

## **SBA Minutes**

### **August 25, 2008**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Speakers/Guests**
  - a. Max Eckstein
    - i. SBA can encourage Student Orgs to offer CLE credits and charge attorneys; variety of ways to get the word out to attorneys
- III. Unfinished Business**
  - a. Meeting Minutes 8.18.08
    - i. Minutes from 8.18.08 approved for publishing
- IV. New Business**
  - a. Nomination for Day VP – Motion made by Pres. Jon Keyser to appoint Tiffany Ecker**
    - i. Seconded by Matt Ullrich
    - ii. Tiffany is heavily involved with ABA, balance to Exec Board and Senate, would like to have Tiffany chair the Social Committee
    - iii. No further discussion
    - iv. Motion passed, welcome Tiffany!
  - b. Bookstore**
    - i. Michelle Brand – update
      - 1. Very busy right now!
      - 2. Stopped accepting books for right now, no room
      - 3. Some old edition books, but still selling; get rid of them after this semester
      - 4. Look on the door for bookstore hours, Michele will send out email
  - c. DU/DNC**
    - i. I-25 closure on Thursday
    - ii. Closed south and north from Invesco Field because of Senator Obama's speech
    - iii. Meeting with Dean tomorrow to figure out a solution to this problem, individualized cancellations for classes, limited ability to record classes, but talk to professors
    - iv. Talk to constituents, aware of issue, students need to talk to their professors
    - v. Obama Phenomenon – held Friday here in Denver (made up of law professors), lots of traffic, plan accordingly, more information to be sent out in August SBA Update
  - d. Writ – Matt Ullrich**
    - i. Starting newspaper back up
    - ii. Student Nick Mahrt will be assisting Matt, lots of experience with publication management
    - iii. 1<sup>st</sup> issue in October, 2 issues this semester to get it back on track
    - iv. Phil McGrane may write up a blog on SBA events

- v. Writ not under SBA, sponsored organization
- V. Student Organization Leader Meetings – 12-1pm, Aug. 26**
  - a. 63 orgs sponsored already
  - b. LOTS for student orgs to know about
  - c. Senate strenuously encouraged to attend
  - d. Max Eckstein, CDC, Dean will attend; heavy agenda
  - e. Mandatory meeting for Presidents and Treasurers of student orgs
- VI. Elections**
  - a. Getting email out to 1Ls this week
  - b. Jon has received quite a few emails already
  - c. Election week is Sept. 2-5, 2008
    - i. Similar format as last year
    - ii. Senate encouraged to offer support and advice on campaigning
  - d. Nomination forms due at the end of this week
  - e. Winners announced at Harvest Party
    - i. Tiffany Ecker will be planning
    - ii. Last year HP was at Purple Martini
  - f. Over the weekend after elections, orientation will be offered to 1Ls
  - g. Ben Goff – maybe have someone go into the evening classes and talk to students about running
    - i. Jon – get Senate involved with all students, others beside him to talk to Day students
- VII. Harvest Party**
  - a. Tiffany will be gathering volunteers
  - b. Not contributing money to Harvest Party**
  - c. We are not paying for drinks, ask venue for discount drinks instead
- VIII. One senate position open currently – 3L evening Senator**
  - a. Jon has spoken to a few people about filling that
  - b. Doesn't have to be filled by a 3L evening person
  - c. Senate to vote in September
  - d. Person can't be graduating in December to be eligible
- IX. Budget**
  - a. Matt handed out proposed budget, including Student Org breakdown
  - b. Phil McGrane – why is there \$8,000.00 in the speaker fund?
    - i. Can't give out speaker funds and travel funds right away
    - ii. Ben Goff – Senate reserves right to allocate additional money to Student Orgs
    - iii. Phil - why not put money in general fund?
  - c. Motion made by Matt Ullrich to approve budget, and motion made to reallocate \$2,765.00 from SBA Bookstore account to SBA general account**
    - i. Seconded by Linda Stanley**
    - ii. Matt – originally, SBA planned to sell \$8k in lockers; we were \$3k short this year, SBA Bookstore has approx. \$11k in account not doing anything, we need to move money to balance out our expenses and income in SBA general account; would be helpful to

move, wouldn't need to touch rollover money, reserve \$8,800 in bookstore. We would also still have about \$3,500.00 for mid-year allocations.

- iii. Katie Vilders – Keep in mind that SBA may still sell another \$2k in lockers through out the year
- iv. Jon commended Matt on his work, phenomenal effort!
- v. Went over budget breakdown again
  - 1. President's budget cut to help out Student Orgs
  - 2. Barrister's Ball is just a projected amount for right now
  - 3. Student Travel down slightly because there are fewer students
  - 4. Speaker fund was not all spent last year, went down this year, fewer students
  - 5. General fund small, but we have a lot of rollover money (scholarship?, refund?, what do the students want to do?)
  - 6. Bookstore fund
- vi. Jon recommends budget, opens for Senate discussion
  - 1. Linda Stanley – regarding student fees, DU is being more selective in admission, plans to raise student fees?
    - a. Jon – Doesn't think Dean will raise fees, hard to do, would need to go through University Board of Trustees
  - 2. Linda – Where did Matt get Org contact information?
    - a. Matt – Old info, not passing that. Spreadsheet displays how money out of one account will be broken down.
  - 3. Konrad – how long has SBA had policy that Student Orgs who come to Senate for travel?
    - a. Jon – From Senate perspective, we'd like for Orgs to work out their own budget, but we need to keep travel in place per our Constitution
  - 4. Phil – What will be discussed tomorrow with Student Org leaders? How do they want their allocation?
    - a. Jon – No policy decisions tomorrow, just more of an idea.
  - 5. Charles – PILG not getting any money?
    - a. Matt – No money because PILG wanted to give scholarships to benefit 3 students. Can always move money later, rollover, etc.
  - 6. Phil – College Republicans and Dems should be funded equally.
    - a. Matt – Finance committee took into consideration each org's account balance. Republicans had \$3k in their account, not being used. Dems had only \$1k.
- vii. **Motion to extend meeting by 5 minutes – Linda Stanley, Seconded**

1. Ben – Hesitant to penalize Orgs who are more thrifty than others
  - a. Matt – Fine for Orgs to have balance, but reason we give money is to spend. Instead of giving large amount upfront, spend what you have and then ask for money later.
  - b. Jon – Much of allocation is based on what's requested; \$3k vs. \$1k. Numbers were out there, many opportunities to resubmit, didn't happen. Feels comfortable, would like to put to a vote.
- viii. No more discussion, Motion to approve budget put to vote – No oppositions, no absentions.**
- ix. Let Jon know if Senate has issues to discuss with Dean**
- x. Heard good things about Derby Days**
  1. Students would have liked to have it outside
  2. Students would have liked to have alcohol
- xi. Need 2 volunteers for election committee?**
  1. Need people to help Linda – temporary assignment
  2. Katherine Johnston volunteered
  3. Max Shaffer volunteered
- xii. Volunteers for Harvest Party?**
  1. Talk to Tiffany if we'd like to help
- xiii. Adjourned**