

## **SBA Agenda November 3, 2008**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Treasurer's Report
  - a. \$80,796.80 left in the general account (no LRAP or Barrister's)
  - b. \$8,749.03 in SBA Bookstore
  - c. Student Travel - \$12,870.31
  - d. Speakers - \$6,503.60
  - e.
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - a. Meeting Minutes 10/27/08 - approved
  - b. Reports
    - i. Senator's Reports
      - 1. 3L – Linda Stanley: Criminal Law Association Week
        - a. Held evening events at 5pm all 4 days, for the most part, had 2x as many people during the day. Was anticipating more evening students attending. Also saw that there wasn't anything else going on that week, but there were many other events going on that came up later. Not enough parking available for people who did CLE credits, CDC did 1L orientation at 12pm, Bar Review took most 3Ls. Can SBA encourage orgs to see what's going on during their scheduled events? If money is given to org that's competing with several other orgs for student attendance, that money and food is going to waste.
          - i. Jon K – At Idea Raiser we talked about having a calendar posted with orgs' events, looks bad on SBA, looks bad on org if there are only a few students in attendance. Maybe push hard for this one-source calendar, have orgs check to see if there is anything going on for a given day.
          - ii. Phil – Agrees with calendar idea. Consolidation key solution, but not good idea for further regulation. Student org should decide if they think their members will attend or not. Recognizes that it's difficult if students don't show up, but it's difficult to change because there are only so many days to have events.

- iii. Matt – Finance Committee does try to pay attention to when an org is having an event. Doesn't have any control over what CDC or others do. Maybe two other events that FC approved that was going on that day. Then approved Crim Law for an entire week!
    - iv. Adam – Duplicate night programs too? Yes. Was there evening students at the night one? Not that populated.
- 2. 3L – Tiffany Ecker – Has heard complaints from students about professors not taping classes. Any way to change?
  - a. Jon K – Comes up every year. Limited resources issues, and not all classrooms can tap classes. Also ABA guidelines on attendance, which professors adhere to. Professor's discretion, Dean Vigil will usually sign off on the request, but specific issue should start with the professor.
  - b. Katie V – if students want to get ball rolling, email Katie or Dean Vigil, they can solicit the professor, but it's not just as easy as flipping a switch. Tech services actually has to come in and set up. Taping has been abused in the past.
  - c. Max – Dean Vigil told Prof. Edwards that he could not tape. Students were told that they need to fill out a form.
  - d. Katie V – Student needs to fill out form. Then need professor permission. Student Affairs then lets AP department know.
  - e. Tiffany went to Chicago, met with ABA. Will be getting a link with various states' Bar info soon, and can send out.
- 3. 2L – Phil McGrane: **Motion to Recognize International Commercial Arbitration Association**
  - a. Corey Hinkle is here from student population to sponsor Motion
  - b. We do not currently have a group like this at DU, group does have Constituion and ByLaws.
- 4. 2L – Charles Nicholas: Resolution
  - a. Resolution was created without knowledge that Alan was working on one. Will withdraw resolution.
  - b. Had meeting with CDC, originally set by Stephen Sewalk. Good meeting – they are going to begin an evening division bulletin with info geared specifically to night students. CDC will be putting together panel discussion for evening students,

consisting of evening alumni and then transitioning. Open to all students. **Motion to co-sponsor CDC panel. Alan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

5. 1L John C – Too expensive to get more electric plugs in the forum?
  - a. Matt – tried to get this done last year. Katie gave me Forrest Stanford's name, only thing we can do is purchase power strips. Would cost a lot to rip up floor.
  - b. Ben – Will not support any further money given to putting electrical outlets in the forum. Too expensive, other places.
  - c. Karina – Agrees.
6. 1L Alan – Sent out Resolution. **Motion to offer into Record for Senate Approval. Phil seconds.** Resolution #200801. **For: Alan, John C, Melina, tiffany, Konrad, Matt, Phil, Karina, Ben, Dre, Max Against: Charles, Darryl, Katie, Adam, Linda. Resolution Passes.**
  - a.
  - b. John C – Not putting limits on financial incentive?
  - c. Alan – Especially since this is non-binding, used discretionary language, up to Finance Committee still.
  - d. Linda – Problem with evening scheduling events was if had event from 5-6, classes start at 5:40 or 6pm. Caught between scheduling an entire presentation. Ashley Wiggins trying to propose 5:30-6:30 events, but this may not work.
  - e. Jon K – This resolution allows Senate and Finance Committee some written justification for financially incentivize orgs for helping evening students. Will not be dictating to student orgs when to hold meetings, but will help senate explain why funding given to some orgs over others.
  - f. Alan – Also allows more discretion to orgs, no limitations on days or times.
  - g. Katie – My only concern is, by giving extra money to events that are poorly attended, isn't this a bigger waste of money? Even worse? In a way, this has a reverse effect, day students may get pizza and night students get Pasquini's.
  - h. Matt – Feels passionate about this issue. Like what Alan's saying, nothing nailed down, very broad. To answer Katie, FC will be discretionary, not assuming 50-60 people. Can give maybe \$15 extra.

