51
 - d. Travel Account Balance: \$7,249.89
 - e. Funding Requests:

To: Child and Significant Others Support Alliance

Account Balance: \$0

For: Midyear Budget Request

Requests:

1. Finance Lunch Meeting; February 16, 2011; \$90.00
2. Family Movie Night; February 26, 2011 and April 2, 2011; \$60.00
3. Game Night; February 11, 2011; \$60.00
4. March Lunch Lecture; March 15, 2011; \$90.00

Total Requested: \$300.00

Casey: This group is growing up to 16 people. We took out the Lecture out because they can finance that separately. Finance Committee recommends \$210.

Casey motions to give CASSA \$210; Melina seconds.

Unanimous; passes.

To: Public Interest Law Group Auction

For: 16th Annual PILG Auction

Estimated Attendance: 300

Where: Cable Center

Date: March 3, 2011

Estimated Total Cost: \$1,000.00

Maureen: This is the fundraiser for the Public Interest Law Group. This gives scholarships to those who volunteer for unpaid internships. SBA has not traditionally funded PILG but we gave money for the Brownie Ball and I think we should do it even handedly. Our goal this year is to raise \$30K, last year they made almost \$25K.

John: Do you have a general idea about what the full cost is for this event?

Maureen: Around \$12K.

Dena: We have \$500 to Brownie event and \$500 to the fundraising. Why is there a request this year?

Maureen: We have had a harder time in the past few years coming up with upfront sponsorships because of the economy. Whatever we raise from this goes straight to DU law students. Brownie did not go directly to the students.

Chris: I like the \$1K idea but you guys are not done getting sponsorships. I think there should be a caveat that if you get all the money needed, then all the \$1K goes straight to the clerkships.

Maureen: That is fine with us.

John: SBA has not sponsored this in the past, would there be any recognition of SBA at this event?

Maureen: The banner can go up and there would definitely be recognition.

Eric moves to approve \$1,000; Carl seconds.

Casey: Finance Committee did not reach any formal recommendation. We went back and forth. Of all the organizations we have, we know that PILG is best known for using money for student and public good. Our only concern was the amount, the idea that PILG is self-sufficient, and doing this just because of a precedent from last year. Our idea was that we wanted to help things get off the group, but once those get off the group, we are not staying attached in a financial way.

Steven: I think this is a great event, however I am nervous about giving \$1K this year because next year they are going to want the money again. Our job is not being equal, but deciding where the money needs to go.

Eric: How burdensome would it be to lower the student ticket prices?

Maureen: They do not cover that person's cost of the event. We would like to but it is not feasible.

In favor of \$1,000: 11; opposed: 4; abstentions: 2; passes.

To: Black Law Student Association

Account Balance: \$343.00

For: Mid Year Budget Request

Requests:

1. Black History Month; February; \$200.00
2. Speakers; Throughout Year; \$100.00
3. National Dues; National Recognition; \$200

Total Requested: \$500.00

Eric: We need to pay our national dues. We are still planning Black History Month.

Casey: Last year's board did not make a budget request because they all graduated. Finance

Committee is fully in favor of paying the national dues. Black History Month we wanted a full line item of what is going on, but we agree with the \$200. We took out the speakers because they need to make a Speaker's Request. Finance Committee recommends \$400.

Casey motions to give BALSAs \$400; Tom seconds.

In favor of \$400: 16; abstentions: 1; passes.

VI. Senator Reports

- a. Melina: If anyone is interested for taking over the sustainability counsel for the rest of the year I would appreciate it. It could be any law student.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Social: Next Bar Review at the Border on February 10th from 4pm-7pm.

VIII. President's Report

- a. The quality circles or student groups that Katz mentioned today, please let me know if you want to sit on one of those groups.
- b. The new rooms are not completely done yet. The next stage is this Friday; all student orgs stuff is going to be moved down to the 4th floor in meetings rooms. That stuff will be accessible through a keypad. The orgs need to go by the offices and get their stuff, and take it to the new storage rooms with lockers and pick a locker out.
- c. The administration thought we had an extra printer for the 4th floor printing room, but we do not. They want us to consider buying a printer for the 4th floor. The printer that they said would be the best for that room is \$500. However, Joanna Patrick offered that if we can put forward some of that money, she can probably find a way to pay for the rest of it.
 - i. **Chris moves that we give \$300 for the printer; Chad seconds.**
 - ii. Casey: I would rather know what kind of printer we are getting first and then give an amount.
 - iii. Maureen: Can we talk to Lexis, Westlaw, etc., that would be willing to donate a printer?
 - iv. **Melina moves to table.**

IX. Announcements

X. Adjourn

- a. **Christina moves to adjourn; Chris seconds; unanimous.**