

## SBA Minutes February 18, 2008

- I. Call to Order (4:30)
  - a. President Brad Moloney
- II. Speakers/Guests
  - a. Career Services: Gayle Keahey
    - i. On Campus Interviews: Trend to move OCI weeks earlier to prevent loss of class time; local employers like keeping the interview dates later because there is a problem with rolling offers that put DU students at a disadvantage;
    - ii. Proposal: applications due mid August (before school starts); interviews would not start until Tuesday after labor day; more time for employers to get materials and review
      - 1. Complications: DNC is that week, so don't want to start interviews that week per students and employers
      - 2. Student Concerns and Questions: need to be prepared before leaving in the spring; Career services open during the summer
      - 3. "Early week" at other schools: Fall 2009; either the week before school starts or the first week of school for interviews; right now this is just a suggestion
      - 4. Discussion from students:
        - a. Class Rank needs to come out sooner
          - i. Career Services will try to come out with a good guess on where rank would be compared to grades; help out in that area
        - b. Better way is to phase it in instead of jumping right in; also need to give 1Ls a heads up
- III. Unfinished Business
  - a. Meeting Minutes 2/11/08
    - i. OK
- IV. New Business
  - a. **Finance Requests**
    - i. **Business Law Society**
      - 1. **Networking with Tim Henderson and Miriam Conner, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>**
      - 2. Holland and Heart recruiting speakers
      - 3. \$4.00 per person from India Oven
      - 4. Amount Requested: \$180.00
      - 5. **Amount Recommended by Finance Committee: \$160.00**
      - 6. **Motion to Allocate: S. Ullrich**
        - a. **Second: VP Zamarripa**
      - 7. **Motion passes: unanimously**
    - ii. **DU Outlaws**

1. **Tranny Roadshow April 23<sup>rd</sup>**
2. Have been spending funds raised last year throughout this year and this is first request for an event
3. Campus wide event for all DU students regarding issues of being transgender by way of this group that comes in and perform as transgender.
4. Cost is actually 2500 + rental space, campus wide groups are contributing to cost of bringing in the group
5. Amount Requested: \$200.00
6. **Amount Recommended: \$200.00**
7. **Motion to allocate from general fund: S. Ullrich**
  - a. **Second: S. Keyser**
  - b. **S. Keyser moves to amend the allocation to be from a speaker event instead of a general fund allocation**
    - i. **Seconded by VP Zamarripa**
    - ii. **Motion passed unanimously**
8. **Motion to allocate \$200.00**
  - a. **Passes unanimously**
9. **Discussion**
  - a. How to handle campus wide events:
    - i. Participate in events with the business school
    - ii. Pres.: SBA has funded campus-wide events in the past and this is common
  - b. More info from Outlaws rep
    - i. Outlaws has participated in these events in the past, but has not contributed to the event
    - ii. The event is for a discussion and entertainment about transgender issues which are important in consideration of the non-discrimination policy passed last year

b.

**i. DU Outlaws**

1. **Travel to Legal Defense Network Lobby Days Washington, DC, March 5-7th**
2. No hotel costs, staying with a friend; going to Dean's for help also
3. Been asked by Boston College to participate for 3 years, but first time going – to build awareness and lobby Don't ask Don't Tell legislation
4. Sending 1L's to train for positions of leadership that they can carry on for the organization here
5. Amount Requested: \$1320.00
6. **Amount Recommended: \$800.00 (airfare, hotel, registration for two people)**

**7. Motion to allocate: S. Ullrich**

**a. Seconded: VP Zamarripa**

**8. Discussion**

- a.** S. Ullrich from Finance Committee: Concern about the issue that this was for lobbying, but the finance committee felt that the event connects our law school to other law school and also includes training for positions of leadership; the lobbying portion would be a small portion of the trip; the org has not asked for any other money this year and is using money from last year; also felt that lobbying not as big of an issue because any time money is given to any organization to go to a conference, there is always an element of promoting your own cause (case in point, the money given to the Federalist Society last week) at the conference; this group going to DC is no different than other orgs going to other conferences
- b.** Yield to Tristian Gorman from Outlaws: the event is primarily education oriented; the lobbying activity is optional and is at the end of the conference; put on by the Services Members Legal Defense Network (nonprofit); Boston College is putting on the event, trying to get coalition of law schools to get involved, asking DU for the past 3 years; important to attend because the issue is important for law school due to Solomon Amendments (non-discrimination policy towards transgender, homosexual, etc. both at the law school and also by employers recruiting at the law school); there is an exemption of the non-discrimination policy as it applies to the military as long as the law school engages in ameliorative efforts to counteract the military exemption; argument that this is certainly an ameliorative measure
- c.** Outlaws did protest quietly when JAG was here recruiting with signs and t-shirts
  - i.** Wanted to raise awareness but not be disruptive
- c.** Training portion of the event: Outlaws has not received the exact details but it is an education, training and networking event, not just on Don't Ask Don't Tell but also about the Solomon Amendments and their effects on law students; training would then be used to inform members of the student body about these issues and prospectively use this training to protest JAG more effectively

