

SBA Agenda October 6, 2008

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Speakers/Guests
- IV. Treasurer's Report - \$81,932.15, but haven't taken out for LRAP Lap, which costs about \$27k, nor have we taken out for Barristers. \$18k left in travel account, \$1950 left in general account.
 - a. \$2,190 deposited into SBA Bookstore account, payout right after finals
- V. Unfinished Business
 - a. Reports
 - i. Senator's Reports
 - 1. 2L Phil – CBA having people speaking with CDC, Wednesday at lunch they will be having a speaker, we should support students becoming members of CBA.
 - 2. Jon – This is more of a Resolution. I can give you the Resolution form.
 - 3. Phil – had a conversation with Marty Katz, head of admissions. Law School has slowly adjusted in rankings, for many senators it was a campaigning issue to address our drops in rank. Sturm has stepped in and is concerned. For SBA to do something meaningful, we should create a committee to see what steps we can take to actively improve how the school is ranked. Goal would be to meet with faculty who are involved, so that we can become informed on criteria for rankings and what ways they can be influenced. The school may have been taking steps that were harming us – student to faculty ratio, for example. There are things that students can do. Invest time in an important issue!
 - 4. Jon supports – he and the dean talk about it every meeting. Jon asked what SBA can do, since Dean and staff know what we are ranked on. The biggest thing we can do is make sure students take surveys that come out in our email – Princeton Guide to Law Schools, Jurist, Peer Survey. Survey companies send our emails to students, number of students who take surveys are really low, often times these are students who are upset about something and this affects our rankings. Dean and I have talked about doing different things – survey employment after graduation. Many school solicit clerk jobs for their students, not really an issue here because our placement is already really high and have been for a few years. Desire to improve, but don't let it become driving factors.

5. Darryl – We should push for student recruiters. Students feel more comfortable in speaking with a student, versus admissions officers.
6. Jon – There is active recruitment going on to get qualified applicants. But this will take a while to turn completely around, but Darryl’s point is a good one. That is something that maybe SBA can help with. Get a demographic picture of students that would be interested in helping to match up with an applicant interested in that same area of law.
7. Karina – Can we make another committee within SBA to do this?
8. Jon – Yes, all SBA members want to take an active role, and if Senate wants to start another committee we can.
9. Phil – Maybe an interim committee – what are the best ways to influence rankings, and where do our resources lend themselves best. Number of different ways to influence, but need a committee to discuss this. Not all faculty agree on Dean’s approach, but we all have the same goal.
10. Jon – Agree, but need to be done the right way. Students would appreciate.
11. Linda – When I met with Dean a few weeks ago, we talked about rankings too. I told them we needed to emphasize our special areas of law, special teachers, and programs – natural resource law, criminal law programs with the Attorney General. Show people what we have here and what they can get.
12. Charles – Heard that lack of certificate programs are of concern. Environmental Law has certificate, but several programs do not have certificates. This may go into rankings. Also, interview with U.S. News and World Report factors in.
13. **Phil -- Motion to establish interim committee on Rankings – seconded.**
 - a. **Motion passes.**
14. Alan – Office hours tomorrow, 5:40-6:30 upstairs. His class is really responsive to that concept. Jon asked me to publicize as an outreach effort to classmates.
15. Jon – Many people feel SBA is detached. Hopefully not as many this year, but things like holding office hours is something we can advertise.
16. Michele – Great idea, but maybe have in a study room. More confidential to have in study room because it’s not as busy as the SBA office, and there’s no code needed to get into study room.

