

## **SBA Agenda**

### **April 8, 2009**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - a. Meeting Minutes 4/1/09 - approved
  - b. Reports
    - i. Senator's Reports
      - 1. 1L John C – Is it possible to sell Red Bull or Monster at school café? Ask Sodexo.
        - a. Katie V – Someone could probably talk to Sodexo.
      - 2. IL Karina – Had student approach her about Domestic Violence clinic she wants to start, is currently working with Prof. Miccio to get it rolling in the Fall. If anyone is interested, please let Karina know.
    - ii. President's Reports
    - iii. Committee Reports
      - 1. Fundraising Committee
        - a. Alan – Thanks for everyone's help with Race! It was cold on Sunday, but it was good! We made Front page of *Writ*. Things to improve for next year, Alan hasn't talked with Boruta people yet, but would like to figure out additional causes possibly for next year. Wants to thank fundraising committee for their hard work!
          - i. Michelle – Congrats to Alan and FC – great job!
          - ii. Alan – We can start reserving dates for next year starting in November. Any comments or questions can be emailed to Alan. Raised over \$4k for both causes!
          - iii. Michelle – We also might be able to make a donation too.
      - 2. Student Life Committee- nothing
      - 3. Social Committee
        - a. We couldn't move 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, will still happen this Friday.
        - b. SBA elections – only 2 contested positions, maybe have results this Friday instead of next week.
          - i. Michelle – If it can be done, let's do it this week.
          - ii. Charles – as a committee member, we'll get it taken care of.

- iii. **Tiffany – Motion to move election announcement to this Friday. Cody seconds.** Administration on board. Motion passes.
  - iv. 24<sup>th</sup> is end of year party for everyone. 5-7pm reserved for food. Governor's Park. Will announce student awards at 6pm.
4. Election Committee
- a. Charles – He will check in with Linda about the election spreadsheet. Will find out who gets the results and where they get sent.
    - i. Also, an email going around about awards announcements going out at noon? Not SBA sponsored. SBA will be expected to attend.
5. Communications Committee - nothing
6. Finance Committee
- a. Matt has 3 requests:
  - b. **Motion to allocate \$150 to PILG. (WHO SECONDED?)** Speaker event for free legal research, will be held on 13<sup>th</sup>, expecting about 35 people, fits within our range for allocations. Will show how to use research engines other than Westlaw and Lexis for. **Motion passes.**
  - c. **Motion to \$400 for travel to public interest and environmental law conference for NRELS. Seconded by Ben Goff.** Katie J went to two conferences, and has speakers coming in the Fall here.
    - i. Max – what is max allocation for student travel?
      - 1. \$400.
    - ii. **Katie abstains, motion passes.**
  - d. **Laramie Project – reading to be performed on Oct. 2010, commemorates death of Matthew Shepard.** Nationwide troupe is trying to have the reading on the same day to several schools, but need help with funding. Brought it to the Senate to get ideas on donations - \$200? Can do it now and see if other law schools do anything? \$500 right away, student groups will probably not give much.
    - i. Katie – up to 950 people can go to this, campus-wide, expected to be controversial.
    - ii. Tiffany – Would be in support of giving \$1,000, student groups do use their funds

and may not be available. Is something we should support!

- iii. Linda – Is reading going to be somewhere on DU as well?
  1. Katie – Yes, reading will be in Newman Center.
  2. Linda – Are student orgs required to get rid of money at the end of the year?
  3. Matt – No, but the amount that they don't use will be taken into consideration for budgets next year.
  4. Katie – Will be sending email to all student orgs.
  5. Charles - \$10k budget for just DU production?
  6. Katie - \$7500 to buy rights, other \$2500 goes towards bringing facilitator onto campus for 2 days to rehearse with participants in reading. There will be campus-wide build-up events to the reading on Oct. 12.
  7. Alan – Where does money come from?
  8. Matt – Move some money into LRAP account right away for next year, and then we need to build up bookstore account, we have about \$25k for the rest of the year.
- iv. **Alan – Move to allocate \$1k, Melina seconds.**
  1. Karina – From FC perspective, because every time we have speaker come in, we ask some rigorous questions and we shouldn't prioritize this event. We never give above \$300 to an org. Reading is a great idea, and they will be trying to get funding from around campus.
  2. John C – In reference to Karina, it's true, but to justify giving more – all law students could be in attendance, rather than one org. Charge to attend? If so, where will that money go?