- i. Concern by Senator Richardson that the training would primarily concern the lobbying for Don't Ask Don't Tell
  - ii. Outlaw rep response: interested more in the other training as well as the lobbying;
  - iii. Are the other schools funded by the student body or is it privated funding?
    - 1. Outlaw response: most of the schools that have done this repeatedly have students that do this every year, not always just a gay and lesbian group that sends members
- d. Pres. Moloney: the idea of students going to this event is a good idea; the issue is whether the presence at this event benefits the student body as a whole - that is the requirement for distributing money through the bylaws;
  - i. Outlaws Response: both students attending are 1Ls; bringing back training and advocacy skills; one of the main points of ameliorative efforts is to send students to particular events about Don't Ask, Don't Tell and then send back students to conduct a lunch session, to work with Dean to establish a task force about ameliorative efforts; allow the school to have people with specialized knowledge performing ameliorative efforts
- e. Lobbying portions of the event
  - i. Directed towards law students and lawyers, learning advocacy skills, meeting with Senators and Congresspeople, practicing lobbying skills
- f. Solomon amendments: We as students don't want to have limited federal funding because the school protects certain people; protecting all groups of law students from these kinds of restrictions
- g. Sending speakers back to DU: certainly a possibility
- h. Another benefit would be to learn more about how to effectively protest JAG week and work towards ameliorative efforts; learning from other schools how they do this
- i. Explanation that although the good does not need to be for every student, there needs to be the "biggest bang for the buck" so to speak; also there is an issue about the speculation regarding the event and what it contains, need the agenda
  - i. Spending the maximum allowable rate for the students that has not been spent yet and other student groups have not gotten the amount with more benefits being shown
    - 1. Last week, the Black Law Student's Association given the maximum amount ; the Federalist Society has also been given the maximum amount; in fact, all groups have been given the maximum amount
  - ii. Supplementary fundraising
- j. Pres. Moloney: SBA has not made a practice out of telling students what to do when on trips; in the past when there are other events that do not benefit all of the students but it is combined with activities that do benefit

the school, then SBA gives funding; the interest of SBA in this matter is the training and the education, not the cause or the motivation for going

- i. In the past, SBA has required the specifics of the events so that SBA can better determine what the majority of the time will be spent on (education, training, getting speakers to come back to DU)
- k. S. Goff: Benefits have been enumerated; skills in lobbying translated into a myriad of workplace skills, this optional lobbying component is not the linchpin of the decision; the important aspect is that a student organization is going to DC to work with a collaborative group of law schools to work on a matter of national importance; valuable skills are being learned and precluding groups from learning a skill is not appropriate; lobbying is an important skill; reticent to limit a student org's means of advancement to increase constituency and get awareness on the issues with which that group is concerned
- l. VP Zamarripa: there is funding by SBA to go towards ABA meetings to elect members to lobby within the organization of ABA
- m. Finance Committee: SBA does not always receive a specific agenda from each group before funding
  - i. S. Richardson: to the contrary, although we do not receive an agenda, SBA has a good idea about what is going on at the event
- n. Motion to table the Request until next meeting when SBA can receive a more substantive view of the contents of the conference**
  - i. Seconded by S. Keyser**
  - ii. Response from S. Ullrich: the primary reason for giving funding is what the students can bring back to the law school and that has been established in his opinion
  - iii. S. Spezia: there has been a lot of information provided about what this conference is about and there has been less information from other groups who have received funding
  - iv. Pres. Moloney: the Sports Entertainment Law Society (Tae Darnell) had to provide specific contacts that he would be meeting with that would provide jobs to the student
    1. Goal is consistency
    2. Certain groups don't provide as much of an agenda but that group has been going for years
    3. Whatever decision is made is a precedent for this event in the future; that is why as a first time request it is important to get all of the information
  - v. S. Kelly: part of the reason that Tae put through the ringer was because there was only one person; also BALSA is representative of people in the law school and likewise Outlaws represents a particular groups at the school that should be represented at a national level

- vi. S. Keyser: when funds approved by SBA Finance Committee, there is usually a national chapter that has a conference – is there anything like that for Outlaws
  - 1. Response:
    - a. There is a national conference every year: normally the two presidents are sent each year, but there has not been a representative sent due to costs and interest to law students
    - b. This event is sponsored by the national non-profit; there is also a group of law schools that are setting up the conference
- vii. It would be helpful to get some kind of schedule or agenda for the conference
- viii. Response from Outlaws: agenda from SALT; researching and reviewing records, drafting talking points, drafting and finalizing thank you letters, effectively communicating with senators; this is grassroots lobbying; day 1 is learning how to lobby, day 2 is optional lobbying
  - 1. Also important to ameliorate the effects of the law; there is obligation to repeal the law because the law school is being bullied into what students can or cannot do by the government; the law school represents the policy of non-discrimination
- ix. Pres Moloney: there are a lot of things that are solely funded by the Dean's Suite that are important to the school, but are not within the SBA by-laws
  - 1. Outlaws talked to the Dean today and the Dean feels that the SBA should contribute a great deal of money; wants to see support from SBA as students because everyone pays dues and the money is supposed to protect
- x. Information regarding loss of federal funding would also be helpful
- xi. Motion to table: passed by a majority**
- o. Resolution 005: Prohibition on Lobbying By-Law Amendment**
  - 1. Introduced by Senator Richardson
- p. Request from Business Law Society
  - i. Door Prizes for Fundraising Event

V. Reports

- a. President
- b. Vice Presidents (Social/Planning)
  - i. Barrister's Ball
- c. Vice President (Fundraising)
- d. Treasurer
- e. Secretary
- f. ABA Rep
- g. Senators

VI. Adjourn

- a. Anything not discussed during today's meeting is set over for next time