



## **SBA Meeting Minutes October 8, 2007**

Senate Members in Attendance:

Brad Moloney, Kyle McCarthy, Paula Holt,  
Carl Miller, Lee Morehead, Aaron Hayden,  
Kelly Walker, Ben Goff, Michelle Brand, Jon  
Keyser, Brenda Jordahl, Matt Ullrich, Aaryn  
Richardson, Ryann MacDonald, Nicole Spezia,  
Sarah Gilliland

Senate Members not in Attendance:

Mia Fiedler, Sheena Moran, Stephanie  
Suzanne

Ex Officio Member in Attendance:

Katie Kostka (arrived late)

Minutes Recorded by:

Jennifer Zamarripa, SBA Evening VP

- I. Call to Order (4:32 p.m.)
  - A. Called by Brad Moloney
- II. Speakers/Guests
  - A. Ben Kass, President of NRELS – Working on a project to conserve paper use.  
Came up with solutions
    1. Printers are capable of printing double-sided (change the default to double-sided)
      - a. Do students have the access to settings at the law school
      - b. IT says yes and there will be additional instructions
      - c. No opposition so far – IT says that it was attempted in the past and the professors were not okay with it.
      - d. Ben will make sure that it will work with Vista
      - e. NRELS will look into getting it done on other student org printers (specifically the SBA printer)
    2. Separate printer in the library that will have recycled paper (stuff already printed on one side and these printouts will be single-sided)
- III. Unfinished Business
  - A. Tae Darnell, Travel Request – Motion to reconsider the allocation of \$250
    1. Sarah: in favor to give the money, we consistently give money to other groups. We should either change the policy or give him the money. Tae should not be the
    2. Ben Goff: Tae sent him a letter with a list of people he will be meeting with
    3. Nicole: Tae seems to have a plan and goals at this meeting, not just something simple and vague like others. Based on the info from the

initial vote, it was not the information that he gave to the Finance Committee. We should have been given more information. We received the same exact info from all three people who want to go. The other two guys don't have meetings set up like Tae does. We should give them all money.

4. Paula: Finance committee reconsidered – we were unsure that he would be able to bring back internships (that is up to the internship office). They did not know how much power Tae had. The committee felt they were being bullied into the request. We are already sending two other students who could bring all he plans to bring back. Committee wants to be more restrictive on how and when we allocate money. Finance committee presented everything that he gave to the finance committee. The Committee did not withhold anything that he said. The committee changed because of the things that Senate brought up during the initial discussion. Tae brought in more information on appeal.
5. Ryann: we should not let the fact that we are sending two people influence this decision. How do you decide what people get to go to the event?
6. Aaryn: We should not approve more than \$250 in the event that we decide to fund him
7. Jon: Against allocation. Error on the side of clubs and orgs, not people. There is a slippery slope – it is the discretion of the finance committee to decide who and when. The senate already voted on this. Two new members of the finance committee who were not there for the first consideration.
8. Kyle: Concerned that the finance committee discussed things that are not appropriate to be discussed in the senate meeting. The finance committee's stance has changed. What Tae told Kyle is what Tae told the Finance Committee, but the full senate did not hear his side. SBA will fund student orgs at whole new level if we approve a proposed motion.
9. Brenda: How do we distribute money? We are working on coming up with more guidelines to make things more fair.
10. Carl: If you are going to get drunk, do it on your own time. If you are going to make a presentation or something valid, we should fund that. We should not fund empty promises.
11. Kelly: Now is not the time to doubt how finance committee makes their decisions. Now is not the time to hash out the issues of finance allocations. Tae is working on his own and she doubts that she can bring back what he promises.
12. Brad: Leave it to the senators to make the decision. We sent two other people to go on this trip for the exact same reasons that Tae is presenting now – it is commonplace for the SBA to do this. We need to be transparent about what we are doing and why we are doing it.
13. Jen: Transparency is an issue. We have always allowed this kind of event. We cannot retroactively apply a new rule. I agree that we need to

have a more stringent requirement in the future, but we will look bad to deny it just because we want to put our foot down now. I think we need to create new rules and inform people for future requests, not retroactive requests.

