

SBA Minutes September 22, 2008

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Same amount of money as last week, minus \$125 approved for STLA - \$48k left, didn't get report from Kim Gould today due to illness
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - a. Meeting Minutes 9/15/08 - minor correction, approved
 - b. Reports
 - a. Senator's Reports
 - i. Phil McGrane - Motion for SBA to promote College Republicans and College Democrats to provide viewings of VP and Presidential debates, 165 on October 2nd and 15th.,
 - 1. Konrad seconded
 - 2. Motion passes unanimously
 - ii. John Carreras – didn't like discussion last week when speaker was here. Felt it was informal, inappropriate responses. People were speaking up out of turn. Also thinks it unfair that we as a Senate are limited by time. Asked to elaborate on "unfairness" by Max. Feels it unfair because things we talk about are important, deserve more time. Getting behind, things not getting discussed.
 - 1. Matt responds – there are issues that come up that are controversial. Time frame works well, sometimes discussion needs to be halted.
 - 2. Jon – last meeting got away from Senate control, if senator feels they need to speak with that person perhaps they can do that after meeting. Don't need to get into debates. Make sure in future that we conduct our Senate business professionally.
 - 3. Ben – People need to wait until they are recognized to speak.
 - 4. Phil – Talking outside of class when we can, helps with Senate efficiency. Chose as a Senate to put finance as something important for us to discuss in meetings, and this takes time.
 - 5. Jon – Need to put more of an emphasis on spending time in committees.
 - 6. Alan – way to organize financial report before meeting? That way we're not taking so much time to discuss details during meeting?
 - 7. Jon – challenge is that finance committee meets only a few hours before our meetings.
 - 8. Matt – will be making motion to streamline process a little, save time, but keep importance of speaker and travel fund requests.

- iii. Melina – Spoke to 1L students regarding Professor cancelling class for a few weeks
 - 1. Recorded, bonus class, offered on Saturdays
 - 2. Students spoke with not that upset with the situation, voted in class
 - 3. Students satisfied with what was done
- iv. Alan – Spoke to students regarding how discussions went last week. Alan will be speaking to Matt and Jon about amending the Finance Committee bylaws such that the Committee will at least examine the organization's activities with regard to evening students.
- v. Cody – organized with Drew a new organization pursuant to SBA bylaws, “Student Alliance of Attorneys and Administrators”
 - 1. Dedicated to all students
 - 2. Has brought org to Dean Vigil, next step was to propose to SBA for accreditation
 - 3. Funding from SBA will be limited, enough to get org up and running, need funds for food for speaker luncheons, speakers will be profs.
 - 4. Org given ALA as resource for further funding
 - 5. No other org that encompasses the administrator student body!
 - 6. Cody – **Motion to approve to recognize the Student Alliance of Attorneys and Administrators. Seconded by Drew.**
 - a. Drew – Aren’t any student orgs that are available for MSLA students. Need to know how to manage a firm as well as working at one. Have a good speaker lined up for interviews, HR, finances, accounting – small firms need to know it all.
 - b. Jon – Please consider that LLM and MSLA students don’t pay student fees. This funding will be coming from JD fees.
 - c. Tiffany – Would org be getting CLE accreditation?
 - d. Cody – Don’t know yet.
 - e. Matt – Funding will only be for food for speakers?
 - i. Cody says at this point yes.
 - f. **VOTE: Motion passes, 1 abstention (Cody).**
 - b. President's Report – None.
 - c. Committee Reports
 - i. Fundraising Committee – would be nice to get gift certificate for Chadwell for hard work with SBA Bookstore. Michelle - **Motion to get \$50.00 gift certificate. Seconded by Phil.** Melina – where does Bookstore money go? Matt – money sits there. Use it to supplement for money going out, can use it to fund other things. Keep it to help students. **VOTES: Motion passes unanimously.** Also, Saturday, April 18th would be for fundraising

run – 5k in Wash Park. BBQ and free beer after race, cost low. Money through sponsorships. Would like everyone on SBA to get sponsorships for this! Law firms good donors in past. Need sponsors soon, would like to get them before end of December. Michelle - **Motion for April 18th to hold race, Melina Seconded.** Phil – 1Ls need to remember Memos, Briefs will be happening. Darryl – any other races going on? Michele checked with the Park and they said we're ok. Maybe check further. Ben – is there a user fee for Park? Michelle – maybe a little over \$300. Jon – Mandatory event for Senate attendance, but also need to consider when Barrister's Ball. **Karina – Motion to table. Michelle seconded.**

ii. Student Life Committee – Mock election idea. Interesting to get student body results. Would make SBA a bit more visible to student body.

