

SBA Minutes
October 5, 2011

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4:30-5:30 p.m.
Room 270

I. Call to Order – All members present

II. Roll Call & Approve Minutes

Casey Move to approve minutes
MINUTES APPROVED

III. Guest Speakers – Dean Katz

- a. Dean Katz is looking ahead to exam crunch in the library (especially because Penrose is closed). In theory all buildings are supposed to be open to students, but Provost gave permission to exclude undergrad students from library during the reading and exam period.
- b. New interim director of library, Sylvia Ellis, she will shut down the library from undergrad students.
- c. Will need to show ID cards before getting in (which Dean Katz foresees being effective)
- d. Considering doing that for a segregated parts of library for the February Bar
- e. Matt: Will that spill over to study rooms? Dean Katz: Yes, we are working on that.
 - i. If don't show up to study room during first 15 minutes, then fair game
- f. Registrar testing out software, debugging and ready for exams
- g. Quality circles: program where a couple students (balance of day and evening) feedback to student-centered offices. Registrar, student affairs, and career services office. Dean Katz will ensure each group meets at least twice during the semester. Looking for student participation in three cooperative ventures:
 - i. Quality committees
 - ii. Graduation speaker committee
 - iii. Ambassadors for admissions group (if interested in serving as an ambassador)
 1. Students have suggested possibly tweet or help with Facebook page, offer contact with real students
 2. Possible SBA presence or individual presence
- h. Soon Dean Katz will send out a year end review email (from last year), circulated now because US News Voters are getting their ballot

- i. Not clear how widespread problem is, but some schools have lied in ABA/US News Reporting, concern about misperception that law schools are not telling the truth
 - ii. Dean Katz having numbers audited by the University audit committee, but report only to the board of trustees. Look at admissions and job placement numbers. Next year, external auditors and hope is to put more pressure on other law schools.
- i. This fall piloting semester in practice employment, DA's office, In-house counsel; if these pilot programs work it will be expanded
- j. Also increasing Carnegie integrated courses (experiential integrated courses), in another 3 to 4 years, goal is to make possible for any third year who wants to have an entirely experimental 3rd year.
- k. Casey: Why is building not open 24 hours during finals?
 - i. Attract strange people and security concerns, but no one will kick you out during finals you may not get back in.
 - ii. Ramsey: Students getting kicked out at 12:00
 - 1. Dean Katz: will look into it
- l. Katy: When will quality circles start?
 - i. Dean Katz: As soon as possible and when committees are formed
 - ii. Kendra: committees formed next Friday
 - iii. Alix: trying to ensure there are day/evening students on each committee

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a. Travel: \$8600
- b. Speakers: \$10,000
- c. General: approximately \$8500

Travel Requests:

- d. FARM - 50 members, 1 attending the conference (in Texas), no other travel planned for the year
- e. \$350 in FARM's budget
- f. Planning spring fundraiser (have to wait till spring since fundraiser is going to be selling vegetable plants)
- g. Fin. Comm. recommends \$400
- h. FARM wants to reach out for CO contacts at convention

Alex: Question about how the money is allocated.

Shannon: The maximum for travel is \$400. The money partially reimburses organizations for flight, hotel, food, registration fees, and other costs.

Motion to Approve \$400: Chad

2nd: Eric

\$400 FOR FARM APPROVED

V. Senator Reports / Committee Reports

- a. Alix- self-study input and edits
 - i. Alix went to see Jessica in the Dean's sweet and is looking for input and edits for the self study document.
 - ii. Deadline this Friday for feedback
 - iii. After SBA input, Jessica will put together feedback and give to the Deans
- b. Eric- Public Relations Committee meet after the meeting
- c. Chad- fundraising committee meet afterward
 - i. Talked to registrar's office about Spring schedules, 2-3 weeks schedule finalized
- d. Alex- suggestion about clarifying Facebook page
 - i. Suggestion for coffee available for students (business school)
 - ii. Matter of cost/safety
 - iii. Alex will research budget, possibilities
- e. Kendra- vote on t-shirts

VI. President's Report

- a. Nov. 13th for SBA retreat
- b. Quality circles: some participants but looking for more (especially evening students)
- c. Would love to get Rebecca Cortis to come speak (to talk about civil courts in jeopardy and why you should care)
- d. Trick or treat street: inviting local elementary schools to come to the law school near Halloween and student orgs to tables, candy, and games!

Motion to terminate Halloween Street: Eric

Matt: 2nd

Katy: Amend to not do Halloween Street this year, but do it next year or next semester and establish community events

- e. ABA Report: We are lucky we have a lot of funding!

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjourn

Move to Adjourn: Matt

2nd: Carl

Meeting adjourned 5:32pm