**14. Motion by Ben Goff: Table this issue until Tae returns with internships.**

- a. Seconded by Carl Miller
- b. Ryann: not fair to add the stipulation to one person – not now, maybe in the future.
- c. In Favor: none; 14 opposed; 1 abstention
- d. Motion Failed

**15. Motion by Kyle McCarthy to allocate \$250 to Tae Darnell**

- a. Seconded by Brenda Jordahl
- b. 9 for; 7 opposed; no abstentions
- c. Motion Passed

IV. New Business

A. Funding Requests

1. Employment Law Society

- a. Speaker Request
  - (1) Requested: \$177.57
  - (2) Recommended by Finance Committee: \$177.57
    - (a) Lynn Fieger, on Employment Law
    - (b) Money for food, expected 50 people - \$3.55/person from Chipotle and utensils
- b. Motion by Paula Holt to allocate \$177.57 to Employment Law society.
  - (1) Seconded by Matt Ullrich
  - (2) We gave BLS the money for a similar event
  - (3) They had 50 people at the last event
  - (4) Unanimous vote for
  - (5) Motion Passed

B. Resolutions

1. Reallocation of Funds to Student Organizations within the SBA Budget

- a. Sponsored by Sheena Moran, Brenda Jordahl, Jon Keyser, Matt Ullrich, Paula Holt
- b. Presented by Paula Holt
- c. **Resolution by Paula Holt: That the Student Bar Association allocate: \$15,000 to the Student Organization account and \$1,000 to the General Funds account of the unallocated funds, leaving \$20,870 funds in the SBA account.**
  - (1) Seconded by Jennifer Zamarripa
- d. Increase in income and funds left over from last year. Please see the resolution for wording.
  - (1) Previous year was just an anticipation
  - (2) Increase in student fees by about \$36,000

- (3) Higher than anticipated, but Paula wanted to leave a bit of room to move that remaining almost \$20,000 throughout the year
- (4) Where does this additional money come from? Will the Dean's Suite come back and want money for LRAP?
- (5) We would like to see some guidelines on how the funds would be allocated
- (6) Finance committee is working on a new set of bylaws.
- (7) Keep in mind the difference between guidelines and restrictions
- e. Motion by Aaryn Richardson: Table the issue until next meeting
  - (1) Seconded by Kelly Walker
  - (2) 13 for; 0 against; 3 abstentions

### C. Reports

- 1. President
  - a. Library is putting together a website that will capture the history of the SCOL. They want to collect pictures from student events.
  - b. Library is going to close the last week of December.
- 2. Vice Presidents (Social/Planning)
  - a. Kyle:
    - (1) Townhall Meeting –
      - (a) Sent an email to all student leaders. He has still not heard from anyone
      - (b) Will talk to Katie to send a student-wide email to get their questions and concerns
    - (2) Barrister's Ball
      - (a) Social Committee met last week
      - (b) We narrowed it to two locations – Hyatt downtown and Denver Art Museum
  - b. Jen – trick or treat street email to student orgs no later than Friday.
- 3. Vice President (Fundraising) - nothing
- 4. Treasurer – No finance committee meeting this week.
- 5. Secretary
- 6. ABA/LSD - We are planning to speak in all 1L and required courses next week. We are planning a ABA and Homelessness awareness week for the last week in October. We are currently scheduling speakers and hopefully a homelessness outreach project. More details to come next week.
- 7. Senators
  - a. Jon Keyser: Not thinking about the request itself, but if it should come to the Senate. The committee is not to kill a request. He would like to encourage input to the finance committee.
  - b. Aaryn Richardson:
    - (1) Professionalism Task Force: met with Kacey Brackney this week. Want to get a representative from the Honor Board to come together on policy issues. Ultimate goal: someone

from the Honor Board and meet with Dean Bryan to go over goals for the year. If you have anything on your mind, please talk to Aaryn.

- (2) Sandra Day O'Connor – Wednesday at noon. Mitt Romney will also be here at 4:00-4:45 speaking and taking questions – in the Forum.

V. Adjourn (5:28 p.m.)