

SBA MINUTES
November 17, 2010

NOTE: Last meeting until next semester.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Missing Alan Frosh, Stephen Holmes, Chris Michael
- III. Approve Minutes from 11/10/10
 - a. **Unanimous; passes.**
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. All Accounts Balance: \$64,787.28
 - b. General Account Balance: \$13,746.98
 - c. Speaker Events Account Balance: \$10,802.49
 - d. Travel Account Balance: \$7,649.89
 - e. Finance Requests:

To: Spanish Speaking Lawyers Association

Balance: \$1,640.18

Event: Human Rights Violations in the Yanachoca Mine

Location: Sturm College of Law

Dates: October 25, 2010

Actual Attendance: 40 students

Total Amount Requested: \$465.00

Amount Per Person Requested: \$11.00

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$3.50 per person; \$140.00 total

Shannon moves to approve \$140.00; Chad seconds.

In favor of allocating \$140.00: unanimous; passes.

To: International Law Society

Balance: \$1,427.00

Event: Former Alumni Meet and Greet

Location: Sturm College of Law

Dates: November 4, 2010

Actual Attendance: 45 students

Total Amount Requested: \$284.38

Amount Per Person Requested: \$6.32

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$3.50 per person; \$158.00 total

Chad motions to approve \$4.00 per person (\$180.00 total); Kevin seconds.

Melina: Why \$4?

Chad: We give \$4 to people often.

Tom: ISLA has a high balance and we have given them a large amount of money this year already.

Chad: I am not sure.

Maureen moves to append motion to \$158.00 total.

Maureen: We need to be consistent.

Deanna: I agree with Maureen that we need to be consistent. We just approved \$3.50 per person on the previous request.

Eric: I see no reason why this cannot come out of their general fund.

Chad: If student organizations are willing to put on events, we should not deter them by having them have to use their balance. It would be discouraging.

Jason: This is not punitive, orgs can come to us for more money whenever they need to.

In favor of amending motion to \$158.00: 18; abstentions: 1

In favor of approving \$158.000: 18; opposed: 1

To: Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

Event: National APALSA (NAPABA) Conference

Dates: November 18-21, 2010

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Number of Students: 3

Total Cost: \$2,067.60

Amount Requested: \$1,050.00

Note: Maximum Allowed: \$1,050.00 (2 students at \$400, 1 student at \$250.00)

Casey: This is a travel request. Right now, I want to point out that they have a negative balance because they have already starting taking out money for this trip. They got a grant from the Colorado version of them and it has not cleared yet. The issue the Finance Committee had is that the grant covers most of the trip so we are not sure why we are funding this. We recommend that we go back and talk to them about this check and do a survey monkey to vote since this is the last SBA meeting.

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V. Senator Reports

- a. Maureen: Is everyone aware that we are losing our DU e-mail space? We are still all going to have our e-mails but starting in March, we are not going to have physical access space to this e-mail and you will have to set up an automatic forward to a personal e-mail. Any e-mail you have in there you will lose access to it and you will have to export your e-mails.
 - i. Jason: Are you sure these are DU e-mails only or does it include Law DU e-mails?
 - ii. Maureen: We should verify this. If they do it, I recommend that there are information sessions that can inform students how to deal with this change.
- b. Chad: Basketball event tomorrow; locations has been changed. The athletic department said they are going to pick up the tab for the food but they have not guaranteed yet.

VI. Dean Cheever

- a. Cindy: There has been an issue about law students not having an outlet where to talk about their problems?
 - i. Cheever: We are in the process of cleaning up our policies on those issues and every significant faculty or administrative person should be able to direct you to the right place. Any doubts, send them to me.
- b. Christina: I had a transfer student come to me about the lack of advising. Why did we not have advising this semester?
 - i. Cheever: The big advising push is in the spring, mostly for 1Ls. We did not invest significantly in advising for the fall and this is a problem for transfer students. We should do more.
- c. Brooke: Some students are wondering if an attendance policy where you cannot miss more than 1 class without it being excused will have their grade affected? Is there some sort of school policy or is it professor discretion?

- i. Cheever: A teacher is entitled to refuse to allow you to sit for the exam if you miss 20% of the classes. As long as their policy is clearly articulated on the first day of class, I will most likely back them up on it.
- d. Chad: I talked to the people who keep bringing up the building opening up early and they said 5:30am.
 - i. Cheever: I believe it is 5:30am now.
- e. Casey: We heard some information about the DU e-mail system. Does this apply to the law school?
 - i. Cheever: No. The entire rest of the university is no longer going to provide any e-mail accounts to students. The law school will continue to provide you with e-mail accounts. You are part of a professional community. We are trying to negotiate the process by which when you matriculate here you get a letter that says “Welcome to DU...”, we are trying to make sure that does not say that you will not get an e-mail account to law students.
- f. Maureen: What happens to our e-mails when we graduated?
 - i. Cheever: You transition to an alumni account. We are still in the process of making this work.

VII. Committee Reports

VIII. President’s Report

- a. There is a monitor in the 1st floor forum that is not working (the one on the pillar). The system that was being used by the program cannot be used on that TV because where it is located there could be some sort of biological hazard. They have to find a new operating system for that TV. This is just another bump in the road but it will be working.
- b. All student e-mails. There has been a reduction but we are still receiving a lot of e-mails. I spoke to Dean Katz and he said that when we get back next semester we are going to develop some sort of policy that will be set in place to govern all student e-mails.
- c. Student org spaces and rooms. The lockers that are being ordered for the rooms have taken a while because they had to find specific lockers to fit in the rooms. Those are being purchased today. All throughout the break, they are going to be doing all the construction for these new rooms. By the time we get back, it will be done and we can assign student orgs to places in these rooms. Joanna Patrick is paying for all of this through her own budget.
- d. Newspaper issue. What is the general feeling about the newspapers?
 - i. Melina: I noticed that we have NY Times floating around the law school every day. I think that is good.
 - ii. Eric: I think we should table it and if we want to decide to do it we can talk about it next semester.
 - iii. John: I like the idea of waiting to decide on this table. Maybe do a student survey if they are willing to spend this money.
 - iv. Christina: Maybe we can see how the library gets these newspapers.
 - v. Heather: This is not a super green idea. We can go online. And there are other places on campus who have newspapers.
- e. Dean Cheever has agreed to allow the law school to be open 24 hours. However, at 10pm or whenever the building closes, they are going to lock the building. The law school will be open for those who are in the building at the time they lock it. They ask us to monitor to make sure that doors are not propped open. Campus safety will be walking through more.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjourn

- a. **Shannon motions to adjourn; Cindy seconds; unanimous; passes.**