



UNIVERSITY OF
DENVER

Sturm College of Law
Student Bar Association

SBA Minutes
October 1, 2007

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

Senate Members Absent: Aaron Hayden, Carl Miller, Jennifer Zamarripa, Sheena Moran

Ex Officio Member in Attendance: Katie Kostka

Minutes Recorded by: Mia Fiedler, SBA Secretary

I. Call to Order

A. Kyle McCarthy, Day Vice President (4:30 p.m.)

II. Speakers/Guests

A. Dave Ruderman, Alumni Office - Telefund (5:00 p.m.)

1. Annual fundraising event in about 2 weeks
2. Student volunteers will need to volunteer for shifts that are approximately 3 hours, making solicitations calls to alumni of the law school
3. The event started about 3 years ago; it has been a good way for student organizations to make money and accomplish fundraising goals
4. It has been relatively well-received in years past
5. The telefund had been involved undergraduate students, but law students are generally better received by law school alumni
 - a. This year's event will take place for 2 weeks, Oct. 15-28
 - b. Dave will send an email to leaders of student organizations tomorrow
6. Sign up sheet outside of the SBA office and will be there until the telefund begins
7. The Alumni Office is requesting that each student organization staff 4 student callers over course of 2 weeks
 - a. Event is in room 315
 - b. 8 calling seats per night (96 seats total)
 - c. If sign up 4 students (\$20/student for each student)
 - (1) no maximum
 - (2) they must show up
 - d. In the past - the day of the event, students didn't show up
 - (1) Key to success to have people show up
 - e. Most successful group there will be a \$50-75 incentive
 - f. Each night, there is candy & water; also starbucks cards and different

- promotions for each night as well
 - 8. Serves several purposes
 - a. Gives student organizations an opportunity to make money
 - b. Helps alumni office continue its relationship with alumni
 - c. In addition to making money - increases the alumni participation rate - the more alumni that give back to the school each year the better ranking on US News Rankings
 - 9. No prior experience necessary
 - a. Upbeat attitude
 - b. Some on-site training each night
 - 10. Druderman@law.du.edu
 - 11. Percentage incentive for student organizations - was discussed, but denied
 - a. However, they do allow student callers to request that the money be donated to their organization
 - b. Callers should be careful to allow alumni to choose
 - (1) scholarship
 - (2) DU law fund (general fund, moot court, LRAP)
 - 12. Minimum 4 students required to qualify for additional bonus - if this year's efforts surpass last year, each group may get more
- B. Funding Request Appeal, Tae Darnell
 - 1. Denied Tae's request law week
 - 2. Tae: The decision was a mistake:
 - a. He has a background in the recording industry
 - b. Rich and Dave will likely not make the same contacts that Tae can
 - c. Working with Ann Vessels -
 - (1) there are no internships available for sports/entertainment at DU
 - (2) There is not a self serving reason to go
 - d. Rich and Dave are going for different reasons
 - e. Worked for things and have contributed significantly to the Law School
 - (1) ADR Society - increased membership from 20 to 200+
 - (2) Co-sponsored numerous events
 - (3) Building DU/ADR website directly because of his involvement
 - f. Ann Vessels agrees and is seeking help from Tae
 - g. Tae is the only person who is likely to be able to implement the internship program for Sports & Entertainments Internships
 - h. The SBA didn't spend entire travel budget last year
 - i. Already spending \$2,000 of his own money
 - j. Net benefit - overall performance and benefit for the school
 - k. Irrelevant that he is graduating 3 months - program is very important - able to develop a viable program at DU for Sports & Entertainment
 - l. Not going on behalf of Sports & Entertainment Law Society
 - (1) Association is to the school - likely to benefit SELS
 - m. Working with the director of Internship Program; not in conjunction with any professors
 - n. **Motion to send back to Finance Committee**
 - (1) **Moved by Jonathan Keyser**
 - (2) **Seconded by Kelly Walker**

