

## **SBA Minutes**

### **March 3, 2008**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Speakers/Guests
  - a. Welcome New Evening Division 2L Senator Linda Stanley
- III. Unfinished Business
  - a. Meeting Minutes February 25, 2008
    - i. No significant changes
    - ii. S. Keyser: nice job Sarah
  - a. **Resolution 005** Prohibition on Lobbying By-Law Amendment
    - i. Proposed by Senator Richardson
      - i. Takes into consideration what lobbying is, amends article 11 of the SBA bylaws which discusses requirements for travel funding
      - ii. If a group comes to SBA and the majority purpose is lobbying, then there would not be travel funds given
      - iii. S. Walker - concerns on resolution being too broad, and due to concerns she would like to get together with S. Richardson to work on it, proposed tabling, to have more input and not take up senate time...would like to narrow definitions and specifics of what qualifies as lobbying, in order to accurately apply
      - iv. S. Richardson - put together a definition from Colo. Rev. Statue of what lobbying is, to include amendments, reports, etc... That definition would get us to primary purposes of these activities, but very willing to sit down and work through it.
        - a. Seconded by S. Keyser - wanting to tighten wording, as it says "majority of lobbying"
      - v. Pres. Brad - like to open discussion before tabling
        - a. VP McCarthy: like to see it not tabled
    - ii. Concerns from other students about wording of the resolution: needs to be unequivocal – the SBA does not fund lobbying
    - iii. Clarification on the resolution as it stands: if minority purpose of the trip is for lobbying, then the group could receive funds
    - iv. How does SBA determine whether it is a majority of the funding?
      - i. Recommendation that funding committee make the decision
      - ii. Concerns that if it is left to the finance committee, it would potentially result in another SBA wide discussion that takes time out of the meeting
      - iii. Concern also that lobbying requests could be couched as requests that bury the lobbying aspect

- v. Another issue, to the contrary, is that if there is a brightline rule, then any exceptions would be precluded; also that this creates a heavy obligation on finance committee
  - i. Response: the committee will be able to sufficiently see what the request is for; there should be neutral guidelines that help determine the exceptions
  - ii. The definition given in the resolution makes it clear whether the activity in issue is lobbying
  - iii. Also open to change that states that if there is another component of the trip that is not lobbying, then SBA would fund that part of the request
- vi. Rationale behind the request
  - i. If it is for the specific cause then that is inappropriate
  - ii. Response: the line is drawn at lobbying
- vii. Minority/Majority not unclear terms for SBA or Finance Committee to draw from
  - i. Concern from Treas. Holt that last week the funding was given based on which part the lobbying was part of, which was not definitive or representative of the proposal
- viii. Concern about the "or soliciting others to communicate"
  - i. In connection with the ABA elections
- iii. **Motion to table the resolution: S. Walker**
  - 1. Seconded by S. Goff
    - a. Also willing to help out on resolution with particular expertise

## **2. Motion to table passes**

### **b. Request from Business Law Society**

- i. Door Prizes for Fundraising Event
- ii. Inform them that they need to submit request

### **c. Finance Request from Student Trial Lawyers Association**

- i. **Spring Speaker Panel**
- ii. Professor David Schott, judges, and other lawyers speaking on trial work / litigation
- iii. \$3.75 per person for 50 people (amended from 40-60 people)
- iv. **Amount Requested: \$180.00**
- v. **Amount Recommended: \$187.00**
- vi. **Motion to Allocate: Treas. Holt**
  - i. **Seconded: VP Zamarripa**
  - ii. **Discussion:** event is the first week in April
  - iii. **Motion passes:** unanimously

## **IV. New Business**

### **a. Finance Requests**

- i. **National Lawyers Guild:** Criminal Justice Week (March 10th-14th, Room #155)
  - 1. Expected attendance: 45-75 people per day
    - a. \$3.75 – 2.50 per person cost

- b. Where did they expected attendance?
        - i. From poverty week
        - ii. Keynote speaker hope to fill \$150 on Tuesday, Former death row inmate, exonerated in FL – will likely fill 155 with some standing
        - iii. juvenile justice advocates from the Pendulum Project Terrance Roberts and crime commission
  - 2. Allocation max at \$1,000 for “weeks”
    - a. Had this week last year as the “death penalty week”
  - 3. Amount Requested: \$1,215.00**
  - 4. Amount Recommended: \$1,000.00**
  - 5. Motion to Allocate: Treas. Holt**
    - a. **Seconded by VP Zamarripa**
    - b. **Discussion:** Natl Lawyers Guild is recognized by SBA
    - c. **Motion passes unanimously**
- ii. Katrina Relief Committee – Student Hurricane DU Chapter**
- 1. Travel to New Orleans to perform legally based public service in the Gulf Coast area for Katrina victims
    - a. Number of people attending: 5
    - b. Cap of \$1,200 per org – 2/3 of costs
    - c. Next year it will become the “alternative spring break program” in conjunction w/the Public Service Charter
    - d. Expanding it to be more than a sub-chapter, to provide an opportunity to explore different areas and more places to do public service
    - e. Students placed into legal based facilities to do pro-bono legal work. Will be featured in the Alumni newspapers and will be in a press release in local newspaper
  - 2. **Amount Requested: \$1,500.00**
  - 3. **Amount Recommended: \$1, 200.00**
  - 4. **Motion to Allocate: Treas. Holt**
    - a. **Seconded by S. Davis**
    - b. **Discussion:**
      - i. Rep from group: Research project on the conflicts of law issues on the Gulf Project, meeting with groups that this project would have influence over; students can fulfill the Public Service Requirement by doing the trip
      - ii. One of the accredited groups recognized by SBA

- iii. Getting funds from firms and also from a fundraiser
- iv. Issue with students fulfilling their public service requirement and having SBA fund it
  - 1. Response: There are other ways to get public service requirements, students work hard during the week; it is a particularly rough part of the country that is not a vacation spot and where the work is needed
  - 2. If this were the only way to fulfill the DU public service requirement, then there would be a concern, but that this seems to bring value back to the school as far as good name
  - 3. Each student will fulfill 50 hours while in New Orleans, some work will also be done before and after
  - 4. Students will be there from the 16<sup>th</sup> until the 21<sup>st</sup> of March

**c. Motion passes unanimously**

- V. Reports
  - a. President
    - i. Defers to Vice Presidents
  - b. Vice Presidents (Social/Planning)
    - i. Changes for Barristers
      - 1. Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>
      - 2. Held at the School of Hotel, Restaurant, Tourism and Management
      - 3. Full buffet and dinner
      - 4. Tickets = \$20; half of what last year's were
      - 5. Financing certain dollar amount of alcohol; should be sufficient for the duration
      - 6. Lost the live band but looking for other entertainment
      - 7. Have to rent the tent, but get a discount
      - 8. HRTM building a great facility
  - c. Vice President (Fundraising)
    - i. LRAP needs some work and also funding
    - ii. New Business for next week
  - d. Treasurer
    - i. Dean's Suite has requested \$35,000
    - ii. New Business for next week
  - e. Secretary
  - f. ABA
  - g. Senators
- VI. Adjourn