

SBA Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2007

Senate Members in Attendance: Brad Moloney, Kyle McCarthy, Jennifer Zamarripa, Carl Miller, Paula Holt, Mia Fiedler, Sheena Moran, Sarah Gilliland, Nicole Spezia, Aaryn Richardson, Stephanie Suzanne, Aaron Hayden, Chadwell Murley

Senate Members (Late Arrival): Ryann MacDonald

Ex Officio Member in Attendance: Katie Kostka

SBA Members in Attendance: Steve Brantz, Richard Symmes, Marien Rodriguez, Eric Goltz

Minutes Recorded by: Mia Fiedler, SBA Secretary

- I. Call to Order (4:30 p.m.)
 - A. Kyle McCarthy, Vice President
- II. Old Business
 - A. Approval of 9/10/07 minutes
 1. No discussion, objections, or changes
 2. **Minutes stand approved**
 - B. Business Cards
 1. Ryann MacDonald not present
 2. Tabled until next week
 - C. Dress Code
 1. Last week, though there was much debate no decision was reached
 2. Discussion
 - a. There is sufficient notice to SBA Senate members to dress in business casual when administrators are present at the meetings.
 - b. As professionals, we should be able to dress in business casual at every meeting.
 - c. A formal written definition of business casual should be introduced and presented to the Senate.
 3. **Motion to establish a business casual dress code when Faculty and Administration are present at SBA meetings.**
 - a. Moved by Jennifer Zamarripa
 - b. Seconded Carl Miller
 - c. **Move to amend motion to establish business casual dress code to all meetings**
 - (1) Moved by Aaryn Richardson
 - (2) Seconded by Sarah Gilliland
 - (3) Voting: **Motion passes**
 - d. Voting: **Motion passes**
- III. New Business
 - A. AAP (Mary Steefel, Scott Johns)

1. Academic Achievement Program
 - a. The program specifically is focused on first year students and has been extended to also support to 2nd - 4th year students
 - (1) The program provides support for Administrative Law and Evidence
 - (a) People have been hired to work with people individually
 - (b) Help is available for the evening division of constitutional law and criminal law
 - b. The program is trying to help students during and after courses
 - c. The program is also extending substantive support and writing support
 - (1) The writing support clinic provides help for writing
 - (a) This is available for any course that may have writing heavy assignments including upper level writing requirement classes
 - (b) Professor Soma is thrilled to have help available for students
2. Scott Johns is the newest member of the program and will be working with the bar passage at DU
 - a. Last summer - headed the supplemental bar preparation workshop
 - (1) There were 5 full time people for 2 months, each class having a capacity of 25 or less
 - b. Mr. Johns taught in Southern CA for several years
 - (1) Mostly helping students help pass CA bar
 - c. Currently both Intermediate and Advanced Legal Analysis are offered
 - d. An outside firm is conducting a comprehensive 10 year study of various aspects of student studying, grades, classes, etc.
 - e. GPA requirement has been raised
 - (1) Applied to incoming students this year
 - (2) Requirement for required class will be phased in
- B. DU Student Chapter of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (Eric Goltz, Marien Rodriguez)
 1. The organization is seeking reinstatement as an SBA recognized organization
 2. The organization has recently elected a new board and prepared a revised constitution
 3. Currently, the organization already has a budget
 4. Proposal
 - a. Approximately 22 students involved with the group
 - b. Pursuant to constitution have elected board
 - c. Brief history of past events
 - d. Trying to model organization after previous organization
 - e. Working on increasing volunteer activities
 - f. There is a conference coming up - Lewis and Clark Animal Law Conference in Portland, OR
 - g. Part of the budget has already been allocated to help defray costs of the conference.
 - h. Recently established a borrowing library
 - i. Will be hosting several speakers throughout the year
 - (1) local attorneys

- (2) special topics
 - 5. Discussion:
 - a. The main issues, is whether to renew them as a student organization
 - b. Why does the group need reinstatement?
 - (1) A board was not selected in previous years and did not have much support or momentum. However, the organization is gradually becoming more active.
 - c. **Motion to re-instate the Animal Legal Defense Fund as an SBA recognized organization.**
 - (1) Moved by Jennifer Zamarippa
 - (2) Seconded by Sheena Moran
 - (3) Vote: **Motion passes**
- C. Funding Requests
 - 1. Jewish Law Society
 - a. Annual Budget Request:
 - (1) Requested \$3,080.00
 - (2) **Recommended by Finance Committee: \$665.00**
 - (a) Recommendation breakdown:
 - i) 3 meetings x \$125 = \$375
 - ii) \$150 Banner/Supplies
 - iii) \$140 for 4 different events
 - b. Discussion:
 - (1) The Finance Committee examined last year's allocation, fundraising, use of budget, and their current balance
 - (a) Annual allocation for previous year: \$760.00
 - (b) Current balance: \$1500.00
 - (2) Finance Committee determined that the Ski Pass fundraiser would likely cover most of their costs
 - (3) **Motion to allocated \$665.00 to the Jewish Law Society for their annual budget.**
 - (a) Moved by Paula Holt
 - (b) Seconded by Chadwell Murley
 - (c) Vote: **Motion passes**
 - 2. Sports & Entertainment Law Society
 - a. Annual Budget Request:
 - (1) Requested: \$3,230.00
 - (2) **Recommended by Finance Committee: \$775.00**
 - (a) 3 meetings x \$125 = \$375
 - (b) \$200 for Rockies game event
 - i) asked for \$300, but only spent \$188, so \$200 likely sufficient
 - (c) \$200 for Nuggets game event
 - b. Discussion:
 - (1) Last year's allocation was \$610.00
 - (2) The current balance is \$400
 - (3) Minimal fundraising event last year only raised \$500.00
 - c. **Motion to allocate \$775.00 to the Sports & Entertainment Law**

Society for their annual budget.