- (a) Discussion - send back to finance committee b/c new members
 - (b) Conference is next Wednesday
 - (c) Don't know about Dean's Suite
 - (d) Believe in potential for a viable sports & entertainment program
 - (e) number of people attending is irrelevant b/c individuals can bring back different perspectives, etc.
- (3) Vote: No opposition; **Motion passes**

III. Unfinished Business

- A. Approval of 9/24/07 minutes
 - 1. Minutes approved

IV. New Business

A. Funding Requests

1. Jeremy Loew

a. Travel Request

(1) Requested: \$269.00

(2) **Recommended by Finance Committee: \$119.00**

(a) Air travel to Public Interest conference in Washington D.C.

(b) Half of the costs covered by Careers Services

(3) Discussion:

(a) Career Services - \$200

(b) \$119 is the cost of air fare

(c) The rest of the request was for hotel

(d) It is more of a networking conference

(e) How many people going?

i) 12 -15 people going

(f) Allocation as a group, would only fund 2-3 people

(g) Only willing to send 2 people to the SELS conference

(4) **Motion to allocated \$119.00 to Jeremy Loew for travel to the conference in Washington D.C.**

(a) Moved by Paula Holt

(b) Seconded by Jonathan Keyser

(5) Vote: 2 opposed, rest in favor, **Motion passes**

2. Business Law Society

a. Speaker Request

(1) Requested: \$312.64

(2) **Recommended by Finance Committee: \$312.64**

(a) Speaker Robert Truhlar on Networking

(b) Need money for food ~ 75 people

b. Discussion:

(1) They knew about it a few weeks ago, and requested past Monday

(a) General meetings are limited to certain amount - the speaker events should be similarly limited

i) Speaker events are more important - as a school, we want to show respect to the speaker by having

- good food
- ii) Should not equate to general meeting
- (b) Would be approximately \$4.46/person
- (c) Reallocate based on 45-50 people
- (d) Don't want to reimburse - don't want to retroactively reduce b/c we have knowledge of how it panned out

(2) Should put burden on club to get a legitimate estimate

c. **Motion to allocate \$312.64 for speaker event**

- (1) Moved by Paula Holt
- (2) Seconded by Jonathan Keyser
- (3) Vote: opposed 5, rest in favor; **Motion passes**

B. Reports

1. President

a. Recycling meeting with Student Affairs

- (1) The group came up with idea of soliciting student involvement with recycling
- (2) SBA will volunteer if other organizations volunteer; different organizations sponsoring a floor
- (3) recycling bins are supposed to be picked up by members of a crew
 - (a) don't know any specifics
 - (b) campus-wide crew
 - (c) janitorial staff is not part of this crew
- (4) Students play a huge part in the problem - a drink that is dumped into the recycling bin will be picked up by janitorial staff

b. There will be an email sent; discussion in Senate as to how SBA should participate

c. Registration meeting tomorrow morning with Dean Bryan, will report back on Monday

d. GSAC representative - Michelle Brand - appointment (2 meetings /week)

- (1) Duties:
 - (a) Graduate Student Council - will represent the law school on campus
 - (b) Represent students at Senate Meetings

2. Vice-Presidents (Social/Planning)

a. Bar Review

- (1) Thursday, Oct. 4th, 2007
- (2) Herman's Hideaway
- (3) 9:00 p.m. to Midnight

b. Townhall - date changed to October 16th b/c scheduling conflict (forum)

- (1) Email to be sent out by tomorrow to student orgs

c. Social Committee meeting: 5:15 on Wednesday

3. Vice-President (Fundraising)

a. No report

4. Treasurer

a. Budget - \$37,623.36

- (1) not including last weeks allocations

b. Will have \$55,000 from Dean's Suites

5. Secretary

6. ABA/LSD - none

7. Senators

a. Spoke with Kacey Brakney regarding professionalism - going to get together this week

b. Forks and spoons on third floor

V. Adjourn (5:30 p.m.)