

SBA Agenda February 25, 2009

- I. Call to Order
- II. Unfinished Business
 - a. Meeting Minutes 2/18/09 - approved
 - b. Reports
 - i. Senator's Reports
 - 1. 1L – John C – 3rd floor out of utensils. Katie J will put some more out.
 - 2. 2L –Phil – may recall being asked to do parking. Moot Court Board took on parking project to negotiate parking fees, it's as bad as we thought it would be! MCB is now adjudicating all parking appeals.
 - 3. 1L - Charles – yesterday was evening alumni panel we co-sponsored with CDC, went great! Between 50-60 people there! Several people afterwards commented that it was very helpful, hope to see more in the future.
 - 4. 2L – Katie – Thanks to Phil for buying and placing markers in study rooms!
 - ii. President's Reports
 - iii. Committee Reports
 - 1. Fundraising Committee
 - a. Alan – things going well, moving forward with Alumni letters. But school doesn't want "their" alumni over-solicited for donations, we can contact our own contacts, not school contacts. Website is up for registration for race. Alan can send us either the email or letter to forward on to contacts.
 - i. Katie – may be better to send email from me than you, can you send me an email to forward? Yes.
 - b. Michelle – Fundraising is something we all can do. Think of friends and businesses who may be interested.
 - 2. Student Life Committee - nothing
 - 3. Social Committee
 - a. Tiffany – Barrister's Ball. Two invoices from HRTM bldg. **One for 500 people** (\$26,840): includes enough food, coat check, 5 drinks per person, tickets (\$220 + 15 shipping), band (\$1,700), Jazz band (\$150), decorations (\$500), Tent (\$4,000) = **\$33,925.00; Income = \$35,600.**

- b. Ticket sales – hoping to have a sales slot before Spring Break everyday. In one week, there are 159 tickets reserved, sold 32.
- c. Please email Alan with ticket requests by end of next week.
 - i. Patrick – How many people have emailed you since last week? 47.
 - 1. Any situation where we'd lose money? Tiffany – we won't tell them a definite number until 72 hours prior to the event. Plus, we only pay for what we use. Bar last year didn't go until cash basis until 11:30 pm.
- d. We also need to market a little bit better. Having us out there selling tickets the week before will help, along with price break.
 - i. Linda – Drink budget, is soda and water are free? They're included. 5 drinks = alcohol.
 - ii. Darryl – Everyone should email by next week, but we should leave it open. If senators don't email in time, it's there fault.
 - iii. Tiffany – if senators don't email by next week, seat is gone.
 - iv. Adam – how much money are you asking for? It's just an update. This is what we've come across.
 - v. Konrad – how much is contracted for, what do we need to approve in the future if any?
 - 1. Tiffany -- Tickets have been paid for, photographer is something we need to figure out. Tickets and bands are the only things currently contracted out right now. Have not actually paid bands yet, but we have invoices with set amounts.
 - vi. Michelle – When people email and request to save tickets, what's repercussion for not picking up tickets? On 3/13, all reservations wiped clean. Need to actually purchase reserved tickets by then. Maybe move date?
 - vii. Alan – Whoever's selling can put money in locker assigned by Katie V. Until SBA Barrister's account is set up, money is put in general account.

- viii. Darryl – Are we capping non-law students attending?
1. Tiffany – We decided to not limit, so that if you don't purchase tickets in time, you're out of luck.
 2. Michelle – Would be hard to restrict because people buy tickets for other students.
- ix. Tiffany – So, when we go over \$23,300, just make a motion, and we'll vote on it.
1. Matt – Don't foresee any problems with the \$26,840.
 2. Tiffany – will come back with amounts for tent, and photographer. Pretty much it for the things that will change.
 3. Alan – **Motion for approval on expenses as laid out above. John C seconds.**
 - a. Adam – so, how will we approve \$4,000 for tent if we don't know how much it is yet. Can we wait? How did the amount get this high?
 - b. Tiffany – We said we'd come back with additional expenses.
 - c. Alan – trying to give “worst case scenario,” that may not even be that high.
 - d. Katie - Forgetting other side of the board, ticket sales could make up a lot of the difference between \$23,300 from budget and the \$33,925.00.
 - e. Matt – This is how it works – put more up front and we'll get it back. Has no problem with this.
 - f. Phil – Not encouraging a vote any particular way, but we'll spend close to 1/3 total SBA budget on Barristers. Encourage us to establish a more realistic budget next

year .Realistically we all recognize that \$15,000 is not enough, but we should have been talking about this much earlier in the year.

- g. Tiffany – this was not a manageable budget. Five years ago they spent \$65k on BB, 2 years ago they spent \$40k. Just to give an idea of how much it truly does cost.

4. **Motion passes.**

- e. Next week is next social event, will be getting info out on Monday.

- f. **Motion to deny tickets to SBA members who don't volunteer? John C. seconds. Motion fails. Phil, Melina, Tiffany abstains.**

4. Election Committee - nothing

5. Communications Committee - nothing

6. Finance Committee – nothing

- a. But wanted to say Writ was mainly put together by Tristan Gorman and Jason Sophinos. If you see them, please give them a big thank you!! Encourage people you think may want to write or be photographer to contact thewrit@law.du.edu.

III. New Business

- a. Emma – has 30 tickets for DU Hockey tickets for DU, will get them at Chancellor's Dinner on Monday. \$5 tickets. Get t-shirt with ticket, also trying to get Happy Hour together for grad students, game is March 7th. Email Emma for details.
- b. Melina – Has formally requested with Lindsay to bring pictures and projection for t-shirts next week, but wanted to discuss a little bit right now. Will be emailing further information about t-shirt designs, \$100 to design, after that, shirts are \$15 a piece. If we could be thinking of different ideas if this doesn't appeal to us, we're kind of stuck right now. We could maybe get shirts before the Race, but it takes a few weeks.
 - i. Michelle – If you're not getting feedback, just go for it.
 - ii. Senators generally fine with spending \$10-15.
 - iii. Reason for \$15 is not arbitrary - \$15 might be the difference between an ugly shirt and a cool shirt.
- c. Phil – Regarding comments in Writ, handles on doors on East side. Looking to see whether we can add them.

VI. Adjourn