- (1) Moved by Paula Holt
 - (2) Seconded by Sheena Moran
 - (3) Vote: **Motion passes**
3. Employment Law Association
- a. Food for Informational Meeting
 - (1) Requested: \$150.00
 - (2) **Recommended by Finance Committee: \$140.00**
 - b. Discussion:
 - (a) Based on food for meetings;
 - (b) Only wanted one meeting (informational) and the cap is \$90 per meeting
 - (c) An additional \$50 was requested for a banner
 - c. **Motion to allocate \$140.00 to the Employment Law Association for food for their informational meeting.**
 - (1) Moved by Paula Holt
 - (2) Seconded by Sheena Moran
 - (3) Vote: **Motion passes**
4. Dave Ratner & Richard Symmes
- a. Travel Request
 - (1) Sports & Entertainment Annual Conference in NY
 - (2) Hotel, Air, Registration Fee, Food
 - (3) Requested: \$2,140.00
 - (4) **Recommended by Finance Committee: \$500.00**
 - b. Discussion:
 - (1) The request is on behalf of Sport and Entertainment Law Society
 - (2) The Finance Committee is basing its recommendation on the airfare for the students.
 - (3) The recommendation is substantially lower than the request because of the cap (up to \$400.00/person) as well as the availability of funds from the Dean's Suite.
 - (4) SBA should not be covering food expenses
 - (5) The current VP and former President will be attending
 - (6) Registration is over \$300
 - (7) In previous experience, Dean doesn't always fulfill requests
 - (8) Last year, the student had received \$400.00 for a conference
 - (9) Conference benefits also benefits the school by bringing in possibility speakers
 - (10) How is this conference different from other conferences?
 - (a) It is the largest sports and entertainment conference
 - (b) It is probably the most important conference of the year for this field
 - (c) Because the field is so competitive is it extremely important to network
 - (11) How does the networking help the school?
 - (a) Speakers which would not otherwise be available to the school are often available as a result of the networking

(12) If we allot \$500.00, once he goes to Dean suite and don't get much money, can they come back?

(a) A request has already been submitted to the Dean's suite

c. **Motion to allocated \$500.00 to Dave Ratner and Richard Symmes for travel to the Sport & Entertainment Annual Conference in NY.**

(1) Moved by Paula Holt

(2) Seconded by Sheena Moran

(3) Vote: **Motion passes**

D. SBA Election Update

1. Jennifer Zamarripa:

a. There is one candidate unopposed for LLM Senator position

b. There are 12 candidates for Day Senators

c. There are 2 candidates for Evening Divisions

d. Polls will be open from 9:00 am Tuesday morning to 7pm on Thursday

IV. Reports

A. President

1. Faculty Committee Assignments

a. Would like to pick 1-3 committees to have student involvement

b. Agenda item next week

2. DU Recycling

a. Katie Kostka:

(1) Lauri Mlinar is in charge of facilities

(a) She will be meeting with the facilities manager and Fred Cheever

(2) Recycling is happening but not sure how much recycling is going on

(3) NRELS and DU Democrats and any other interested students as to what the law school is doing regarding the recycling will hopefully be invited to the SBA Senate meeting next week.

(4) Email will be sent to NRELS to see if they will attend the meeting (new business item)

B. Vice-Presidents (Social/Planning)

1. Social Committee - There will be a meeting on Wednesday from 4-5, location TBA

a. Agendas will be emailed as of Monday morning;

b. New business - if there is an item that needs to be added to the agenda, it must come in the form of a proposed written motion no later than 5:00 p.m Thursday

(1) Discussion:

(a) What if we just want to discuss, not bring a motion?

(b) If it is just an issue and hope that it will become a motion, bring it to Senator reports

(c) By having written proposed motions, become more efficient

(d) will copies of the motions be emailed out with the agenda as well?

i) Yes

2. Harvest Party - Purple Martini
 - a. 9:00 p.m. to Midnight
 - b. Unable to send an email to advertise drink specials - likely will be able to send email for Barrister's Ball
 - (1) ladies free with DU ID
 - (2) 20% off any tab with DU ID for guys
 - c. What is the process
 - (1) 6 martinis plus mixed drinks are free; regular list of martinis is free;
3. Townhall meetings
 - a. Hopefully first or second week of October
 - b. Anyone welcome to the social committee meeting if they want to help
- C. Vice-President (Fundraising)
 1. LRAP Lap
 - a. Talked to the student ambassadors to get people to call and solicit donations but need a lead sponsor first
 2. Bookstore
 - a. Pulled in \$12,500, paid out \$8,000+
 - b. Chadwell has been taking much of the responsibility
- D. Treasurer
 1. Current balance: \$47,759
 2. Dean Suite contribution of \$55,000 will be received sometime this week
 3. Travel after today: \$14,474
 4. Speaker after today: \$7,280
 5. Fundraising Seed Money: \$1,010.
 6. Student Organizations: \$2,335, but we still need to allocate money to 2 organizations - LSFC and HLS
 7. \$200 left in general account
- E. Secretary
 1. Website is being updated, thought there is approximately 2 week turnaround time
 - a. The business cards prices should be adjusted on the website
- F. ABA/LSD
 1. Have received the requested updated list - currently 270 members registered with ABA
 2. Newly elected board met this week, mostly 2Ls
 - a. Website updated
 - b. Events planned
 3. Project: Homelessness
 - a. Working on getting something planned for October - want to do something that month in conjunction with the national organization, but also would like to make it a year long project and continue to bring issues
- G. Senators
- V. Adjourn (5:30 p.m.)