ii. President's Report

iii. Committee Reports

1. Fundraising Committee – Nothing. Will be meeting with Eric Lungstet. Fundraising letters need to be checked to make sure that the businesses haven't already been sent out.
 - a. Karina – Maybe create something on Facebook, where everyone submits what they want to the same list.
 - b. Jon – Use Facebook as a way for people to donate? Explore that?
2. Student Life Committee – Trick or Treat Street is October 30th, Thursday, Forum reserved from 5-9, trick or treating from 6-8pm. Working with orgs on that, 10 orgs involved.
 - a. Matt – Maybe push orgs to be involved, SBA gives \$\$ to orgs for candy specifically. Not given to every single org, but many requested it.
 - b. Linda – Can student org people dress up? Contests for adults?
 - c. Katherine – Need Senate help, almost all committee members have class during the event. Facilities will do tables, but if someone would like to help, let me know. Probably won't go past 8:30pm or so. Also, we did decide to do some sort of mock election, much like voting for SBA. KC Van Hout can help set up.
 - d. Ben – Also put together advertisement for Trick or Treat Street, it's also open to community.
 - e. Jon – Up to us on who can come, families of faculty or administration, clients of students. Feels that if SBA members don't have class, we need to be here.
3. Social Committee – Last Thursday went well, but only 5 SBA members there. Disappointing. Would like more effort, maybe come to 2 events, not asking to stay for the entire time. There were a lot of 1Ls, and they should know us!
 - a. Phil – Heard comments about event, I probably won't sacrifice time with family to attend. Doesn't feel we're targeting the right demographic.
 - i. Tiffany – Wanted to put it later at night to cater to evening students, wanted to make it more accessible for everyone. Only 4 events a semester, only asking for 30 minutes.
 - ii. Jon – Agree. There is an undeniable social aspect of SBA.
 - iii. Karina – Some people were rejected at door because we don't know when last call is.

Also, is there a problem with having an event on Friday?

- iv. Tiffany – Again, people have class on Saturdays, also spoke with other SBA members at conference in California and they have many more people show up at their events.
 - v. Katherine – Need an email reminder for students, it was on Facebook.
 - vi. Tiffany – Another event this coming Thursday.
 - vii. Jon – This Friday, Beer on the Bricks event? Told Dean that students view administration as stand-off-ish, what can we do? Met with other faculty, they will pay for it. Buy kegs, have food, have administration and faculty there! Make announcements to classes and let people know.
 - viii. Tiffany – Working on bowling night, also working on Barrister's Ball. Hanson's, October 23, 2008 is next event. Putting together end of year ceremony, fun awards for students? Maybe putting together a bar guide.
4. Election Committee
 5. Communications Committee – Administration took over bulletin board, Phil will be taking over and it should be ready this week, Max is still working on updating website, has everyone's name and website, but need list of committees and members, John was successful in getting Facebook up and running.
 6. Finance Committee – Alan submitted possibility of an amendment to finance committee bylaws, which will take evening students into consideration when planning events.
3 requests:
 - a. **Motion for allocate International Law Society - \$181.40, Seconded by Adam. Motion passes unanimous, Michelle abstains.**
 - i. Discussion about conflict between Russia and Georgia, have already had event. Happened in early September, but we hadn't discussed allocation of funds yet. 80 people attended.
 - b. Motion to allocate \$200 to ILS, Seconded by Adam. Passes unanimous, Michelle abstains.

- i. Expecting 50-100 people, Human Trafficking speaker event, popular on campus.
- c. **Motion to allocate \$500 to Criminal Law Association for week long event with several speakers. Seconded by Konrad. Motion passes, Linda abstains, Adam opposes.**
 - i. Every org given money for week long speaker events, Crim Law Assoc. hosting 2x per day, once in the day, 2nd in the evening. Less than we give other orgs.
 - ii. Linda – President of Crim. Law Assoc., is working trying to get sponsors, will have polygrapher here, attorneys involved in Naccio trial here in Denver, for example. Events are CLE accredited. But if we do 8 events as scheduled without the money, we won't have enough to feed everyone. Room 190 reserved, Oct. 27-30th.
 - iii. Adam – voted against in finance committee, and didn't know how money would be used. Why didn't org request at the beginning of the year in their budget?
 - iv. Matt - Normally org has to request it, and must give some specifics. Money always goes towards food.
- iv. President's Report – Senate needs to be reminded that orgs are not entitled to anything. It's our job to allocate as we believe our constituents would like, but no one is entitled.
 - 1. Katie and Jon have been talking to Parking Services about the ticketing process. SBA could be final word on appealing parking tickets. Parking ticket states what your appeals process is, and it's usually denied. Many people upset, large volume of tickets issued. Parking would like us to adjudicate appeals from school. Majority are issued to people who forgot their pass, put it in a different car, etc. What we can do is put more sanity back in process. If you forgot your pass or it was simply not visible, let us know and we would take care of it. Senate would be final word. There are a few options:
 - a. No SBA Involvement
 - b. New SBA Committee – committee would need to meet every other week, for 2 hours to plow through.
 - c. Give to current committee
 - d. SBA provides oversight, have law students sit on board

2. Pros: Tangible action, actual authority, we could make this a fundraiser \$500/semester, PR, bring sanity back to parking!
3. Cons: Time commitment, Complaints, PR, Summer too!
4. Everyone think about it for next time.

VI. New Business

VII. Adjourn