

SBA AGENDA

November 3, 2010

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Missing Isabel Lenuzza, Thomas Keller, Casey Leier, Nino Coppero
- III. Approve Minutes from 10/27/10
 - a. **Unanimous; passes.**
- IV. Dean Cheever
 - a. Some people may express concern about a slight graduation requirement for dual degrees. Generally, you can take two degrees concurrently, and some circumstances you can count 10 semester hours of other degree towards JD. Under the general rule, you do not have to complete these degrees at the same time. People were being certified for the bar incorrectly if their other degree was not done. Now, you are welcome to finish your second degree later but the school must be sure that you have met all the requirements for the JD degree. Until you finish your other degree, you can always take 8 credit hours in other majors and use them for your JD degree, instead of 10. The worst case: you would have to take two additional credits for your JD degree.
 - b. John: Would people need to pay tuition for those other 2 credits?
 - i. Cheever: Yes, if you really need to take the bar before you finish your other degree. We may be willing to extend the 8 hours if someone had special circumstances.
 - c. Melina: I had one student ask me whom she should talk to if she had certain concerns about staff.
 - i. Cheever: Anybody in registrar's office, educational technology, network services, or faculty support then bring them to me. If it is CDC, marketing, assistant dean of student affairs, admissions, or bar success, go to Dean Katz. We are in the process of setting up electronic suggestion boxes.
 - d. Dena: 1Ls do not know what time their finals are.
 - i. Cheever: That information should be going out within the next two weeks.
 - ii. Stephen: Why does it take so long to get final exam schedules?
 - iii. Cheever: We try to set up exams so that most people have space between exams. I will try to find out how we can get this information out soon after the drop date.
 - e. Alan: Questions about 90 hours required and classes that satisfy this.
 - i. Cheever: Anything listed as a JD class, anything with an L number, count towards JD degree. There are some LL classes with an L in its number.

- f. Tom: Comments from 3Ls having only two choices for perspective electives.
 - i. Cheever: If there is a good argument for other classes to satisfy this requirement, it is worth filling out a petition. If it is for Spring 2011, this needs to be done now. Starting class of 2013, they do not need to take this requirement.
 - ii. Stephen: How does that work for current 2L night students since we started with the class of 2012 but graduate in 2013?
 - 1. Cheever: Petition. The issue is with students that transfer from night to day.
- g. Chris: I had some night students come to me because there is not an evening Admin law.
 - i. Cheever: Send it to me.
- h. Shannon: We have a take home weekend exam on Friday, December 10th and then an exam on the following Monday or Tuesday. Many are asserting that the schedule is unreasonable.
 - i. Cheever: Under the rule, no. If there is a reasonable accommodation that I can talk the professors into I can try. See if they have any good ideas and have them approach me.

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. All Accounts Balance: \$58,820.62
- b. General Account Balance: \$13,186.98
- c. Speaker Events Account Balance: \$11,547.49
- d. Travel Account Balance: \$10,400.00
 - i. **NOTE: BALANCES FROM LAST WEEK**
- e. Finance Requests:

To: Natural Resources and Environmental Law Society (90181)

Balance: \$1,731.00

Event: ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Fall Meeting

Location: New Orleans, LA

Number of Students: 1

Dates: September 29-October 3, 2010

Total Cost: \$1,080.71

2/3 Cost Per Student: \$724.08

Note: \$400.00 per person maximum

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$400

Alan moves to approve; Melina seconds.

Christina: Are we getting more travel requests this year?

Stephen: We are actually getting less travel and speaker requests.

Christina: I am not sure student orgs know they can come to us for speakers.

In favor of approving \$400: 16; Opposed: 1; Abstained: 1; passes.

