

SBA Agenda

September 9, 2009

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Missing Chris, Patrick
- III. Approve Minutes from 9/2/09 – approved.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Current Financial Status - \$81,155.30
 - i. Student Orgs have been funded! Phil and Jon will work on getting separate accounts. First week for funding requests.
 - b. Finance Requests

- i. NLG Travel Request
 - To:** Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Convention
 - Number of Students:** 3
 - Requested Amount Per Student:** \$661.67 **Total:** \$1,910
 - Est. Cost Per Student:** \$661.67
 - 2/3 of Est. Cost:** \$441.33
 - Travel Dates:** October 15, 09 – October 18, 09
 - Finance Committee Recommendation:** \$1,050.00

Request approved unanimously.

- ii. Future of Health Care Week

To: DU Republicans, DU Democrats, Health Law Society, Public Interest Law Group, American Constitution Society, Federalists Society
Expected Attendance: 75 per day
Requested Amount Per Student: \$5.00 **Total:** \$1,500
Speaker Dates: 9/28 – 10/1
Finance Committee Recommendation: \$1,000 = \$3.33 per person

Alan – Any events in the evening. No.

Darryl – What type of events? Monday CDC is hosting with HLS with local atty, Tuesday having alumni come in to discuss SCHIP, Wednesday bringing in Debby Powell, works with Denver Health, Thursday PILG and ACS will have debate.

Request approved unanimously.

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iii. Future of Health Care Week

To: Business Law Society

Expected Attendance: 50

Requested Amount Per Student: \$1.82 Total: \$91.25

Speaker Dates: August 27, 2009

Finance Committee Recommendation: \$91.25 = \$1.82 per person

Request approved unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

a. Melina – New proposal for announcements

- i. Phil – Met and talked about last meeting's discussion. Still working to set up meeting with Dean Cheever. GSAC cookout tomorrow, tried to sent out a test invite, unsuccessful right now. We will continue to work out problems, hope to get feedback. Met with communications person, discussed Daily Events email being a problem, sense of frustration in lack of tech resources. Working toward getting calendars to be automated.
- ii. Melina – When we send out GSAC reminder, send out message that encourages input.

VI. New Business

a. Reports

- i. Phil/John/Ben-- The role of the ABA/LSD at DU
 1. Tiffany Ecker and Cassandra Fava – Guests
 2. Phil – As SBA, we are de facto ABA law school division group. SBA serves as portal. John C is our rep. In past, we've never really defined ABA role. We'd like to have our guests advocate for ABA – these roles are different than most student org roles. Most of what goes on is travel. Has made exception to travel policy for reps who serve in national org. Darryl is officer for National Black Law Students Association, can be covered in full with SBA funds. John and Cassandra both went to the ABA conference – part of our discussion today is her travel request. In October, there is a regional conference. Funding is now starting to be a genuine issue for discussion.
 - a. John – Usually only one regional and one national meeting every year. Biggest concern is past national trip, Cassandra went instead of Phil. Also, lots of schools take ABA very seriously. ABA makes policy that affects every accredited law school in the country. In the future, any students who are Governor or Lt. Governor should be funded to go to these national meetings.
 - b. Tiffany – As Governor, all trips are funded through ABA. Big deal to have a presence at these meetings. Have speakers come in, Spring meeting is important because

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voting on next Governor. Nice to have presence at both meetings. Phil could have proxied his vote, would have been deciding huge issues, i.e. loan repayment issues started in ABA. Pushing to have Bar Loans funded federally.

- c. Melina – Why is travel so expensive?
 - i. Meetings are in Chicago right now, hotels, food, airfare. Huge conference.
 - d. Alan – Can administration bear some cost in sending rep?
 - i. Maybe need to bring funding ideas up to our Dean, other schools have made it important to fund many students fully.
 - e. Phil – In terms of administration funding, with current financial status of school, SBA is viewed as ABA extension. Feels that if SBA wants to fund students, and we have the money in our budget, we should fund them. Last year was the first year that SBA paid for our ABA reps, but only for the one trip this summer. There's not enough to fund our reps for all meetings. Tiffany also raises a good point for discussion – activity of 15th circuit is reflective of ABA. Largely more important on East Coast, attorneys here are not as actively involved. We don't have much involvement with the CBA, we should have more of a connection. ABA meetings do foster good debate, but it's important to decide where we want to go.
 - f. Darryl – For students to travel, maybe have them outline their travel requests for the whole year. Have different financing guidelines to give SBA time to review requests.
 - g. Tiffany – Not just big on East Coast. DU and CU are very involved. Think it's something that people don't take advantage of this opportunity – not utilized to full potential.
 - h. Alan – How much is request?
 - i. To fund fully, \$1,047.34. **Motion to fund the request for Lt. Governor's fees and costs associated with ABA Nat'l Conf. Request passes unanimously.**
- ii. Alan – Dean Hoffman Resolution proposal
 1. **Move approval of Resolution, Melina seconds. Passes unanimous.**
 - iii. Health Law Society Week
 1. Emma Skivington – Guest
 - a. Came here to ask on behalf of all groups, would SBA like to help co-sponsor? **Motion to co-sponsor Health Law**

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Society week, and send emails on behalf of Health Week. Alan seconds.

- i. Melina – Last year we decided that we would not co-sponsor group events? Comes down to prerogative of voting members. Wants a consistent policy that doesn't favor certain groups.
- ii. John – For clarification, how many emails would you need? One end of this week, and then 2x week until event (?). John is worried that this will set a precedent for bypassing email rule, other groups may come to us in the future.
- iii. Jon H – As much as I would want to co-sponsor, I am also worried about how this would play out with future orgs. Fear of supporting this and sending out emails on orgs' behalf.
- iv. Phil – We have already co-sponsored events this year. Good for us to co-sponsor, any other emails are at our discretion. Our role will be what we choose it to be.
- v. Karina – **Move to postpone.** John seconds.
 1. If this is tabled one more week, cuts down on amount of time for advertising.
 2. **Motion passes. Senate will take this up next week.**

b. **Motion to extend meeting by five minutes. Motion fails.**

- iv. President's Report
 1. Malpractice Bowl
 - a. Contacted by med school, flag football match against law students. Will hand out info.
- v. Ben Goff will be forced to resign from Senate due to class conflict. Unable to attend meetings.

VII. Adjourn