

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
MARCH 17, 2013

I. Opening/Attendance

- A. Quorum reached – 25 members in attendance
- B. Next Meeting will be held in late April. Exact date TBD based on the SBA elections schedule
- C. Vote to suspend May SBA Meeting
 - (i) Aye: 17
 - (ii) Nay: 0
 - (iii) Abstain: 1

II. Upcoming Events

- A. Cuisine with the Dean (Thu. Mar. 21) @ 12:00pm
 - (i) Date and Time: Thursday March, 21st at 12:00pm
 - (ii) Purpose: Provide a forum for students to talk with Dean Klonoff about the U.S. News Rankings and other concerns
 - (iii) Other notes: This event was specifically requested by the Dean's office, but has not yet been confirmed.

III. Customer Service Survey Results

- A. Survey: School Administration conducted a Customer Service Survey after being approached by the SBA
- B. Administration's Response:
 - (i) Positive feedback from Dean Spence, citing that the results were useful
 - (ii) Plans on conducting an iteration of this survey annually
 - (iii) Suggest addition of the Copy Center and Bon Appetit to future surveys
- C. Results of Survey:
 - (i) Approximately 240 respondents to the Survey
 - (ii) Career Services Office and Business Services Office, though mostly positive, had the largest number of negative feedback
 - (iii) Business Services had the lowest positive score, with 60% of students rating them as "Excellent" or "Good"

- (iv) Many of the services on the survey didn't have respondents due to less recognition of those services
- (v) Administration is actively discussing the results of the survey.

IV. Budget Update and Requests

A. Budget Update

- (i) General Reserve Fund Balance: \$1,860
- (ii) Travel Reserve Fund Balance: \$627

B. General Budget Requests

- (i) Crime Victims Rights Alliance
 - (a) \$150 requested
 - (b) Funds will be used as follows: \$90 for April 10th event; \$35 for General Elections Meeting, \$25 for Happy Hour event co-sponsored with Criminal Law Society
 - (c) Voting on Motion to Approve CVRA Request:
 - 1. Aye: 15
 - 2. Nay: ____
 - 3. Abstain: ____
- (ii) Latino Law Society
 - (a) \$75 requested
 - (b) Funds will go towards a co-sponsored event already held with NLG
 - (c) Voting on Motion to have this request come from the President's Co-Sponsorship Fund:
 - 1. Aye: 24
 - 2. Nay: 0
 - 3. Abstain: 1
- (iii) National Lawyers Guild
 - (a) \$820 requested, pending other funding
 - (b) Funds will be used for a speaker event being held April 15th on campus. Funds will go towards the flight, hotel, and some daily costs of the Palestinian Ambassador to the U.S.
 - (c) Voting on Motion to Approve NLG Request:
 - 1. Aye: 20
 - 2. Nay: 2
 - 3. Abstain: 3

- (iv) Public Interest Law Project
 - (a) \$300 Requested
 - (b) Funds will be used for the annual Dean for the Day BBQ.
Funds will be used as follows: \$25 for decorations, \$100 for regular burgers, \$100 for vegetarian/vegan burgers \$50 for buns and \$25 for condiments.
 - (c) Voting on Motion to Deny PILP's Request, and table until the next SBA meeting:
 - 1. Aye: 22
 - 2. Nay: 1
 - 3. Abstain: 2

C. Travel Budget Requests

- (i) Request (1) by Anonymous Student, for \$100.
 - a. Represented by Maryam Behrouzi
 - b. Student has attended a conference, and has received some SBA funding, and has paid a total out-of-pocket cost of \$100.
 - c. Medical expenses incurred by the student have resulted in greater economic strain than most students
- (ii) Requests (2) through (7) from Federalist Society, for \$260.28
 - a. James Butler representing (2) himself, (3) Robert Echols, (4) Sydney Villanueva, (5) Alex Hileman, (6) Scott Strickland, and (7) Trent Raleigh
 - b. Request breakdown is \$43.48 per student.
 - c. Students have attended the conference and have received some SBA funding through the Federalist Society, as well as outside funding
 - d. Total out of pocket costs per student have been \$93.38
- (iii) Requests (8) and (9), for Melissa Parsons and Holly Partridge
 - a. Represented by Linli Pao
 - b. Request is for an unknown amount of funds to attend Fed Bar
 - c. Linli provided a cost breakdown of what was going to be incurred, but did not give details about flight costs, and there were inconsistent numbers provided for the Fed Bar conference fee (\$175 and \$195).
 - d. Students have received some funding from the SBA through NALSA

- (iv) Voting on Motion to deny and table requests (1), (8) and (9) unless they provide further information:
 - a. Aye: 17
 - b. Nay: 3
 - c. Abstain: 5
- (v) Voting on Motion to deny requests (2) through (7)
 - a. Aye: 21
 - b. Nay: 3
 - c. Abstain: 1

V. Committee Reports

A. External Budget Committee Report by Linli Pao

- (i) General discussion of some concern being raised about the drop in U.S. News Rankings, especially given the tuition increase for next year being made on the premise of increasing our rankings.

VI. Other Business

A. Kitchen Cleaning Schedule needs more Volunteers

B. Creation of a Budgetary Rules Committee

- (i) Request by Maryam Behrouzi to create a Budgetary Rules Committee to come up with revised SBA Bylaws concerning budgets and spending to present for a vote at the April SBA Meeting
- (ii) Voting on the Motion to Create a Budgetary Rules Committee
 - a. Aye: 20
 - b. Nay: 2
 - c. Abstain: 0