

# SBA Agenda

October 14, 2009

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Missing Melina, Patrick
- III. Approve Minutes from 10/7/09 – with revisions from John C. **Move to approve, Chris. Seconded, Lindsay. Motion passes.**
- IV. Q&A – Dean Katz and Dean Vigil
  - a. Would like to start conversation as to evaluations. As result of mistake, course evals have been done after finals. As a general rule, we've tried to avoid this. Feedback on Finals would be useful to administration. Student evals are extremely important, professors' evaluations are front and center at each stage of promotion. If it's technologically feasible, interested in going back to having course evals done prior to final exam, but adding component to allow students to evaluate final afterward. Also, possibility of having a mid-term evaluation.
  - b. Secondly, wanted to discuss Bar passage. Wanted to discuss why we're doing better! Not seeing effects of big picture initiatives yet, but things that are measurable right now: Bar Success Program (offered to DU students for free, designed to supplement commercial programs), have improved AAP program (mandating participation if GPA falls below 2.6, etc.). Play large role in improvement! Another thing that we can't quantify is attitude of students. In part, some success due to appropriate level of fear for test! Don't want crippling fear, but get us motivated to work hard.
  - c. Wants to thank us for student participation in hiring process. It's going to be a lot of work this season, hiring lots of people when other schools are not! Asking committees to hire 7 tenure track profs + 2-3 LP profs. Off to a good start! Candidates are impressed with student involvement.
  - d. Would like to remind us 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday is tomorrow! Enjoyed first one and looks forward to several more.
  - e. Dean Vigil
    - i. Hasn't received negative feedback in his office all semester, but would like to encourage students to please speak up if they have concerns.
    - ii. Phil did a great job in advocating for students getting more all-school emails. Dean Cheever has created a "task force" to discuss communications in general. Don't want to overwhelm students but want to keep us informed – if there's a better way to get that done, they'll look at that.
    - iii. Dean Vigil approves class taping requests. Due to H1N1 concerns, taping requests are granted more liberally right now, will not ask for doctor's note because students are being told to stay home. Proposal sent specific to maternity leave re: taping, Dean Cheever and Dean Vigil both in favor of the policy. Will cover taping, rescheduling exams, out of sequence exams, etc. Would also be available to spouses too!

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1. Send email to Student Affairs office for taping requests, if you think you're sick! Email profs and let them know that you've requested taping and that you've let S.A. know.

## V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Current Financial Status - \$70,044.09
- b. Finance Requests

**To:** Jewish Law Student Association (90187)

**Co-Sponsor:** ACS

**Event:** Judaism and Judging: Colo. Ct. App. Judge David Richman

**Current Balance:** \$989.62

**Expected Attendance:** 50

**Requested Amount Per Student:** \$4.30      Total: \$215

**Speaker Dates:** October 14, 2009

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** \$130 = \$2.60

**Alan moves for approval, John C seconds. Passes.**

**To:** Sport and Entertainment Law Society (90188)

**Event:** SELS Fall Forum

**Current Balance:** \$183.04

**Expected Attendance:** 45+

**Requested Amount Per Student:** \$13.33      Total: \$700(includes gifts

for speakers)

**Speaker Dates:** November 5, 2009

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** \$517 = \$9.27

Sarah – What is Fall Forum? Trying to promote SELS.

Tom – Does this include gift \$\$, what are they? Don't say what they are.

Requesting \$100 for gift, but we've reduced the total amount they would get.

Alcohol approval may be coming shortly - \$180 upfront, remainder contingent on alcohol approval.

Karina – Do other orgs request \$ for gifts? Rare, but it is approved expenditure.

**Ashleigh moves for approval, Karina seconds. Passes, Tom and Chris oppose.**

**To:** Spanish Speaking Lawyers Association (90663)

**Co-Sponsor:** LLSA

**Event:** Latin America Week

**Current Balance:** \$1,179.75

**Expected Attendance:** 30 each day

**Requested Amount Per Student:** \$5.00      Total: \$600

**Speaker Dates:** October 19-22, 2009

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** \$480 = \$4.00

**Lindsay moves for approval, Mo seconds. Passes.**

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Karina – Generally we give \$1k for a week, why \$480? Usually , we do, but this time they're being co-sponsored and have additional resources.