VI. Alan Frosh

a. SBA Fundraising Event; Bowling Tournament

- i. We discussed the fundraising event on Saturday, October 30. We are still looking at the split of donation and fees. The date of this event will be Saturday, April 9th in the afternoon. The major discussion at that point becomes the split of where the donations of this event will go. I come to you with the proposal that we spoke about on Saturday: Boruta Scholarship Fund is the only student scholarship fund identified; the rest goes to the General Scholarship Fund. This adds to the pool of scholarships for all students. 60% for Boruta and 40% for the General Fund. This does comply with the bylaws created last year with regards to this event.
- ii. Maureen: The desire to give a larger amount to the Boruta fund comes from their involvement in the past years?
 1. Alan: Yes, they are the reason we brought this event back.
 2. Maureen: I would be partial to a 50/50 split. My issue is that if you are looking for outside donations I am not sure why we need to let people know the specific breakdown on the solicitation material.
- iii. Stephen: Boruta Fund is a scholarship for? And how disbursed?
 1. Alan: It is only for female students but is broad against social classes and other areas. The school will disburse this money.
- iv. Melina: Loan Assistance Program gives money to graduated students who take jobs in the public sector to help them pay back their student loans. This program would address concerns about where the money is going. Secondly, rather than a scholarship who rewards someone who has financial difficulties and might want to go into public sector, it rewards someone who has financial difficulties and is in this sector. I would rather see the money go to this fund than General Fund.
- v. Tom: Has the committee talked about how revenue will increase over years?
 1. Alan: We are trying to make this a young alumni event. We want to formalize this involvement. This is also more a unique event, rather than a race that occurs during the time of year where there are races all over the place every weekend. No one else has pledged money yet but there are members on the committee.
- vi. Chris: Don't we still give a big chunk of money to Loan Assistance Program?
 1. Alan: Certain percentage of our tuition fees goes to it directly.
 2. John: High \$20K's
- vii. **Motion is to allocate 60% to Boruta and 40% to General Fund; Tom seconds.**

viii. **In favor of motion: 12; Abstentions: 6; passes.**

VII. Senator Reports

VIII. Committee Reports

IX. President's Report

a. Communication Plan (handout)

i. Clint (Budget Officer) wants SBA to give 10%-15%, which comes to \$1,135-\$1,702.

ii. Christina: I am still in favor of \$2,000.

iii. Chris: I agree with this. I say we vote.

iv. Alan: Can we prevent estimates like this to go this far over budget? This was 40% over budget, which is a significant problem and I do not want us on the hook for \$11K in another area.

1. John: It is hard to truly estimate costs. Whoever is involved in the decision making process, they need to keep everyone informed.

v. Alan: What is the \$2,000 based on?

1. John: Based on the budget, what was told to the administration, and a vote through senators.

vi. Alan: Where is this money coming from?

1. John: General fund, that way it wouldn't be coming from an account that we use on a more regular basis such as speaker or travel accounts.

vii. Chris moves to approve \$2,000; Christina seconds.

viii. In favor of approving \$2,000: 14; Opposed: 3; Abstains: 1

b. Newspapers

i. I met with the USA Today lady and we have several options:

1. 2 ways to get:

a. Open Card Readers: Anyone can open the machine and get a newspaper.

i. Minimum is 20, which equals 9 cents, \$9.00 a day. \$1300 for the entire year for one paper. \$4000 for 3 papers.

ii. Beyond this amount, they charge us for only the papers that are taken from the machine.

iii. Put this on the third or fourth floor to prevent non-law students and visitors taking papers.

b. Scanner: scan your ID and it gives you access to the box

i. Cost more money to actually make, higher cost for USA Today, USA Today passes on this additional cost to the newspaper; therefore, newspapers do not participate or

have a minimum of papers to be purchased each day.

2. USA Today pays for all machines and does all their own marketing.
3. Cost for difference between options is the minimums.
4. **Chris moves to extend meeting by 5 minutes; Alan seconds; passes.**
5. We can cancel this at anytime with a 30 days notice. We can do a contract for the rest of the year at this point. Monday through Friday, delivered before 6:00am.
6. Eric: We should do a survey to see what students want and put together a task force for this project.
7. Maureen: I do not think we should do this with it being so expensive. We can get them on other parts of campus.
8. Alan: We do not need newspapers on Fridays.
9. **Stephen moves to table; Alan seconds.**

X. Announcements

XI. Adjourn