

SBA Minutes September 14, 2011

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4:30-5:30 p.m.

Room 270

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call & Approve Minutes

Motion: Carl

Second: Jex

MINUTES APPROVED

III. Guest Speakers – Deans Vigil and Cheever

Deans Vigil and Cheever: ABA Accreditation, time for DU to be re-accredited, all of the departments are putting together document. The university would like student input, reactions, and comments by October 7th. Dean Vigil wants SBA to determine how to evaluate documents and give input. DU has been accredited since 1929.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Basics of Travel: SBA will fund 2 people per org up to 2/3rds, only 10,000 in travel budget, look at airfare, transportation, hotel, registration fees, food, how event will benefit student body at large, must be a law-related conference, what outside funding/fundraising org gets (maximum per person is \$400 maximum and 3rd person up to \$250)

a. OUTLaws Travel Funding

i. 30 Org. Members

3 People Traveling to Lavender Law Conference in LA (3 nights, 2 nights)

\$924 total per person *requested* (to cover hotel, airfare, transportation, registration fees, food)

\$360 from outside resources

\$675 Finance Committee Recommendation (for all three people to split)

Discussion: conference attendees were able to gather information regarding GBLT

Move to approve funding: Eric

2nd: Kendra

APPROVED \$675 TO OUTLAWS

b. Black Law Students Association

i. 22 Org. Members

1 Person Traveling

\$547.90 total requested

Planned future fundraiser
\$325 Finance Committee Recommendation

Move to approve funding: Carl

2nd: Chad

APPROVED \$325 TO BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

V. Senator Reports / Committee Reports

- a. Matt- ABA has lots of positions open, currently Lieutenant Governor of Communications Position open
- b. Chad- 2nd Wednesday CBA YLA member open
- c. Chad- SBA basketball networking events, looking for new assistant/take over something for the following year
- d. Bar review tomorrow 7-10 C and G
- e. Thank you to everyone that helped with the elections party

VI. President's Report

- a. Welcome new SBA Senators
- b. Resolution in Support of John Carreras
 - advisor position to SBA appointed by the President
 - New SBA position Chief of Staff:

Move to table Chief of Staff Position approval: Tony

Move to table chief of staff position, but appoint John Carreras to position: Eric

2nd: Carl

APPROVED – motion tabled and John Carreras appointed to future position

- c. Student leader's letter concerns regarding SBA transparency and four requests
 - Minutes are already publicly available and will be updated
 - Releasing SBA budget discussion:
 - Chad: concern regarding comparison between orgs if budget were to be released and a wave of complaints
 - Katy: To be more transparent we should publish approved budget every year and attach to minutes.
 - Brian: Agreed with transparency argument and should release total amounts for each org. If released, it could encourage organizations to put on more programming and raise more money.
 - Matt: comment about provision to limit comparisons among budgets, suggestion budget available upon request
 - Eric: Agree with the idea of transparency, but practically would not work and that meetings are always open for students with questions, procedural channels are in place to find out information
 - Katie Vilders: The current system is how SBA has done the budget process, student orgs did not come to meeting, there

are procedural channels in place to find out necessary information.

- SBA will continue to look into ways to improve upon our process
- Please speak to senators, attend the finance meeting, or attend SBA meeting to have your opinion heard and ask questions

VII. Announcement

a. Social committee student interest

VIII. Adjourn

Move: Kendra

2nd: Carl

ADJOURNED