**To:** Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (90194)

**Event:** Finding Your Niche (Speaker Panel)

**Current Balance:** \$1046.49

**Expected Attendance:** 40

**Requested Amount Per Student:** \$3.00      Total: \$120

**Speaker Dates:** October 28, 2009

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** \$120 = \$3.00

**Sarah moves for approval, Ashleigh seconds. Passes**

## VI. Unfinished business

### i. Phil

#### 1. Proposal for SBA Administrative Guidelines

**a. Move to adopt proposal, Tom seconds.**

**b. Colleen – How does administrative guideline not become a policy under Constitution?**

- i.** Not an Amendment, it's a regulatory set of rules. Not in conflict with Constitution or by-laws. Just creating new regulatory scheme that's less demanding than a policy. Would require 2/3 vote to enact, but majority to amend.

**c. Alan – Concern similar, conduit now to lower expectation to change policy. Gives us a backdoor to not need 2/3 to change.**

**d. John C – This would be first administrative guideline? Online, it would be constitution, by-laws, and 3<sup>rd</sup> link for admin guidelines?**

- i.** This would create the schema for admin guidelines. Yes.

**e. Mo – This is just laying the groundwork for future guidelines? Yes.**

**f. Karina – Initially thought this was a poor idea, but worked a lot with admin guidelines during the summer – saved a lot of time then, feels it would be helpful to future senates.**

**g. Tom – Can we change the name to SBA Senate Administrative Guidelines? Yes.**

**h. Tom moves to amend to change name, Karina seconds.**

**i. Julie – Feels like we're bypassing 2/3 vote requirement, if we just want to keep record that's ok, but doesn't like precedent that this would require.**

**j. Mo – Had a guide of recommendations as undergrad, understands that it falls under policy, but it would be really helpful to have something like this especially since there is a lot of turnover in student government.**

**k. Colleen – Do we currently have a posting that says "policies?" No.**

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- l.** Phil – What I think of as a guideline is just internal, mainly for administrative efficiency. Only put majority so that we're not bound as tightly as a Senate, without needing to be repetitive.
- m.** Alan – Why do we have to make this a formalized vote process? Why not just update policy records?
- n.** Ashleigh – This is like the finance committee's policy of \$4.00 per person, guidelines would be a way to add predictability and transparency. Students would know what to expect.
- o.** Casey – if it's something we feel strongly about, why do we need a separate framework, why isn't this in a bylaw?
  - i.** Clearly times we will want to do something different than is allowed by a by-law.
- p.** Stephen – Is the co-sponsorship proposal this type of guideline? Yes. If we did want to set aside specific monetary amount and co-sponsorship, would we have to do a majority to vote to suspend and majority to re-establish?

**Motion to amend name passes, Alan opposes, Julie abstains. Motion now to approve SBA Senate Administrative Guidelines, 15 in favor, 5 oppose, 1 abstention. Tabled. All votes stand. Need to research further.**

## **VOTES:**

### **In Favor –**

**Karina  
Ashleigh  
Sherry  
Fran  
Casey  
Mo  
Christina  
Jason  
Chris  
Sarah  
John C  
Jon H  
Tom  
Lindsay  
Patrick**

### **Opposed—**

**Alan  
Julie  
Colleen  
John R  
Stephen**

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## Abstentions— Darryl

2. Proposal for SBA Co-Sponsorship
- ii. Ashleigh
  1. Funding for student orgs re: filming/second presentations proposal

## VII. New Business

### a. Reports

- i. Jon Hiller
  1. New Funding Request timeline to be put in place by the finance committee.
  2. International Commercial Arbitration Travel
- ii. John C
  1. Re-cap of ABA Conference in San Francisco, CA
- iii. President's Report
  1. Follow-up from meeting with Deans

## VII. Adjourn