

SBA Minutes

September 16, 2009

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Welcome to new Senators
 - a. 1Ls Christina Huszcza, Casey Leier, and Maureen Weiland
 - b. 3Ls Julie Andress and Colleen Kelley
- IV. New Meeting Rules – Phil
 - a. Adhering to Roberts Rules is working well, will continue with more enforcement. We will also be implementing new guest speaker policy, keep presentations to 5 minutes. Doesn't prohibit discussion amongst Senate, but need to keep things short. Phil will be managing meetings right now for awhile to keep order, eventually would like to have someone else run meetings.
 - i. Darryl – Can we move to extend time? No. We want guests to come here, but need to watch time management.
 - ii. John C – Does this apply to administration. No.
- V. Approve Minutes from 9/9/09 (w/ Alan and Melina's revisions). **Motion to approve minutes, seconded by Melina. Approved.**
- VI. Q&A with Dean Cheever (will be rescheduled to next week due to conflict)
- VII. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Current Financial Status – Current balance \$79,238.60
 - b. Finance Committee Requests
 - i. LLSA Travel Request

To: National Latina/o Law Student Association (NLLSA)
Conference Number of Students: 3
Requested Amount Per Student: \$664.00 **Total:** \$1,328.00
Est. Cost Per Student: \$664.00
2/3 of Est. Cost: \$442.67
Travel Dates: September 25, 09 – September 27, 09
Finance Committee Recommendation: \$800.00

Alan – Where is conference? Chicago. **Motion to vote on allocation to LLSA, John C seconds. Unanimous approval.**
 - ii. DU Dems Speaker Travel Funds Request

To: University of Denver
Number of Students: 0 (Speaker would be flown to DU)
Requested Amount: \$300-\$500
Travel Dates: September 28, 2009
Finance Committee Recommendation: \$400.00

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Karina – How many people? 75. Money spent for travel for speaker. Verified with Dean’s Suite and this is acceptable. Something we’ve never done, will this continue? Jon feels that if we’re going to fund people to go to conference, why not fly someone in to benefit entire student body. Last year we encouraged speakers to come for free.

Sarah – How much will costs be? \$300-500 to date.

Patrick – Assume since event is week and half away, will this group request funding for meal? Don’t know, assume they would have submitted request at same time.

Melina – Move that we allocate the \$400, ask for whatever they don’t spend back. SBA does not go back and verify what is actually spent. Alan seconds. Unanimous approval.

VIII. Unfinished Business

a. Alan

- i. Dean Hoffman proposal – approved last meeting.
- ii. Postponed motion from last week re: SBA Sponsorship of Health Law Society Week
 1. John C – Anticipating that by next meeting we’ll have a set meaning for SBA sponsorship. Concerns on both sides as to what “sponsorship” would mean, right now sponsorship would mean we have option to send out emails for the student org and the option to fund, but we’re not committed to doing so.
 2. Alan – Wants to make it clear that we’re co-sponsoring an *event*, and not the group in particular.

Alan – Motion for SBA Sponsorship of Health Law Society Week (and send emails for advertising on behalf of these orgs, maximum of two emails). John C seconds. 8 voted to approve, 6 voted to not approve. Approved by majority.

Chris – Having “option” doesn’t sound very strong, “sponsoring” sounds like we’re backing up the event. We would have to develop some sort of criteria for deciding.

John C – If we commit ourselves to an amount and a stance on emails, we will leave events out. If we keep things general, we can tailor support to the org based on what the event is.

Patrick – Typically we haven’t co-sponsored events? We have, and it’s a new year, new senators.

Alan – Sponsorship doesn’t absolutely require us to send emails or give money. Gives us the option. Make decisions for each opportunity.

Maureen – Interior or exterior tool? Can we create levels within sponsorship?

John C – Both. Great idea.

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Alan – If we're on board with something, it will give that org more recognition to go to the administration.

Jon H – Is this a three vote thing? (1) Are we going to sponsor? (2) Send emails? (3) How much?

Chris – When SBA puts our name on a sponsorship, it means something to student body.

Melina – Three votes could take a lot of time in meetings.

Maureen – Sounds like a difference between endorsement vs. sponsorship

Jon H – Having to decide these things will be very time consuming.

IX. New Business

a. Reports

i. Senator Reports

1. Alan

a. 2010 Race Judicata

- i. Planning to have another Race in April, hopefully still at Wash Park.
- ii. Working on sponsorship and donations right now
- iii. Budget of about \$2,000.00, really need additional funds from outside community
- iv. Registration between \$15-30
- v. Issue now is what to do with proceeds, proposals will be presented to SBA soon
- vi. Also considering having a secondary event for alcohol
 1. Katie – Why don't you want to have money help LRAP?
 2. Alan – Last year we received a lot of resistance from Alumni Office, trying to leverage against what we gave to LRAP last year. Feel that they did very little to help us with fundraising.
 3. Katie – AO cannot by law give you any information on alumni. Also, scholarship funds directly benefit student body as does LRAP. Will have more information for us next week. Up until last year, race was called LRAP Lap. Will likely encounter more resistance if LRAP is totally cut out.
 4. Melina – How much do we give LRAP now? \$27k. How many students benefit from scholarship funds? 4. Concern is that by punishing AO, we're punishing deserving students.
 5. Karina – I value Public Interest, and this would not eliminate LRAP. Possibly have

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another event for LRAP? For the amount of work the Borutas are putting in, giving to LRAP is taking away from the memorial fund.

6. Katie – Would also like to mention that Boruta fund is already endowed. Bingham Fund is not endowed, and LRAP is not that kind of fund.
7. Chris – Maybe do a 50%, 25%, 25% split?
8. Darryl – Has Alan talked with Mr. Bingham? No. Didn't want to talk to him until we had approved a plan. Would this be something set in stone? Idea behind bylaw amendment, it would give each Senate the flexibility going forward the authority to change the allocations.
9. Casey – University did nothing to help? What is that we'd like them to do? We'd like help marketing this event to alumni. Wanted help showing that this event is something the school can be proud of.
10. Katie – Maybe contact Katie Howes and Chris Wangelin to put this in the alumni magazine.

b. Business Cards – nothing to discuss.

2. Melina

a. IELTS Announcement

- i. Patty Powell will be providing Melina with a script, and is asking Senate to sign up to announce IELTS presentations in our classes.
- ii. Christina – No senate representation in section 3, what should we do? Can you find out what their big classes are and take care of announcements in there? That would be great!

ii. President's Report (See handout)

VII. Adjourn