

SBA MINUTES

February 23, 2011

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Missing: Melina Hernandez, Casey Leier, Dena Garas, Eric Wilson, Kevin Murphy, Thomas Keller, Deanna Talley
- III. Approve Minutes from 2/16/10
 - a. Unanimous; passes
- IV. Senator Reports
 - a. Brooke: employment law association is restarted up. Anyone interested? Elections and 1st meeting on March 28th.
 - b. Mo: Buy your ticket to PILG. Thurs, March 3rd at 6PM; Auction starts at 8PM.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Brooke: 2 new microves. One “broken” microwave was not broken, but unplugged. So there’s now an extra microwave. Should we keep it?
 - b. Alan: Tabling for fundraising will be after spring break for Strikes for Scholarships.
- VI. Cassandra Fava; ABA Governor
 - a. Re: Presentation of trips per SBA – The circuit governor for the 15th circuit. Give recommendations and vote on things for the Big ABA Board of Governors. i.e. Stafford loan limits, law school employment truth and information area.
 - i. Stephen: how does your position benefit the school the most?
 - ii. Cassandra: lends to the name of the school because we participate. Looks bad when people aren’t there for the meeting.
 - iii. Stephen: ABA picks up your hotel and airfare. What do you spend out of pocket?
 - iv. Cassandra: This is the 6th or 7th trip I’ve gone on this year. I’ve spent money out of pocket in LA and Chicago. Usually try to split the costs with others.
 - v. Stephen: So there are other trips where you have not asked for money?
 - vi. Cassandra: Yes.
 - vii. John: How much money on a trip?
 - viii. Cassandra: \$400-500 and for food
 - ix. Alan: Is it common for an evening student to be in this position?
 - x. Cassandra: No, I’m the only one.
 - xi. Cindy: Have you ever considered teleconferencing?
 - xii. Cassandra: Those aren’t options; if you don’t show up, you don’t participate.
 - xiii. John: I’ve checked to see how much \$ we’ve allocated to ABA travel. We’ve reimbursed her \$707 once last semester.
 - xiv. Stephen: I had concerns, but you’ve answered my questions
- VII. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Balances
 - i. Total: \$46,878.65
 - ii. General account: \$2,920.58
 - iii. Speakers/Events: \$9,676.26
 - iv. Travel: \$5,816.65
 - b. Requests:

Cass Fava
Board of Governors Meeting
Las Vegas, NV
Date: 3/18 – 3/20

Requesting: \$200 hotel, \$100 food, \$300 total.

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

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

Alan: motion to approve 428; Mo: Second

Christina: If we fund the full 428, there are no out of pocket costs. I'm more comfortable with 2/3rd of that.

Chris Michael: Shouldn't be a punishment that ABA helps her.

Mo: The 428 should come out of the ABA fund.

Alan: move to amend that it comes from the ABA fund. Mo: Second

Alan: We should apply that evening students are getting involved, and support that regionally and nationally

Cindy: I second what Chris Michael says, the other travel requesters usually never try to seek other funding, while she does.

Passes 12 to 1; 1 abstentions

Scott Neckers, Matt Hofmeister, 2 other students (individual request)

Tulane Univ Baseball Arbitration National Moot Court Competition

Travel to: New Orleans, LA

Date of trip: 2-11-2011

Cost of Trip: \$3,000 (Per person: \$613 total. Airfare \$184.55, Hotel \$409, Food \$20.00)

Fundable: \$400 for first two students, \$250 for third. \$1050 total.

Tom: move to table

Passes unanimously

BLSA

Speaker Event: Senator Carroll

Date of Event: 2/28/2011

Expected attendance: 80

Cost of event: \$320

Request amount: \$320

Per person: \$4.00

Recommendation: \$320

Tom: Vote to reimburse them up to \$320; Stephen seconds

Chad: No marketing yet, so no one knows about it.

Christina: They'll spend all the money anyways

Stephen: should we micromanage their money?

Alan: Is it on the event page? I suggest we only fund half of it and discuss the rest later

John: I suggest we table it

Chris Michael: I move to table it; Alan seconds

Motion to table it passes unanimously

VIII. President's Report

- a. All honor board charges were dismissed, but due to the complexities, Dean Cheevers said there would be changes. Proctor statements (formal rules) will be provided to proctors to fill out before and after the exam. Videotaping every exam period now. Making Exam 4 required for all in class exams. 3-4 other law schools that have this program for all their exams, which are self-administered and time stamped.
- b. Externship office:
Dieter: Cheevers will pass on the complaints to their office. Can't streamline the CDC with the Externship office bc they have two different objectives (credit v. preparing you for jobs).
Mo: some students aren't hearing back from them regarding judicial placements.
Chris Michael: They're open to helping everyone out. You just have to go in and get their help.
- c. Stephen: Extra money not being used for ABA travel – what should we do w/ it now?
John: We'll be doing money shifting later on.

IX. Announcements

- a. Starting fall of next year, chance of the law school implementing an upper skills requirement.
- b. ABA accreditation next year, to ensure we keep our accreditation. Involves student input.

X. Adjourn

- a. **Tom moves to adjourn; Stephen seconds; unanimous; passes**