



UNIVERSITY OF
DENVER

Sturm College of Law
Student Bar Association

SBA Minutes
September 24, 2007

Senate Members in Attendance: Brad Moloney, Kyle McCarthy, Jennifer Zamarripa, Paula Holt, Mia Fiedler, Sheena Moran, Sarah Gilliland, Nicole Spezia, Aaryn Richardson, Stephanie Suzanne, Aaron Hayden, Brenda Jordahl, Chadwell Murley, Ryann MacDonald, Lee Morehead, Kelly Walker, Matt Ullrich, Jon Keyser, Ben Goff

Ex Officio Member in Attendance: Katie Kostka

Minutes Recorded by: Mia Fiedler, SBA Secretary

I. Call to Order (4:30 p.m.)

A. Kyle McCarthy, Vice President

II. Unfinished Business

A. Approval of 9/17/07 minutes

1. Minutes stand approved

B. Business Cards

1. Website has been updated, people have continued to turn in checks for \$40 per box; Katie Kostka will email these students to correct this mistake

2. Still going to offer the business cards for \$60.00/box

C. Dress Code

1. Brenda Jordahl

a. Two definitions (found on the internet)

(1) Relaxed Dress

(2) Dress for work success

b. Though neither allows jeans - but we could add to the definition for the purposes of SBA dress code

2. Discussion:

a. The SBA should be professional enough to adhere to a reasonable dress code; it is only one day a week and therefore should not be a big deal

b. Some people need a more relaxed dress code for other commitments

c. There will be no further discussion - the final determination is that the dress will be business casual and the Senate members are to use their best judgment in adhering to it

III. New Business

A. Introduction of New Senators

1. Jennifer Zamarripa

a. LLM Senator - Lee Morehead

b. Day Senators

(1) Kelly Walker

- (2) Matt Ullrich
 - (3) Jon Keyser
 - c. Evening Senator - Ben Goff
 - d. GSAC Senator - Michelle Brand
 - 2. Election Results [See Below]
- B. Funding Requests
- 1. Jennifer Zamarripa & Sheena Moran
 - a. Travel Request
 - (1) Requested: \$384.80 per person
 - (2) **Recommended by Finance Committee: \$769.60**
 - (a) Air travel to the ABA Conference in CA this past summer
 - (b) All other costs were covered by Dean's Suite
 - b. Discussion:
 - (1) Trip was this past summer - asking to be refunded for flight costs
 - (2) There is no \$400 cap for SBA executive board members
 - (3) An SBA Executive board member and ABA representative were required to attend
 - c. **Motion to recommend \$769.60 to Jennifer Zamarripa and Sheena Moran to reimburse them for their flight costs.**
 - (1) Moved by Paula Holt
 - (2) Seconded by Sarah Gilliland
 - (3) Vote: 2 abstentions, No objections, **Motion passes**
 - 2. Tae Darnell
 - a. Travel Request
 - (1) Requested \$1,304.00
 - (2) **Recommended by Finance Committee: \$250.00**
 - (a) Travel to conference in NY
 - (b) Will be graduating in 3 months and likely will not be beneficial to the school
 - (c) The SBA is already sending 2 other students to the same conference
 - b. Discussion:
 - (1) This is the same conference that Richard Symmes and Dave Ratner will be attending; however, Tae is not a part of SELS and is requesting the money as an individual
 - (2) The recommendation would be covering airfare
 - (3) If Tae is allocated \$400 cap, he will not likely request any more since he is graduating in 3 months; however it is doubtful that he is going to bring back any benefit to the school
 - (4) There are likely not many internship and networking opportunities
 - (5) What happens if he decides not to go?
 - (a) He only gets his money when he shows a receipt for reimbursement
 - (b) How would he acquire internship opportunities?
 - i) By networking
 - (6) Why would sending an additional person going be beneficial?

- (a) The finance committee did not want to seem unfair or biased by refusing to let this individual go
 - (7) Is he requesting funds from the Dean's Suite?
 - (a) Yes, but not sure if could receive all the funds
 - c. **Motion to allocate \$250.00 to Tae Darnell for travel to the Sports and Entertainment Conference in New York.**
 - (1) Moved by Paula Holt
 - (2) Seconded by Sheena Moran
 - (3) Vote: 0 Abstentions; 1 In favor; Rest opposed; **Motion Fails**
3. STLA
 - a. Funding for Mock Trial Competition
 - (1) Requested \$750.00
 - (2) **Recommended by Finance Committee: \$150.00**
 - (a) Funding for STLA competition
 - (b) Already allocated \$1,000 for this event
 - (c) SBA is running out of student organization funds
 - (3) Discussion:
 - (a) The request is based on a 37% increase on membership since last year
 - (b) The request is solely for food
 - (c) They have not done any fundraising
 - (d) The Finance Committee is recommending \$150 because that is the amount left in student organization account
 - (e) Status of Funds
 - i) \$13,704 in Travel
 - ii) \$2,335 in Student Orgs (not including the 2 annual budget allocations)
 - a) Once the annual budgets are allocated, only left with \$185 (not including current)
 - (f) Expected costs not met - not sure of other possible sources of funding
 - (4) **Motion to allocate \$150.00 to the STLA for food for the upcoming STLA competition**
 - (a) Moved by Paula Holt
 - (b) Seconded by Sheena Moran
 - (c) Vote: 1 Opposed; No abstentions; Rest in favor; **Motion passes**
- C. Reports
 - 1. President
 - a. Faculty Committee Assignments
 - (1) Need to determine which committees we would like to support
 - (2) Emailed the Dean and will be discussing it today
 - (3) Senate to pick 2-4 committees
 - (4) Discussion
 - (a) AAP
 - i) important to have student input in regards to effectiveness of the program

