

SBA Agenda

October 20, 2008

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Treasurer's Report – will be done in Finance Committee
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - a. Meeting Minutes 10/13/08, 10/6/08 - approved
 - b. Reports
 - i. Senator's Reports
 - 1. John C
 - a. A few students have approached John about putting coffee pots along with means for students to make coffee on other floors – is this possible?
 - i. Katie Vilders – water is under contract with someone, Sodexo is also contract company for café.... Starting point is_____
 - b. Rideboard on Driscoll – is it possible to get one specifically for law students?
 - i. Jon K – yeah, maybe a good idea for Thanksgiving or skiing. Let's talk about it more at the Idea Raiser this weekend.
 - c. Do we have any sort of law school Bar Exam prep that we offer to students to increase Bar passage?
 - i. Jon K- Extensive.
 - ii. Linda – Intermediate Legal Analysis and Advanced Legal Analysis are offered classes here too.
 - iii. Tiffany – Bar prep class offered next year.
 - 1. Many schools will be considering offering a mandatory bar prep class. But we don't know if DU is going to take that route.
 - iv. Phil – Faculty are at a point where we need to wait and see if changes are taking place.
 - v. Linda – Many reasons why bar passage rate is really low. Professors used to post grades and students would grade-shop, and that doesn't help students pass the bar.
 - vi. Tiffany – Anotehr thing changed within the ABA – all ABA accredited schools must meet certain requirements including Bar passage rate.
 - vii. Jon K – But trend has been upward. Implementing new programs.

ii. Linda –

1. Please read SBA Constitution and Bylaws -- Sign and return within 2 weeks
2. No information on intersection issue, if anyone has info please send to me.
 - a. Katherine – When DU Hockey games get out, cops are at that intersection controlling light!
3. Also maybe discuss having SBA automatically co-sponsor any org having a week of events. It would be nice to join in with other sponsors.
 - a. Matt – Every year student orgs submit proposed annual budget, finance committee meets and decide what's legit and what's not as a committee. One of the things we always usually give, is up to \$1k for a week long of events. We do require that they actually do a full week and have speakers/event every day, make sure that it builds awareness for their org. We also look and see if it's something they did last year. It's also possible to get money for 2 weeks worth of events.
 - b. Phil – What does co-sponsor mean?
 - i. Jon K – no extra money, but big thing is that SBA will send out emails that students orgs couldn't.
 - ii. Phil – other than putting our name on, I start to get worried.
 - iii. Katie – There really are only 15 groups that have weeklong events, and several groups have their 3 emails eaten up really quickly.
 - iv. Linda – Is there a way to differentiate between Student Affairs as sender vs. student orgs that are behind the email.
 1. Katie – Yes, we could set that up.
 - v. Katherine – There must be no internal listserv, sometimes I get 10 emails a day from DU Law Dems!
 1. Katie – Only listserv that Student Affairs has control over is their own.
 - vi. Jon K – **No objections to this, SBA will now co-sponsor all student org week long events.**

iii. President's Reports

1. Spoke with Board of Trustees, gave report of lawschool happenings. Kudos from Provost.
2. Jon went to Korbell dinner as a guest of Dean.

3. Transparent Courthouse Awards Dinner coming up – annual awards dinner to award judge from Utah Supreme Court.
 4. We will be getting a new copier in student org office, new machine will be much more high speed. Will be meeting to discuss the needs of student orgs.
 5. Meeting this week with Alumni Affairs Office, working on having student orgs solicit the AA Office for CLE credit for presentations so practitioners or professors could attend for credit. Could be a fundraising mechanism.
 - a. Phil – Did this last week, and worked well. Made \$150.00, but it helped pay for the meal. Helps raise quality of speakers.
 - b. Jon K – This could be really beneficial and help student orgs with their own budgets.
 6. GSAC Senator Stephen Sewalk
 - a. Jon K received an email from GSAC regarding whether or not law school will be participating in Grad Games this weekend.
 - b. Do we want to try to solicit classmates to be on teams for this weekend?
 - i. Tiffany – What are games, how many people on teams?
 - ii. Jon K – It's during the Idea Raiser. Teams 4-6 people, need names and t-shirt sizes, games on 25th, free t-shirts and lunch. 3-legged races, hoola-hoops, trivia. 1-3pm.
 - iii. Michelle – Does organization email GSAC or would they go through SBA?
 1. Jon K – Through SBA. Does someone want to get a team together? No volunteers.
 7. Lightrail Tour – everyone remember. Consider it mandatory with exceptions.
 8. Idea Raiser – Meet here at 2pm on Saturday. Can last as long as we would like. Maybe go up to Jump Street in Thornton afterwards. Feel free to invite others.
- iv. Committee Reports
1. Fundraising Committee
 - a. Gave Chad his gift certificate. He was very appreciative.
 - b. Race fundraiser in Spring – need to decide where money is going to go. Last year, 100% was supposed to go to LRAP. Focus is on going to public interest. Maybe do this in memory of someone. Stephanie Brouta's endowed scholarship

technically doesn't need any more money, but we can put some in. Some people were upset that we took money from public interest and put towards LRAP. We could also split into a few different areas. But how do we want to split?

- i. Jon K – There are people on both sides of this discussion that feel very passionate. One of the best points Michelle made is that the broader this is, the more people we can get involved. But it's really politicized so we need to think about this seriously.
- ii. Linda – It's important to have public interest scholarships out there so that people feel they can go into this line of work without having to worry about funding. Has worked with Frank Bingham scholarship, and would like to see what we could do about getting money into that account. Has also been working with Sharon Magness to get attorneys involved.
- iii. Matt – Compromise between the two?
- iv. Jon K – This can be topic to discuss on Saturday.
- v. Michelle – Also, feel free to email thoughts.

2. Student Life Committee

- a. Will send around 2 sign-up sheets -- one for Trick or Treat Street and other for faculty hiring committee.
 - i. Prof. Cheever would like a diverse group of students interested in helping on committee. Up to students where we go with interviewees, and whatever time works for students.
 1. Students don't necessarily have to go to every interview. For each one there was a contact and would collect the forms from people that met with interviewee.
 - ii. Next week email will go out with mini-election, will post results of law school and LLM.

3. Social Committee

- a. Lightrail tour this week. 9:00pm this week at Hanson's.

4. Election Committee

5. Communications Committee – No meeting this week.

6. Finance Committee – No meeting today, no requests. Next week will be bringing an amendment to bylaws – would help out orgs that want to hold events/meetings at a flex time so evening students could go. Rewards orgs that would hold meetings for student orgs to have events at night, maybe \$25 more for budget. Also, last year, photographer took picture of SBA, but was never paid! Kim Gould paid it, but cost \$200! Took that money out of the general account, just so everyone knows. \$1,750.00 in General, \$6,273.91 in Speaker account, \$13,800 in travel account. Total of \$81,500.00 left in account. Might have to approve payment for Max Shaffer for reimbursement from Derby Days.
7. Interim Committee on Rankings – Nothing.

VI. Adjourn