

## **SBA Meeting: December 7, 2005**

### **I. President's Report**

#### **A. Old Business:**

- i. Approve minutes—unanimous

#### **B. New Business**

- i. Will send out an email with these announcements:
- ii. January:
  1. Referendum on Student Fee, need to approve the rate of increase on student fee, early in January. Rate is usually \$2 per year, and now we're sinking beneath, and we need to jump up to \$3. We're trying to get up to about \$115,000 for a yearly student activity fee.
  2. Referendum: Endowment/Investment Committee. Gift at Foundation in SBA's name. We may have to have a school-wide referendum on that.
  3. Holiday Fair: raised about \$80. Jean will give those checks to the SBA and the SBA will deposit them and SBA will write a check to Loaves and Fishes. Since our financial report is fairly rosy, I'll be proposing a vote that SBA increase that amount and make a donation in SBA's name.
- iii. Spring Budget Requests
  1. Gavan Meehan is here for the New Orleans trip to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina with legal aid. The budget for that will be about \$4,000. Gavan reported that they have received \$1,350 from various sources plus \$500 from PILG. They can shift over the \$250 in extra money from National Lawyers Guild. We'll vote on this in a couple of minutes.
- iv. Misc. New Business:
  1. Coffee during finals. Jane Brown and Bruce have talked. Free coffee downstairs and in the co-op. \$500 from the budget for this. Jane can pick up the overage if it exceeds \$500.
  2. Meeting on the status on the construction of the library. Environmental, construction. If you can show up, it's a good idea. John O'Donnell from the faculties facility committee will be there. Any concerns, talk to him.
  3. Better space for student groups. Bruce and Laurie Werling: Looking into the costs of the 2 old bathrooms and turning them into offices, since there are already 2 ADA compliant bathrooms that are a lot nicer.
- v. Grad Party:

### **II. VP's Report: Nothing**

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

#### **A. Fall Financial Report**

- i. Coffee thing will be out of SBA operating budget (\$125).
- ii. As of the end of November, we've paid out about \$32,000. \$5,000 from fall ball tix. Spent about \$28,400. Initially allocated, \$98,000, but this includes the journals, etc. Will send out an email soon about all voucher requests must be done before January 14 (?). That way, we can put more money in for the Spring.
- iii. Webmaster: Wayne Jekot has approached Bruce to do this. In the past, it's been \$500 a semester.

Eric: What does the webmaster do?

Bruce: The webmaster updates the site, with minutes, agendas, members, etc. The SBA has a TWEN site and Wayne can help to do that.

Bruce: Move to close discussion and go to a vote.

Morgan: Seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- iv. Gavan's funding request: Tulane group will cover housing and transportation once down there. Lots of people responded and 16 people said that they would definitely go. Megan, Joe, and Jason are all SBA members going to Shreveport. Gavan made flight arrangements with the cheapest flights. Going in January--Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> and coming back the 14<sup>th</sup>. Will start a weblog with thoughts and photos. The legal system there is a shambles and they need all the help they can get. Have raised \$1,600 so far and would like SBA to make a commitment of some dollar amount. Hoping that SBA, faculty, etc. will support so it's a true Uconn effort. Fordham, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, etc. all going. This is also good for public relations. The president, Bruce, has also done a great job raising funds. Bruce: The PR on this is huge, and we do have SBA members going. Has been in contact w/Tulane's president. The Dean here has agreed to pay some money. If the SBA gave a substantial amount towards this event it would be a larger statement b/c it would be students paying out of their pockets to support this event. Tulane's president is a Uconn grad. This could turn out to be cool press for Uconn law students for this year. Gavan: Appeals through faculty should result in a couple hundred dollars. The Dean has agreed to make up the difference. Considering PILG's amount is \$550 and NLG is \$250. As representative of the NLG, Gavan said he's willing to release that previously allocated amount for this event. Bruce: If the SBA voted to approve \$2,400, that's really \$1,600 of new money. \$800 outside funds. \$3,200 is left to be raised. \$300 Westlaw, \$200 from staff member, \$300 from barbri, \$800 of old SBA money. Daniel: We could match what is already done, and then the Dean could match the rest. Bruce: If we do the entire \$2,400, then the Dean might be more inclined to approve our financial endowment idea or get space in Starr. Eric: Instead of committing to a number,

maybe it would behoove us to commit to a difference. Bruce: We can commit to approve the \$2,400, and then ask the dean's office and Foundation to contribute to defer the \$2,400 expenditure.

Owen: Are you asking the Dean to reimburse us? Bruce: No, what I'm saying is that it builds good will. Owen: Do you have reason to know that she'll give us an office? Bruce: No hard evidence, but from working with this Administration, it's a quid pro quo type of situation. It wouldn't be asking anyone to reimburse. It would just be asking them if they felt the spirit to move them to do it they could. Bruce: Move for \$2,400. Vote: All in favor: Unanimous.

v. Parking Ticket Appeals:

1. Student Handbook is unambiguous in the appeals. There is one where a PILG officer parked in the PILG spot and got a ticket. As we know, it's custom and practice that no one gets them.
2. Genea: The Uconn police always park in the best spots, and some of us (with children) need to walk less.
3. Bruce: The entire Uconn police force are detectives and don't do patrols and feel they don't have a duty to do the tasks that are beneath them, like patrolling. If we want to change this, this would be a legislative thing.

Meeting commenced: 9:30 pm

Adjourned: 10:11 pm

**Members Present:**

Tanya Bogdanovski

Bruce Adams

Dan Desjeunes

Morgan Scott

Genea Bell

Eric Reed

Samantha Krasner

Daniel Saltus

Meg Maugeri

Stein Helmrich

Kiley Gosselin

Owen Kloter

Hugo Tomasio

John O'Donnell

John Connaughton

Jon Raphael (for Joe Smiga)

**Excused Members:**

Shelby Bradford

Jason Crawford

**Non-Excused Members:**