

SBA Agenda September 15, 2008

- I. Call to Order
 - a. New senators! 3L Evening senator Darryl Collins & LLM Senator Cody Faust – Welcome!!
- II. Treasurer’s Report – Matt
 - a. Current balance of approx. \$82,680.00, but does not include rollover, LRAP; Have around \$47,000.00 for rest of year.
- III. Unfinished Business
 - a. Meeting Minutes 9/8/08– Discuss corrections and approve. Minutes Approved.
 - b. Linda Stanley -- Derby Days and Elections Accolade.
 - i. Tiffany, Max, Phil helped with Derby Days – thank you!
 - ii. Katie and Max(?) helped out with elections – thank you!
 - c. Reports
 - a. Senator's Reports
 - 1. Karina – has heard complaints about warm soda on 3rd floor. Can we fix?
 - b. President's Report
 - a. Weekly meeting with Dean – continued discussion about bike racks, parking people saying perhaps we need give up parking spot to get our bike rack.
 - i. Order of the Coif – may not have much to report for a few weeks, Dean’s staff really busy for now
 - ii. Phil – has heard of 1L Torts professor that has cancelled 2 weeks of class already, asking students to make up classes on Saturdays! What can we do?
 - c. Committee Reports
 - i. Fundraising Committee – No report
 - ii. Student Life Committee
 - 1. Melina doing business cards now
 - 2. Include this in SBA reports
 - 3. Melina will collect applications and money for business cards; good for 1Ls to network – contact businesscards@law.du.edu – 500 cards for \$60.00
 - 4. Perhaps put together a “Law School Survival Guide” – where to go to make requests at school, where things are in the community, etc.

5. Charles – Discout Ski Passes, JLS (Jewish Law Society) will be selling passes, they will just be accepting info, students will go up to mountain to get actual pass. Colorado pass will be \$425; Summit Pass \$385.

iii. Social Committee

1. Met today; want to do 2 social events a month. Bar night on a Thursday? Maybe coincide with trivia?
2. Some other activity once a month – bowling at Lucky Strike, for example.

iv. Election Committee – No report

v. Communications Committee – No report

vi. Finance Committee

1. Have 6 requests; today talked about having internal cap amongst SBA that we will only give student orgs \$3-4 for speaker food events – keep costs uniform.

2. **Motion by Phil for STLA to keep \$515.60 that was borrowed last year? Last year this money was requested from fundraising seed money, which no longer exists. STLA is in the midst of raising money themselves, but because of enrollment this year they would like to keep that money for use this year. Seconded by Max.**

- a. Melina question – what is STLA comprised of?
- b. Phil – mostly 1Ls, some 2 and 3Ls.
- c. Jon – Fundraising seed money last year given to STLA was to be paid back from their own fundraiser. Essentially a loan. The fundraising seed is non-existent this year, won't hurt SBA financially this year.
- d. Phil – IT won't hurt SBA, but STLA wanted to make Senate aware of the money.
- e. Charles – Terms of loan?
- f. Matt – No terms; Jon – it was a last minute request.
- g. Phil – Budget last year was half of what it is this year.
- h. Adam – Ever paying back? Any rationale to cancel debt?

- i. Phil – No, will pay back if this is how Senate votes.
- j. Max – but by not requiring STLA to pay back to account that doesn't exist, it would help out this organization which involves a huge number of students.
- k. Melina – Seems like STLA is finally getting on their feet, push back debt one more year?
- l. Stephen – Would like to see where money is going
- m. Ben – If SBA takes money back, what happens?
- n. Phil – Less money for fall programs. Not many lunch meetings like other student orgs, these programs are expensive. We'd like to pursue fundraising again.
- o. **Melina -- Motion to Amend to push payment back to next year. Adam Seconded. Motion passes.**
- p. **Keep fundraising seed money for 1 more year? Passes unanimously, Phil and Matt abstain.**
- q. **Matt - Motion for STLA to be allocated \$125.00 for speaker event. Seconded.** Finance committee discussed – good idea for students to learn trial advocacy skills that they would not have otherwise, passed unanimously in finance committee.
 - a. Linda – Did FC scrutinize this allocation? What about their current balance?
 - b. Matt – Money already given has been allocated throughout entire year; STLA is fundraising.

