

SBA Minutes

September 23, 2009

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Missing Darryl
- III. Approve Minutes from 9/16/09
 - a. **Motion by Alan, seconded by Lindsay. Approved.**
- IV. Q&A with Dean Cheever
 - a. Would like to bring up H1N1 and class taping. There's currently only one person in building who knows how to tape classes – this will be a problem and will likely become a bigger problem as flu season approaches. Only solution we have right now is running tape full time, with cameras, just having a feed. Will try to find space on server to put tape.
 - i. Colleen – What will the format be? Through tax program, it was difficult to watch recorded classes.
 1. Taping class not really a good idea anyway, better off getting audio recording/notes, higher quality audio. Even if we had more tech people, the chances of video being high quality is small. Students would go to file (marked on feed), find the particular class.
 - ii. Chris – We have cameras, but can we get a few MP3 recorders for big 1L section classes?
 1. Yes, these audio files are smaller, machines are easier to replace. If we think audio files are a better idea, we can look into it as a school.
 - iii. Karina – If professors write notes, have them do PowerPoint?
 1. Probably best to get notes.
 - iv. Casey – Is there a school policy in general about taping?
 1. Yes, policy that says if professor OKs and student affairs approves, class can be taped.
 - v. Julie – If new system were implemented, would there be an access system to make it harder?
 1. We'd make it available in bulk. Cut down time to edit classes.
 - vi. Patrick – Only option student would have would be access the server, or is it possible to access live feed?
 1. Don't know if live feeds work, there's a wire that runs from class to Wayne's office. Wayne then takes raw feed, formats it for access – no real way for live access, but Dean Cheever will ask.
 - vii. Karina – A few students have approached me, asking about student evaluations. Can we maybe have evals after finals?
 1. Fair to say that we should be able to evaluate on how professors teach and how they assess. The assessment argument is pretty good. Faculty is nervous that students would only evaluate on Final.

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- viii. Melina – Do you see this changing anytime soon? Prof. Aviel does midterm evals in addition to the normal final evals and that I'd like to see those as well as post-exam evals as a compromise.
 - 1. We can talk more about it, resistance from faculty, but not impossible. Agrees that method is good and increased the positive feedback for faculty.
- ix. Lindsay – How are evals looked at when submitted by students? Are they really that important when admin is looking at faculty?
 - 1. Tenure track faculty are evaluated periodically, process of promotion and tenure. Dean also look at evals for merit pay raises, student evals play an enormous role. Only info we have about faculty members for review.
- x. Patrick – What if professor is good at teaching one type of class, not so good with others?
 - 1. Some associate deans put small-class profs with small classes, but big class profs complain its unfair. Expectation that everyone here should be able to teach big class.
- xi. Jon – Is there any way to make full tenure prof aware that they're doing a terrible job?
 - 1. Welcome to come to Dean Cheever or Dean Katz and say so. Ask them to really look at the evals! What the result is really depends on the individual – different incentives for different people.
- xii. John C – Can we do online polling to see if students want to do evals after finals?
 - 1. Maybe broaden inquiry. Turnout on evals isn't that high. There would be a significant amount of faculty resistance, but maybe update system so students care more, there may be room for discussion.
- xiii. If this is an important issue, think about it, come back to Deans to establish faculty/student committee to address evals. Process doesn't exactly satisfy anyone right now, let's look at different ways of doing it. Maybe multiple evals?
- xiv. Casey – Will 1Ls get emails about evals?
 - 1. Yes. You'll get notices about evals, go to a website, series of questions and comments sections. Not perfect, tough to change, but works pretty well.

V. Appointments

- a. Day Vice President – Tom Livingston
 - i. **Motion to approve Tom as Day VP, seconded by Alan. Unanimous.**
 - b. 3L Day Senator – Fran Folin
 - c. 1L Evening Senator – Stephen Holmes
 - d. Tentative 3L Evening Senator – TBD
 - e. Tentative 4L Evening Senator – Ashleigh Wiggins
- Will have MSLA and LLM Senators

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VI. Treasurer's Report

a. Current Financial Status – \$76,107.70

b. Finance Requests

i. Outlaws

To: Lavender Law in Brooklyn New York

Number of Students: 2

Est. Cost Per Student: \$661.67 **Total:** \$1,1174.30

2/3 of Est Cost per Student: \$392.00

2/3 of Est. Cost: \$784.00

Travel Dates: September 11 – September 18, 09

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$784.00

Patrick – Don't orgs typically come to us prior to event?

Doesn't necessarily matter, if they want to go and take risk of not being funded, that's up to the org.