Thinks it does accomplish what Alan and Charles wanted to do, but also allows financial discretion.

- i. Charles – Not co-sponsoring. Applauds Alan’s efforts. Not financial issue. Spoken with several orgs about having later meetings, not enough attendance to justify. Cultural problem, not political problem. Committed to CDC about emailing classmates and talking to people face-to-face. Irresponsible to fund a meeting that we know a meeting is going to be poorly attended.
- j. Linda – As an evening 1L, was upset that nothing was offered in evening. Then things were offered, and couldn’t get here on time. Fact of the matter is you can’t make it here in the evenings if you can’t take time off. Agree that instead of this resolution, we maybe suggest a time that’s more conducive to evening students. Agrees with Katie about financial incentive.
- k. Jon K – Supports resolution. Has spoken to many 1L evening students. Important issue for me. Not a 100% solution, Charles is right, it’s a cultural issue. Recognizes Katie’s point as well. Like this because it’s not binding. Has served on finance committee, believes that it will not hamper discretionary ability to distribute funds. They don’t have to give money out, but the ability would be there. Views this as an olive branch to evening students.
- l. Adam – Olive branch with no olives. Doesn’t do anything, doesn’t force FC to do anything. Night students won’t go to programs because of cultural reasons, we need to address that.
- m. Melina – If the night student body is 20%, isn’t it ok to expect 20% attendance? Are we giving twice as much in funding? No, not doubling.
- n. Darryl – You say 1<sup>st</sup> step in working with evening students, but feels like we’re skipping first step: emailing student orgs. No, Jon has discussed a few times with orgs. Also, evening students pick and choose which events you’re going to go to.
- o. Alan – Last week I attempted to do more than an olive branch. Feels that this should be a first step to reflect the wishes of the evening division. At least do something to incentivize that 1<sup>st</sup> step.

**7. Motion to Table Phil’s Motion. Seconded. Passes.**

- ii. President's Reports
- iii. Committee Reports

1. Fundraising Committee
2. Student Life Committee – Katie
  - a. Thank you to everyone for helping out with Trick or Treat Street.
  - b. Jon got great feedback on TTS. Really enjoyed.
  - c. Only thing that came up was the lack of pizza this year.
  - d. Faculty Hiring had first meeting this morning, felt it went well. If anyone else can jump in, feel welcome! Professor Aviel is adjunct, wants full-time position.
  - e. Silverware purchased, just need basket or something to put in.
3. Social Committee
  - a. This week is at Sticky Star, 9pm this Thursday
  - b. Barrister's Ball meeting Thursday
  - c. Met with Ben about mental health week, actually coordinated massages for 6-7 people during Reading Week for 2 days. Also last week of school, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> week, we'll have table with Health Center stuff – packets giveaway, stressball, apples/oranges one day.
4. Election Committee
5. Communications Committee
  - a. Met today to discuss bulletin board
  - b. Communications Committee would like to make a **Motion to move \$200 from general fund to purchase materials for suggestion box, ride board, etc.**
  - c. **Motion passes.**
  - d. Would like to put out a dry-erase Calendar, recognize that people could abuse it, but we'd like to try it out with student orgs.
  - e. Maybe getting pictures, get photos of us posted.
  - f. CC feels like it's worth amending Constitution to no longer post Agenda and minutes on bulletin board, only online. Seems sufficient to have on website only. **Tabled until next week.**
6. Finance Committee
  - a. Had to approve \$34.80 reimbursement to Stephen Sewalk

VI. Adjourn

