

## **SBA Agenda September 8, 2008**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Speakers/Guests
- III. Introduction of Senate members to new 1L Senators; Steven is GSAC Senator
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - a. Meeting Minutes – 8/25/08 – Senate approved
- V. New Business
  - a. Jon Keyser
    - i. Senate Notebooks
      - 1. List of SBA-sponsored Student Orgs included
    - ii. Standing Committees
      - 1. Finance Committee – Matt (Chair)
        - a. Considers travel requests from Student Orgs, make recommendation on amount to be approved to Senate; Senate has final vote on approval
        - b. Speaker funds – allocate certain money to orgs or individuals for speakers
          - i. Karina
          - ii. Phil
          - iii. Drew
          - iv. Adam
          - v. Konrad
      - 2. Social Committee – Tiffany (Chair)
        - a. In charge of Barrister’s Ball
        - b. At committee’s discretion, planning “Bar Reviews”
          - i. Alan
          - ii. John
          - iii. Melina
          - iv. Konrad
          - v. Adam
          - vi. Stephen
      - 3. Communications – Lindsay (Chair)
        - a. Communicating with Dean, Student Orgs, Classmates
        - b. In charge of website updates, changes as needed; make sure students are updated as necessary; communicate with Matt and The Writ
        - c. Facebook page; creative way to keep in touch with students
          - i. John
          - ii. Drew
          - iii. Max
          - iv. Phil

4. Fundraising Committee – Michelle (Chair)
    - a. SBA Bookstore
      - i. Alan
      - ii. Karina
      - iii. Darryl
      - iv. Cody
      - v. Charles
  5. Election Committee – Linda (Chair)
    - i. Max
    - ii. Charles
  6. Student Life Committee – Katie (Chair)
    - a. Student Outreach
    - b. In charge of business cards
    - c. Community involvement
    - d. More bike racks for law school
      - i. Melina
      - ii. Ben
      - iii. Stephen
- iii. Meeting w/ Dean
1. Jon
    - a. Discussed Harvest Party
    - b. Good 1L attendance at Purple Martini
      - i. When Senate is sponsoring, some events are mandatory
      - ii. Bike Rack issue – still working on it with DU Dean, hopefully new racks will be here next week
      - iii. Order of Coif – Collective group of schools, top 10% of class gets to be Order of the Coif; CU and Wyoming are currently on list, big deal for DU to be included – prestigious. Will help with standing, rankings, admissions.
        1. Dean Chen will help with getting a log of faculty awards to include with application process
    - c. Proposal to discuss After Hours Access with Dean
      - i. Katie Vilders addressed: not everyone will be approved, if students are interested, student needs to contact Katie to complete form
        1. Current hours are 7am-10pm, this would give student access anytime.
        2. Campus Security will escort After Hours students out of building if

student does not have their ID card with them

iv. Speaker Fund requests

1. Reiterate options given to Student Org leaders at August meeting
2. Matt received input – 12 emails total from student orgs. 7 voted keep same, 5 wanted money up front, 1 wanted hybrid approach.
  - a. Matt suggested that process be kept the same, works but is time consuming. Is open to change if student orgs elect.
    - i. Enact ranking system? Ranking coordinated to a certain value.
    - ii. Problem with upfront – some orgs may be more active than last year. Suggests leaving some money in fund so that there is something to work with for new orgs.

v. Phil McGrane

1. \$8k in speaker fund; finance discussions were huge last year, wants to distribute money to cut down on SBA involvement time
  - a. The Speaker fund is “double dipping,” orgs also get general allocation money
  - b. Maybe gave out too much money initially to orgs, put \$3k into general fund, other \$5k -- \$2500 to be allocated to orgs, \$2500 divided proportional to requests from last year
2. Matt responded --
  - a. Wants \$8k to go to speakers, not in general fund. Spent \$7500 on speakers last year, budgeted according to last year’s numbers.
  - b. If put in general fund, can do something else, and it won’t be given to orgs
  - c. If we vote to allocate upfront, finance committee could talk about it, and figure out a plan and decide next meeting
3. Adam –
  - a. Opposed to motion; SBA doesn’t know how much orgs will use that money. Is willing to sit and listen to allocation request
4. Karina -- Divide out base pay, orgs can petition for more
5. Max – against motion, elected to represent students, want to do what we can to help out orgs. It could easily turn in to free-for-all, if we want to encourage fiscal responsibility, upfront allocation will not encourage. Allocate according to last year.

6. Stephen – Against motion. Other uses for money. We don't know what type of groups will be appearing in the future.
7. Linda – Against allocation. There will be orgs that are going to be active this year that were not as active last year. To allocate on the last year premise is not fair. Ask orgs where their previous allocation went? Hold them accountable for their own fundraising, money management? If not, it feels like an allowance.
8. Tiffany – \$8k broken down into 65 groups, only \$130 to each group, beneficial to allocate some money to each group.
9. Matt – would like to keep process same. Finance committee sits down with each org to examine their finances, and ask them WHY they are requesting extra money.
10. Jon – From finance committee perspective, it's a difficult process, but good system. But it takes a lot of senate time. Concern is that if Speaker fund is not allocated, it will simply take an enormous amount of time to go through this business.
11. John – question – was there a lot of organizations that requested and were denied?
  - a. Jon – Finite amount of money, try to gauge who gets what.
12. Melina – Finance committee comes up with amount?
  - a. Matt - Yes, in theory. Some requests are legit and are very quick, but others need more scrutiny. Sometimes orgs come to meetings to talk and present their opinions.
  - b. Jon – When orgs bring members, that usually takes the whole meeting.
13. Max – Did every student org request money for a speaker last year?
  - a. No
14. Projected percentage? About 50%.
15. Michelle – Why not have a set dollar amount per head? That way proposal could just be simply a number of attendees.
  - a. Matt – there are bylaws that put a cap.

**Phil - Motion to move \$3k to general fund, distribute \$5k Speaker fund money – 1/2 to all orgs, 1/2 to last year's requesters by %.**

**No second. Motion dead.**

**Matt – Motion to keep process same. Seconded by Max.**

- a. Requests to go through finance committee and then be presented to Senate.
- b. Vote to allocate as to last year? Motion Passed.

**a. Roll call vote (for):**

- i. Matt**
- ii. Linda**
- iii. Lindsay**
- iv. Max**
- v. Drew**
- vi. Melina**
- vii. Stephen**
- viii. John**
- ix. Katie**
- x. Adam**
- xi. Konrad**
- xii. Alan**

**b. Opposed**

- i. Phil**
- ii. Michelle**
- iii. Karina**

**c. Abstentions - NONE**

**Karina – Motion to amend, motion to create hybrid. Seconded.**

- a. Max – details?
- b. Karina – Allocate money initially to orgs, others that don't need it can request it later.
- c. Michelle – some orgs that have a different president than last year. Hindering orgs based on last year's leadership. Not fair across board.
- d. Amendment failed.

**Phil – Motion to extend meeting by 5 mintues. Return to Matt's Motion.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**