iii. Social Committee – Hasn't discussed Barristers yet. Need to talk about that next week. Did decide first two social events: Thursday, Oct. 2 at Spanky's (almost all appetizers are 50%), Thursday, Oct. 23 at Hanson's (\$2.50 beers) at 9pm. Melina will put together fliers. Tiffany - **Motion to put dates on SBA calendar. Seconded.** VOTE: Passes unanimously.

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iv. Election Committee - Nothing

v. Communications Committee –

Phil will help out with Bulletin Board, Max will help with website. John will help with Facebook page.

vi. Finance Committee – Not going over William C Vis, National Lawyers Guild, or 2 separate CLS requests tonight – more questions for them in finance committee. Finance committee spends a lot of time discussing requests. **Motion by Matt to allow Finance Committee votes (when unanimous or 5-1 vote) the ability to kill travel requests in committee. Seconded by Phil.** Jon supports. Can't continue to discuss these requests at length like we have been. Ben - this procedure mimicks actual state procedure for requests. Maybe task ourselves with being at finance committee meetings when travel request presented that we are interested in. Darryl – **Motion to change original motion to only unanimous decision, Tiffany seconds.** Jon – Matt, what is the effect of only allowing unanimous decisions? Matt – no effect. Usually don't come to a decision unless it's close to being unanimous. Will save us time if still unanimous. Just for requests where \$0.00 being allocated. Must still be a majority of the committee – at least 3 people present in finance committee. Matt – welcomes anyone to come to finance committee meetings. Meet on Mondays from 12:15 – 1:15, location TBA. Will email Senate on locations. VOTE: Amendment passes unanimously. Alan – we may need to amend the bylaws? Jon – no, may not. Melina – possible for Senate to know which groups were not given any travel money? **VOTE: Motion passes unanimously.**

V. Speakers/Requests

- a. SELS travel request – **Matt moves to allocate \$400.00 for SELS to travel to conference. Seconded by Drew.** Sending President of SELS, new 2L. Planning on bring back info to students, internships for students, sent SELS to conference last year. Beneficial. Will be staying with family in California to cut costs.
 - i. Tiffany – are going to ask her to do report afterwards? Be consistent with reporting?
 - ii. Jon – Can probably start attaching Stip to travel requests. Can certainly do that.
 - iii. Matt – No problem with that, but it may be impossible to check on who's giving reports for every travel request.
 - iv. Tiffany – **Motion to Amend that we stipulate that President provide written trip report as a part of her travel. Seconded by Karina.**
 1. Stephen – would like to see full presentation with slides. Would not read a 2 page printed report, but more interesting to see live presentation.
 2. John - great idea if it happens, but shouldn't make it a requirement. Lots of other factors. Simple 2 page report submitted to SBA and then circulated to student body would be good.
 3. Phil – discourage additional strings to money allocated. Busy students already, plenty of hoops to jump through! Not likely to read these reports, have faith in students that they do in fact bring back beneficial info through lunch programs to other students.
 4. Matt – If you doubt finance committee, please come to meetings. Promise that we ask people questions, talk to each other, everything they bring us is legitimate. Serious considerations. No one is going to watch program or read report. Going on behalf of their organization and will get info from their member traveling.
 5. **VOTE: Amendment fails. Motion carries, Stephen opposed.**
- b. BLS speaker request – **Matt - Motion to allocate \$150.00, put on event with IPLS with pros and cons with getting involved with intellectual property. Phil seconds. VOTE: Motion passes unanimously.**
- c. Josh Kappel / Meditation Speaker Request – **Motion to resend back to finance committee. Seconded by Alan. VOTE: Motion carries.**

VI. Adjourn