

**SBA MINUTES**  
**October 27, 2010**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Missing: Alan, Melina, Brooke
- III. Approve Minutes from 10/20/10
  - a. **Unanimous; passes**
- IV. 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
  - e. Finance Requests:

**To:** Elder Law Society

**Event:** Elder Law Week

**Location:** Sturm College of Law

**Dates:** November 1, 2, 4, 2011

**Expected Attendance:** 30 each day

**Actual Cost:** \$75 per day; \$225 total

**Cost Per Person:** \$2.50

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** \$225

**Stephen moves to discuss**

**Christa seconds.**

**Discussion:**

**Shannon: what is elder law society?**

**Christa: focus on trusts and estates**

**\_\_Moves to approve 225**

**In Favor: unanimous**

- V. New Student Organization Request
  - a. Dan Spencer; Child and Spouse Support Association (CASSA)
    - i. Purposes: provide forum for law students with families. Would allow inclusion of students who have no outlet for their spouses and children. Opportunity for wives and children to meet others.
      - a. No current organizations to fulfill this need
    - i. Questions:
      - a. Casey: Is there a demographic? At least 6% of the student body who currently have young children under 16 in Section 2
      - b. Shannon: Open to same-sex couples and their families? Yes

c. Eric: Any law related events? More support-based, rather than legal-based, but could spawn from that. Support from professors/faculty/

iii. Motion to approve:

**i. Unanimous; passes.**

## VI. Senator Reports

i. Dena: AAP leaders – now there's one AAP leader per section rather than class. Anything we can do?

a. John: Talk to Dean Katz.

b. Mo: Focus is supposed to shift completely away from subject matter knowledge. Frustration and confusion in the past about former AAPs who teach wrong subject matter. Suggest talking to the AAP program directors as well. Talk to AAP program first and see what they suggest. Get info from them and share it w/ us next week. We can talk to Dean Katz from there.

c. Stephen:

ii. Rest of DU campus you can swipe your card and get free newspaper. Can we get that here?

kv: talk to karl Johnson

iii. Chad: Basketball update – athletic depart giving us \$50 per event (4); CDC is donating \$100 per event. CDC going to help find more law firms.

- CDC is going to be creating an advisory committee of students. Interested in having a liason.

iv. Shannon: can we switch lockers?

Kv: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lockers are taken. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is reserved for tax program students.

## VII. Committee Reports

i. Social committee: trick or treat street. 2 orgs dropped out. We'll have movies/coloring sheets for kids/candy. Next bar review will be at stoneys on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Late night bfast will be tues, nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Meeting with cable center tomorrow for barristers' ball.

## VIII. President's Report

- Communication plan: 25,000 budget plan. Now plan is completely finished and in place, but now 11,000 over. Are we willing to help pay a portion of this 11000? Dean is paying for first 25000. Casey and I recommend 2000-5000.

- Casey: Talked to Phil. There were issues with incompatible tvs, which are now in the forum for our benefit. Dean's budget doesn't roll over. The 25000 was last year's extra money. No extra money this year. We want the dean's continual support

- Mo: But this was Phil's idea and never had SBA approval (was not voted on and we did not get a voice in this). Don't want to spend students' money on this.

- Eric: I share the same concerns. Certain part of student tuition is student fees. Is there a part that goes towards building fees? That goes towards bettering this building? i.e. new computers?
- John: implied that any upgrades to the building is taken from tuition.
- Stephen: technology fee, bus pass fee.
- Eric: since this is a program benefitting students in the future, it's not fair for students this year to pay for this.
- Christina: I understand that this isn't SBA backed, but this will benefit the students. No one likes change. We need to keep a cordial relationship
- Heather: was the wrong tv the entire 11000?
- Casey: no, it was just an example of one of the costs.
- John: My guess is that installation was estimated incorrectly.
- Dieter: was the dean the one that brought this up? John: No, it was clint. Phil had previously offered to cover 2-5000.
- Chris Michael: we should wait to talk until we get answers to our questions.
- Casey: if any committees spend any large sums of money, let me know so I know if we're in the red or not. President's budget is in the red.
- John: in the red b/c they took the 11000 out of our budget already. Getting reimbursed.
- Chris: no more than 2000.
- Mo: agree.
- Shannon: good faith and agree w/ 2000
- Stephen: if we did 5000, it would put our budget over the halfway mark and it's only November.
- Chris: we could defer and possibly give them more money later. I don't feel comfortable giving the student's money to them
- Eric: incremental payment plan. i.e. over the next 4 years money should be taken incremental. Not fair for 3Ls
- Chris: It's going to pay off in the long run. For the greater good. Fixing this as a courtesy to dean and phil. We should be reasonable about it and not make any uninformed decisions.
- Deanna: We should implement measures in the future to avoid this in the future. Need some type of measure in place. A committee to prevent oversight and provide documentation.
- Informal vote for ranges so I can have a general answer:
  - o Christina: no general vote, not fair, uncomfortable committing any firm amount w/o a vote.
  - o Mo: I agree
  - o Stephen: Need to look at the budget to see if there's any additional roll over money.

**Informal preliminary vote to make the max donation 2,000**  
**For: 12**

**Vote to make the max donation between 2-5000**

**For: 4**

IX. Announcements

Kv: communication system: it's not working exactly as we hoped. I have nothing to do with this. Hoping to get your feedback to talk to the builder about. Still some emails going out because there are still problems. If students ask, an email to students will be going out. Students will still be able to email.

- Tom: is there a way to modify an event we've made? Ie. Flyer?
  - o KV: No. contact me and I'll fix it. Something I've asked them about and not sure if going to happen
  - o Christina: Can we get a week to talk to the student leaders to gather feedback? Yes, there's no deadline.

Emails will end in January when you come back to school.

- Mo: can student affairs t-shirt sales not be on the emails every day?  
No. I would like an announcement area
- Stephen: we still get emails. Now we get emails and we see it on the tvs.

Still technical problems with the flyer. Some emails didn't even go out. I can't fix anything.

- Casey: If you're an org w/ information but not an event. In this case announcements are a problem? Yes, which is an issue.

Kv: Very helpful student feedback

Christina: brief elections committee meeting

X. Adjourn

- a. **Dieter moved to adjourn; Eric seconds; unanimous; passes.**