- c. **Motion to vote –
Seconded.**
- d. **Passes unanimously,
Phil abstains.**

- d. **Guests/Speakers – Ashley Wiggins**
 - a. 3L working, evening student
 - b. Would like to address disregard for working students and lack of access to student orgs
 - c. Was assured when she came to DU that evening students would be offered the same opportunities and events as the day students
 - d. Has spoken to groups at Derby Days; says that groups she spoke with assured her that holding evening meetings were a priority
 - e. Most events held over the lunch hour, fewer than 15 events held between 4:30 – 6pm and on the weekends. These events not widely advertised.
 - f. Not just student orgs, but presentations offered by administration
 - g. When there is a group or activity that is important to evening students, they'll find time to get involved, but need students' help!
 - a. Notice from student groups on meetings – 2 weeks
 - b. Would like meetings at times when evening students can attend – 4-6pm
 - c. Working students of all years feel frustrated and ignored!
 - h. What they want – equal access to groups that meet their needs
 - i. Encouraging student orgs to open meetings to meet evening students' scheduled.

Discussion:

Motion to extend for 10 minutes, Seconded.

Jon – Senators do try to keep evening students in forefront. Moved Westminster and Derby Days to include evening students. Not SBA's role to dictate when orgs should have their meetings. Many SBA members are evening students – all we can do is encourage orgs

Linda – Disregard, assurances did not come from SBA. Career Center, Lexis, Westlaw were not at Derby Days, no control over them.

Ashley – feels evening students are being ignored by everyone!

Linda – Doesn't feel that's correct. There are problems with reserving rooms during the evening. As President of Crim Law Society, will be offering a duplicate Crim Law Program during the last week of October, but even then, could only offer their presentation from 5-6pm. Only through this can we encourage student orgs to follow suit. Get with student orgs more, open to suggestions on how SBA can fix this.

Tiffany – As President of Jewish Law Society, they have evening and weekend events. There is just not good attendance at these evening events. Not beneficial for orgs and their budgets to offer dual meetings, and more members are day students.

Jon – Need to reiterate. We are not a rule-making authority, we are on par with them, decide funding allocations.

Alan – Only 1Ls pay fees for the orgs, we should try to make an effort to represent all students. Encourage strongly that organizations make their meetings available to evening students

Leanna Young – 1st year students, misconception that students wouldn't get involved. If people knew those times were available, students would show up.

Charles – Incoming 1Ls from evening division contribute 30% of the funds to student orgs. Should show a good faith effort. This is an appropriate forum to discuss this issue, we control the funding.

Jon – Would ask finance committee, to ask student orgs how their meetings will benefit student orgs.

- e. **Matt -- Motion to allocate \$0.00 to Christian Legal Society (Brad is rep) for travel to 2008 CLS Event. SBA Bylaws have cap on amounts given to travel – 2/3 or \$400.00. Concerned about value to school and concerned about other costs. Second. Finance committee unanimous in decision.**

Jon – historically, student org presidents can ask for travel funds to go to national meetings for their orgs. This request is above what they have already been allocated.

Karina – Motion to extend by 5 minutes. Seconded.

Brad _____ - important for members to attend CLS event. Public interest emphasis. Event will cover developments in family law and ethical implications, human rights, public interest. Chance for SBA to help a smaller org. To enable a group like CLS to be part of this attendance is important for school.

Stephen – It should benefit the student body. Attendee should give presentations to students.

Phil – With travel funds, perhaps pay for someone to come here – better use of funds?

Linda – Would Brad be able to come back and give some presentation on event?

Brad – Yes, happy to do presentation.

Ben – Any political agenda?

Brad – No.

f. Motion to Amend \$0 to \$400 – allow Brad to attend CLS conference with stipulations to gain funds and then present. Amendment passes. Drew, Phil, Adam opposes; Matt abstains. Motion passes.

VII. Adjourn