- a. Katie V – Hasn't been determined. If \$10k is raised, then students will not be charged for tickets.
3. Konrad – When does money need to be raised by? Oct. 12.
4. Katie V – Another option, maybe do \$500 from this year, \$500 from next year's budget? Looking to have solid leads in place in the next few weeks.
5. Konrad – FC talked about giving initial amount and then look at student orgs' reaction, follow up later?
6. Ben – If we make our contribution contingent on rest of funds being made, puts us in a bad position. Make substitute motion, but some contribution is important.
7. Phil – As of end of March, Latino Law students and Black Law Students have more than \$4k, several have large funds left. Lot of money in orgs' budgets.
8. Matt – I'm not happy about orgs having that much money in their budgets, but orgs may have a problem giving money to a campus-wide presentation. **Amend the motion to give \$500, and see what happens. Tiffany seconds. Motion passes.**
9. Darryl – Not accurate to look at student orgs, student sometimes have to wait to be reimbursed. Doesn't mean that it's not accounted for.
10. Melina – This is really about something that we can be a part of. This is a national reading, and we can afford it. Think we should give \$1k happily.
11. Alan – Agree. We can serve as an example. We are going to spend money for this reading, we could

serve as a leader in this cause! We certainly have the money.

12. **Melina – Move to give \$1k. Alan seconds.** Motion fails. Back to \$500.

a. Linda – We should keep at \$500 to give orgs a chance to give.

b. Tiffany – Should we wait until next week to decide?

**Motion to table. Charles seconds. Motion fails.**

13. **Motion to give \$500 passes.**

V. New Business

- a. Student Org Treasurers need to have next years' budget completed by 4/17, send to Matt. Budgets will then be proposed to next year's Senate.
- b. Tiffany – Spoke with Ben, and we are going to be having Mental Health week during week of 4/20. We will be making our own kits, maybe at next Senate meeting we can get kits put together. Hoping that everyone would be willing to help. We'll be working on getting massages too, working to get more food.
  - i. Mentor stuff has been sent to Katie, will be sent out soon.
  - ii. Went to final ABA meeting:
    1. Going over standards for accreditation, currently looking at some important ones. For example, requirement that students can't work more than 20 hours a week in first semester, restriction on number of course hours per semester, prohibition on payment for clinical work. Also looking at having more adjuncts come in, loosen tenure track. Doing this over a 2 year span. Want student input.
      - a. Legal education on ABA website. Really would like to hear from students. Will affect what rules law students adhere to. Will send around powerpoint.
    2. Also very important for students to sign the email that the Dean sent around regarding Bar loans.
    3. Darryl – We should make sure some Mental Health events take place in the evening.
      - a. Tiffany – We did last year, and will do that again this year. Funding ran out last year, but hopefully we'll get sponsors.
- c. Alan – Would like to introduce Terrell McCasland to discuss starting new orgs. Is currently looking to start Law and Neuroscience conference, can benefit students (advances in lie detector technology, for example). There is an audience for this conference, local legal community and judicial community – don't know what to do with this new technology. Criminal

law professor has offered to be sponsor for this org, knows a lot of people doing research currently in this field. Feels that students need to learn more about this technology, given that it's being used in corporate, domestic relations, and criminal legal matters. Faculty development is a possibility in this area. Is working with Alan to create org and properly request funding for speakers, etc.

- i. John C – Is Prof. Marceau involved? He had a speaker on this topic with at least 200 people in attendance.
- ii. Yes.

VI. Adjourn