

SBA FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

October 17, 2007; 12:10-1:10p.m.

Minutes take by Paula in blue italics

Senators Present: Matt Ullrich, Jon Keyser

I. NEW REQUESTS –

a. National Lawyer's Guild –

- i. Representatives Present: Nuriel Heckler and Michelle Devitt
- ii. *Amount:* \$ 634.00 (7 people)
- iii. *Reason:* Travel (for seven people) to Washington D.C., The National Lawyers Guild National Law for the People Convention
 1. Got free student hostels for night stays
 2. Fund raised to pay for most of air fare
 3. Asking just for the registration fees and ground transportation
 - a. *By-laws say 2/3 of registration fee + transportation*
- iv. *SBA Account:* Travel
 1. Balance of \$ 12,935 (allocated \$3,064 so far this yr)

Q? Benefit to the school? And benefit of sending 7 over 2?

- *Since able to cover most costs, they wanted to send more people in order to get more involved and aware of public interest opportunities*
 - o *Committee discussed how beneficial it is to set a precedent that we can send 7 people to a convention for less then we sent 3 to the Sports and Entertainment convention*
 - o *Still below their \$1,200 per org allocation for travel.*
- *The benefits include a current topic of defending protestor rights regarding the upcoming campaign and elections.*
- *Last year they were able to meet the Student VP of the Guild and have continued to stay in touch, as networking for the school. They were also put in touch with the Guild at CU and have been planning events with the school*

Where did you get other funding?

- *Significant fundraising and staying with attorney in D.C. for free.*
- *Did not ask for an annual budget from SBA*

b. Intellectual Property Law Society –

- i. Representative Present: none
- ii. *Amount:* \$ 250.00
- iii. *Reason:* Realities of "Big Firm Life" Speaker Event with Lee Osman a managing partner of Dorsey & Whitney LLC
 1. Expected attendance of 30 people
 2. \$8.33 per person from Tokyo Bowl
- iv. *SBA Account:* Speaker
 1. Balance of \$9,150 (allocated \$2,850 so far this yr)

Committee discussed:

- *\$8.33 highest per person request this year*
- *Although total is low since only 30 people, we want to encourage organizations to find cheaper venues for food, or pay for some out of pocket costs to have more expensive.*
- *\$5.00 per person is an amount we stipulated to, as we would like to put that in our by-laws and wanted to discuss it with senate*

c. Business Law Society –

- i. Representative Present: Zac Christensen
- ii. *Amount:* \$ 325.95
- iii. *Reason:* “Realities of Starting your Own Firm” Speaker Event
 1. Expected attendance of 100 people, based off attendance at this specific event the past two times
 2. \$3.06 per person from Jabos BBQ
 3. Money for utensils and water bottles from speakers
- iv. *SBA Account:* Speaker
 1. Balance of 9,150 (allocated \$2,850 so far this yr)

Q?: Why is this event just coming to SBA?

- *Committee discussed that since this event has taken place the past two years, and BLS likely had to confirm with the speaker weeks ago, the funding request could have been submitted earlier.*
 - o *We want to encourage BLS submit timely requests.*
- *The committee did not want to encourage the practice of having or being required to pay for something since it has already happened and our name was put on the email*
 - o *Zac said he was just informed of the request need on Monday.*

Q? No event has been at the 70-100 person anticipated attendance proposed.

- *The committee discussed recommending a more realistic attendance of 50 people as that is generally the attendance.*
- *We also felt utensils for food should come out of supplies cost allocated in the annual budget at the beginning of the year*
- *We wanted to encourage BLS buy cheaper water bottles at the SBA bookstore instead of for a \$1.25 in the vending machines.*
- *We felt, cutting costs to be efficient and realistically anticipating event attendance are essential to what it means to be a business society.*

II. BUSINESS MATTERS –

a. By-Laws –

- i. Proposed changes/caps, discussion

Postponed until next week as we are missing two members