

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY 24, 2013

- I. Opening
 - A. Next meeting– scheduled for Mar. 17th @ 2pm in Room #7
 - B. Michael's absence: Feb 26 – Mar. 15
 - 1. He will be in email contact.
 - 2. Urgent business, please contact Amanda Johnson or C.J. Graves.
- II. Budget Update/ Requests
 - A. Starting Numbers
 - 1. General Reserve Funds: \$2,585
 - 2. Travel Reserve Funds: \$1,427
 - 3. SBA Budget: ~\$3,000
 - B. General Funds
 - 1. Business Law Society
 - a) Budget has been significantly cut this year.
 - b) Request \$600 in extra funding.
 - c) Upcoming events
 - (1) Happy Hour
 - (2) BLS/ILS panels (2)
 - (3) Securities Panel
 - (4) BLS/ILS networking event
 - (5) Networking Breakfast
 - (6) Coal Panel
 - 2. Law Students for Reproductive Justice
 - a) Had 30–40 students for the last event, was underfunded (\$76.01 all covered by the nat'l group).
 - b) Next two events are co-sponsored by ACLU.
 - (1) Want food other than pizza.
 - (2) Planned Parenthood Event
 - (3) Speaker from Strong Families
 - (4) Request for \$50 for these two events
 - c) Planning a networking/ happy hour, request \$100 for that.
 - d) Finally, an extra \$50 for operating costs.
 - e) \$200, altogether.
 - 3. Voting
 - a) Adjusted Amounts \$525, \$175; passed by amendment.
 - b) Vote on adjusted amounts
 - (1) Aye: 25
 - (2) Nay: 0
 - (3) Abstain: 5
 - C. Travel Funds
 - 1. Black Law Student Association

- a) Want to send 2 students to BLSA Regional Convention
 - b) Requesting \$550
- 2. Melissa Thaisz
 - a) NALSA member
 - b) Wants to attend FedBar, an Indian law conference in New Mexico.
 - c) Has received funding from PILP and FBA, Indian Law Section.
 - (1) Rough estimate that she has fundraised \$600
 - d) Requesting \$500.
- 3. Federalist Society
 - a) Wants to take 7 people to the Nat'l Federalist Society symposium.
 - b) Requesting \$600
- 4. Discussion
- 5. Voting
 - a) Table SSDP request
 - (1) Aye: 27
 - (2) Nay: 1
 - (3) Abstain: 1
 - b) Move to amend the leave \$427 in reserve.
 - (1) Aye: 18
 - (2) Nay: 2
 - (3) Abstain: 3
 - c) Voting
 - (1) BALSA
 - (a) 275
 - i) yes
 - (b) 300
 - i) yes
 - (c) 350
 - i) no
 - (d) They get \$300
 - (2) Melissa
 - (a) 300
 - i) yes
 - (b) 350
 - i) no
 - (c) They get \$300
 - (3) Fed. Soc.
 - (a) 200
 - i) yes
 - (b) 350
 - i) no
 - (c) They get \$200

III. Linli report from External Budget Committee

- A. E.B.C. evaluated programs for cutting and identified clinical programs as the most expensive and an area where cost-savings may be generated in the future.
- B. Linli is urging letters of support so that when they go to make cuts, faculty will keep them in mind to temper the issues.
- C. Faculty have appointed a subcommittee to review the clinical programs and to identify whether or not each clinical program is either worth keep or worth funding at current levels.

IV. Request for New Student Group

- A. Eric Brickenstein presented on the Federal Bar Association
 - 1. Presents a unique networking opportunity.
 - 2. 50 students on the email list, with solid 1L representation.
 - 3. Possibly no to \$100 requested this year.
 - 4. Will want a \$1200 to \$1500 budget next year.
- B. Vote
 - 1. Aye: 20
 - 2. Nay: 2
 - 3. Abstain: 6
 - 4. Approved!

V. Committee Reports

- A. Elections will email us
- B. Cosponsorship
 - 1. Approx half the funds have been dispersed
 - 2. Can have 5-6 more grants (\$50-75)
- C. Board of Trustees
 - 1. 3% tuition raise approved.
 - 2. Approved a Master's in Environmental Law for people w/o JDs.

VI. Other Business

- A. Customer Service Report
 - 1. Survey received over 200 responses
 - 2. Dean Spence is still compiling the results.
- B. Sean Clancy wanted to inform us about the EASL talent show and exhibition and encourage us to promote it.
 - 1. The opposite of a networking event.
- C. Emily Clark gave an informative and well-researched presentation on problems with the school podcast policy.
 - 1. We voted to mock up a proposal on suggested changes to the podcast policy to present to the SBA at the next meeting and then to give to Dean Spence.