Motion by Melina, seconded by Sarah. Unanimous.

ii. **To:** Criminal Law Association

Expected Attendance: 40 per event

Requested Amount Per Student: \$3.13 Total: \$500.00

Speaker Dates: October 5 – October 11

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$500

Motion by Patrick, John C. approved. Unanimous.

iii. **To:** Business Law Society

Expected Attendance: 60 per event

Requested Amount Per Student: \$3.00 Total: \$180.00

Speaker Dates: September 16, 2009

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$180.00 = \$3.00 per person

Alan Moves, John C seconded. Unanimous.

iv. **To:** International Law Society

Expected Attendance: 50 per event

Requested Amount Per Student: \$4.00 Total: \$200.00

Speaker Dates: September 24, 2009

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$200.00 = \$3.00 per person

Melina – Rule that we max out at \$3.00 per person? No rule. Internally last year Finance Committee tried to keep it at \$3.00 per person.

John C moves, Alan seconds. Passes.

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- v. SBA ABA Rep (John Carreras)
 - To: ABA Regional Conference in San Francisco
 - Number of Students: 1
 - Est. Cost Per Student: \$563.60 Total: \$563.50
 - 2/3 of Est Cost per Student: \$NA
 - 2/3 of Est. Cost: \$NA
 - Travel Dates: October 9 – October 11, 09
 - Finance Committee Recommendation: \$563.50

Melina moves, Sarah seconded. Unanimous.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Alan – Race Judicata cont'd, Associated Bylaws change
 - i. Proposal would officially change name of race from “LRAP Lap” to “Race Judicata,” would give SBA power each year to approve race proceed beneficiaries, designates Fundraising VP as Event Coordinator.
 - ii. Soon hope to discuss beneficiaries of 2010 Race.
 - iii. **Motion to Amend Bylaws, Karina seconds.** Motion passes.

VIII. New Business

- a. Reports
 - i. Karina – GSAC
 - 1. Hope to have grad schools at DU more connected
 - 2. Patrick, Melina, John attended cookout
 - 3. Setting up mass grad student email with other grad school events, only once every two weeks
 - 4. Tickets for *Laramie Project* deadline is tomorrow – FREE. Show is 10/12. Reserve tickets with Newman Center box office.
 - 5. What invitations can we extend to other grad students?
 - a. Depends on groups, but have it be up to student orgs.
 - b. John C – Maybe have other grad students attend a law school hosted event?
 - i. Not 3rd Thursday. One thing Phil has been working on is to work collaboratively with GSAC, capital for advocating for change goes way up when we work with other schools.
 - c. Karina – maybe even just certain speakers, but perhaps Corbel would be interested in bringing in speakers?
 - i. GSAC has very little money, so it's hard to coordinate large base events, but there are student funds within the individual schools.
 - 6. Grad Games in October, team members from each school. Food, drinks, T-Shirts, get one team together from law school.

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- ii. Phil - Proposed standards for SBA sponsorship – See separate attachment
 1. Chris was right, having SBA sponsor an event means something. Having SBA sponsor events is good for us, gets our name out there, and we want students to come to us with speaker events. We have the money available, want to bring in prominent people into the school.
 2. **Move to approve proposed rule to guide SBA in future efforts for sponsorship. Chris seconds.**
 - a. Casey – what does “discretionary” mean? Mandatory upon us? No. Discretion would be in what events we choose to be involved in. We would choose as a Senate what we put our name on.
 - b. Alan – With regard to co-sponsorship, if there is a way to have discretion for funding?
 - c. Patrick – Echo Alan’s point. If we don’t have the money, that shouldn’t prohibit our sponsorship.
 - d. Melina – Wondering if we’d get bogged down with orgs relying on us.
 - e. Julie – Would like to see flexibility the other way – what if we want to spend more money than \$175, in case of a really large event.
 - f. **Alan moved to amend to “may” in the funding section (b). Patrick seconds. Motion fails.**
 - g. Melina – great idea as it is. If we believe in an event, and we can provide more attendees or food, both, like setting it at a dollar amount.
 - h. John C – Doesn’t have problem with dollar amount, do understand concern with email. Purpose of this, SBA has to decide whether to co-sponsor, one step but broad enough so it doesn’t a long discussion.
 - i. **Motion to extend by 5 minutes, Melina. John C seconds.**
 - j. Jon H – Agree that we shouldn’t have multiple motions, but if we don’t have any money to co-sponsor we shouldn’t have fund and then say we can’t.
 - k. **Alan moves to table, John C seconds.**
 3. President's Report
 - a. Speaker Series
 - i. Been working to get Supreme Court justice here, spurred into a speaker series, Atty General John Suthers will be coming to speak. Would like for us to get involved in having a speaker series, reach out to other DU schools. Ultimate goal is to get U.S. Supreme Court justice here to speak, through Colorado Supreme Court justice. Eventually there will be an effort to reach out to Justice Sotomayor.

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- b. Faculty Hiring
 - i. Need to get on this soon.
- c. BOTSAC Meeting Overview – didn't get to.
- d. Student Group Funding for Speakers – Groups need to submit requests
 - i. Encourage student orgs to make speaker requests.
- e. Committees
 - i. Those who were newly added to SBA, we'll get you on a committee soon.

VII. Adjourn