- (b) Appointments Committees (2 votes)
 - i) not sure about the appointments committees
 - ii) It is not just important to ensure that the student body is heard, but also to have someone reporting back to the student body
- (c) Curriculum Committees (14 votes)
 - i) Students ~ maybe scheduling of classes or types of classes
 - ii) Students may have more knowledge of classes than the administration
 - iii) Currently, there are already student evaluations so there is some sort of student input
- (d) Examination, Standing, & Re-admissions (0 Votes)
 - i) It is important to look at rank, standing with the ABA and what to do to move up in the ranks
 - ii) This committee is more focused on individual students rather than the status of the school
- (e) Public Interest Committee (3 votes)
 - i) Want to have a student representative
- (f) Admissions & Financial Aid Committees (10 votes)
 - i) Since diversity is lacking and there have been initiatives, it is important to voice the importance of diversity to the faculty
- (g) Mentoring (3 votes)
 - i) This is not as important to the students at it is an internal mechanism for faculty members
- (5) **Motion for Brad Moloney to recommend to the Dean the following committees the SBA would like to have student members: Admission, Curriculum, and AAP**
 - i) Moved by Jennifer Zamarippa
 - ii) Seconded by Paula Holt
 - iii) Vote: **Motion passes unanimously**
- b. Recycling
 - (1) Meeting tomorrow (Sept. 25, 2007)
 - (a) Will ask NRELS and facilities to attend the next SBA meeting
- 2. Vice-Presidents (Social/Planning)
 - a. First Town Hall meeting in Forum, Oct. 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 - (1) Will likely have an open mike portion
 - (2) Good response from Student Orgs
 - (a) Email to be sent for date of townhall - what topics are we interested in discussing at the meeting?
 - (b) Will prioritize suggestions (time sensitive issues)
 - (3) Student affairs to send out agenda to entire student body
 - (4) Beer & wine likely to be served (request made)
 - b. Bar Review/Harvest Party
 - (1) This week there will be a bar review

- c. Barrister's Ball
 - (1) Social committee meeting
 - (a) Currently 4 venues options; Committee will decide on one this week
 - (2) The date of Barrister's Ball is April 12, 2008
 - d. Motions [see example below]
 - (1) Whereas clauses are preambles and are not necessarily required
 - (a) They are useful if there is background information that may be pertinent
 - (b) Kyle will email the electronic version of the resolution to all Senate Members
 - (2) If no motion is desired - no need to do the model resolution
3. Vice-President (Fundraising) - no report
 4. Treasurer - Currently trying to find finance by-laws
 5. Secretary - website has been updated and picture re-takes will be next Monday
 6. ABA/LSD - no report
 7. Senators
 - a. Aaryn Richardson - Is there any information regarding the Professionalism Task force from last year?
 - (1) Kacey Brackney is likely to have such information
- D. Liz Fazio - former SBA President
1. Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee
 - a. What identity do you associate with DU law?
 - (1) Exploring ways to make people feel more connected to the University
 - (2) What do you know it to be vs. what you perceive it to be? What do you want it to be?

IV. Adjourn (5.28 p.m.)

2007 SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

Candidate	Total
LLM	
Lee Morehead	Unopposed
1L Day:	
Kelly Walker:	115
Jon Keyser:	59
Matt Ullrich:	57
Michelle Brand:	50
Orlando Velasquez:	45
Dustin Sparks:	41
Dana Mohr:	41
Katie Johnston:	31
Amy Bruins:	29
Brandon Campbell:	27
Steven Brantz:	17
Patrick Freeman:	17
1L Evening:	
Ben Goff:	27
Sandra Cochran:	15

MODEL RESOLUTION/BILL

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UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
THIRTY-THIRD SENATE
FIFTH SESSION
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

RESOLUTION #001
CREATION OF RECYCLING EXPLORATORY COMMISSION

SPONSORED BY: Aaryn Richardson, 3L Day Senator; Sarah Gilliland, 3L
Day Senator; Jennifer Zamarripa, Evening Vice-President
WRITTEN BY: Kyle McCarthy, Day Vice-President

WHEREAS: Numerous instances have been observed where the Sturm
College of Law has failed to abide by the recycling policy;
and,

WHEREAS: The recycling program is integral to the Sturm College of
Law's image as a "green" law school.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED(Enacted if a Bill)

That the Student Bar Association create a recycling exploratory commission to determine the current
status of recycling in the Sturm College of Law; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the recycling exploratory commission should draft any and all recommendations and submit them
to the Sturm College of Law Faculty and Administration.