

## **SBA MINUTES**

### **March 30, 2011**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Missing Isabel Lenuzza, Nino Coppero, Thomas Keller, Jason Gardner, Kevin Murphy
- III. Approve Minutes from 3/23/10
  - a. **Unanimous; passes.**
- IV. Dean Katz
  - a. US News rankings: For the most part things went quite well. They use 12 factors to rank law schools. We moved up in reputation. We also improved in that we have fewer students now and we filled all available faculty lines so our student to faculty ratio improved. We also made process on bar passage. They count your median LSAT scores and median GPA in your entering class, we can improve there but it is really hard to push up those numbers. We have been doing that more and more each year. However, going up in LSAT has hit our GPA. Our employment stats need to improve as well.
  - b. Process for class options: Beyond required, its what teachers want to teach and what students want to take.
  - c. We will again be putting signs on the library door that law students are studying for finals. I have permission to kick people out of the building during reading period and exam period.

#### V. Treasurer's Report

##### **Balances**

SBA General account: \$2,911

Speakers/Events: \$7,166

Travel account: \$1,988

##### **ILS**

Travel to: International Law Students Assoc. Elections

Washington, DC

Date: 3/23/11

Students attending: 1

Cost of Trip: \$1,000

Airfare \$449.39, Hotel \$327.00, Registration: \$50.00, Food: \$200.00

Max fundable: \$400.00

Finance recommendation: \$400.00

**Eric moves to approve \$400; Melina seconds; in favor: 16; abstention: 1; passes.**

##### **Children's Legal Advocacy Group**

Juvenile & Family Law Mentor Dinner

Date: 4/7/2011

Expected Attendance: 60 people

Total cost of event: \$1400

Contributions: Possibly \$400 from CBA; \$500 from CLAG

Amount Requested: \$1,000

Finance recommendation: \$500

Stephen: \$4 is just a guideline.

Chad: Is there a ticket cost?

Casey: No

**Christina moves to approve \$500; Cindy seconds.**

Maureen: I think the guidelines should be the guidelines. They can always get more money.

Cindy: I like the fact that they got fundraising from somewhere else. They are coming to use in advance. And this is a great event for DU.

**In favor: 14; opposed: 2; abstention: 1; passes.**

## **Student Veterans Assoc.**

Veterans in the Community

Date: 2/24/11

Attendance: 24

Total cost of event: \$398.25

Amount requested: \$398.25

Finance recommendation: \$96.00 (\$4.00/person) immediately, request 2 weeks fundraising efforts

Casey: This org will be in the red after the money for this event comes out.

Tom: Was this org given money when we approved them?

Casey: No

**Eric moves to approve \$96 plus fundraising efforts; Cindy seconds; in favor: 17; abstentions: 3; passes.**

## VI. Senator Reports

- a. Christina: I heard that students were allowed to drink the coffee in the Dean's office, however, we are not.
- b. Maureen: Calendar Committee is going through issues of 2013-2014. Also, March of Dimes canister is in the library.
- c. Cindy: Photo booth pictures are online and some did not realize this. What do you want us to do about possibly taking them down?
  - i. John: Last year we justified keeping them up because of the sign saying they will be online.
  - ii. Melina: If it truly makes someone uncomfortable, I do not want to be part of that.
  - iii. Eric: What about allowing those who do want their pictures on there can e-mail the guy to have them taken down.
  - iv. Maureen: Have Cindy get e-mails from people who do not want their picture up.

## VII. Committee Reports

- a. John: (per Alan) Please continue tabling. Get the word out about the tournament.

## VIII. President's Report

- a. Next week we will have people here to discuss the budget and finance requests.
- b. We are getting a new TV in the forum to replace the old one. The new TV will be bolted to the table. They found out who stole it.
- c. I spent 3 hours with Joanna Patrick going through the org rooms. We need org leaders to go through their stuff. We have assigned lockers to the orgs. Print room should be set up by the end of this semester or next summer, and we will not have to buy a printer.
- d. When I was at an ABA conference, CU student told me that they were participating in grade inflation. DU has taken the position that we will not do that, we curve up to a 3.0. CU has in place to inflate their grade median to 3.3. This would hurt us when we compete with CU for jobs.

## IX. Announcements

- X. Adjourn
  - a. **Maureen moves to adjourn; Chris seconds.**