

**SBA Meeting Agenda
November 6, 2005**

- I. Present
 - a. Charlotte Felber
 - b. Maren Solberg
 - c. Tad Cleaves
 - d. Laura Frank
 - e. Mike Demetriou
 - f. Erica Khalili
 - g. Pat Spangler
 - h. Sandra Wortham
 - i. Cameron Williams
 - j. Sandra Merters
 - k. Matt Lash
 - l. Jordan Powell
 - m. Gabriela Reyes-Noyola
 - n. Jason Gordon
 - o. Rachael Levy
 - p. Krissy Janusz
 - q. Jessica Winkler
 - r. John Booras
- II. Opening Remarks
- III. Approval of Oct. 16 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion – Khalili , 2nd Powell
 - i. All Ay's, no Nay's
- IV. Approval of 1Ls Committee
 - a. Motion to entertain approval – Levy, 2nd Lash
 - i. All ay's, no nay's
 - ii. ABA committee – planning events, come to ABA events at the school
 - iii. Board of Inquiry – like J Board
- V. Officer Reports
 - a. President
 - i. Student Org Procedures for Catering/Post/Copying
 - 1. at least inform
 - 2. any time an org wants to send postage or cater and they don't have to report and we get the bill without any notice. One group asked for 100 dollars, and spent 400 dollars instead. Booras is going to work with the SPAK and postage room to try and prevent this.
 - 3. Inform the groups
 - 4. Mike D – money is coming from our account, do people support the budget process?
 - 5. J Gordon – it was the treasurer's discretion to say that they had 500 bucks and they spent 400 dollars on something then they only have 100 dollars. It would be up to the Treasurer's discretion but the thing is that they can surpass the budget but still be able to go and

use postage without us noticing. Asked if they could police the postage or copies, and the answer is no.

6. R Levy – saw at another school and a person on the SBA was in charge of catering and that person was able to give approval to the catering. So all student orgs would have to get permission first.
7. J Booras – this group's issue wasn't that they didn't spend the money before, so they misbudgeted. We will take money from the other money that they had within their budget.
8. Demetriou – money is covered by the SBA and if we don't retroactively give them a pass, is that money debited from their active budget, to their extent that is there.
9. Levy – we can take it into consideration for next semester
 - a. Would anybody want to be a volunteer for catering pin person?
10. Spangler – We have to figure out a way to police postage/copying because we get stuck with it.
11. Booras – only one person would be in charge of catering. That person would inform the SBA and the orgs as well.
12. Spangler – it would be a pain for the group if they were the one to set it all up. Don't think it would work if you met with the SBA person and that SBA person would go to Maureen. Could have Maureen contact us before she does anything.
13. Levy – I don't know because that would be more work
14. Spangler – is there anything else that operates like that?
15. Levy – phone but people don't take advantage of that.
16. Demetriou – tell them that they have to get permission.

b. VP Day

i. New Award for 1Ls/2Ls awarded during Law Week

1. there are some 1ls and 2ls that have done extraordinary things.
2. Avery Olofson – taking pics at all our events, Stephanie Caprielli donating all KJF donations to hurricane Katrina
3. create an award to recognize these people, a way for the SBA to recognize different organizations.
4. Wants feedback and if positive feedback I will draft a resolution and then propose it for a vote.
 - a. Powell – one person or 5?
 - i. Probably like 5
 - b. Khalili – would there be a committee, how formal or informal? Set criteria?
 - i. Gordon – more informal, no set criteria.
 - c. Lash – like the idea, just put it in the commentator
 - d. Levy – how practical would it be for 1Ls.
 - e. Booras – what do the 1Ls think? Do you think it would encourage people to step up and do something?
 - i. Maren – I don't know who is in what orgs?

1. Booras – look past just orgs, he is not in an organization.
 2. Maren – well we don't see that, do you want us to keep our ears open.
 3. Booras – may provide an incentive to step up
 4. Charlotte - there are people stepping up and making announcements, and you get it out there and other people will know about it and can make nominations. Think it is a great idea.
- ii. Faculty Breakfast – Thank you Joel and 1Ls
 - iii. Spooky Zoo – Thank you Kiran and Jordan
 - iv. Website
 1. Jessica's gig with Sarah Cnota. Sarah wants to charge us \$1200. Less cheap than the other guy by \$5 or 6,000. She has the access to get into the network because she is employed here
 2. Will need to be approved by the finance committee
 - v. Women with Vision Awards Dinner – Wednesday November 9th, 5pm, Mid Day Club
 1. Asked for volunteers, thanks for stepping up
 - vi. Email Policy – Formal Drafting with Dean Sowle
 1. No formal language, so we need to draft it. Working with him to get some formal language and everybody will know what it is and based on the frustrations and inconsistencies.
 2. Levy – why do we have to draft it?
 - a. Booras – it would be a benefit to draft it because we can make it how we want it
 - b. Even if it is not our job.
 3. Farina – Primer on this email policy
 - a. Booras – people just tend to drift off. Want it to be easier for people to get. Easier for everybody to go to one or two channels of information. The idea is to get one or two emails sent out every day to update.
 - b. Farina – isn't that what the calendar for?
 - i. Booras – can't update fast enough in the Record. Could put it in the calendar but that doesn't get sent out enough.
 - ii. Gordon - people were mass emailing and not using the tools that they gave us like the record and the calendar. Dean Sowle will be the one that administers it and polices it. With formal language it gives more way to police it and figure it out.
 - vii. Awards/Plaque
 1. we have a lot of old awards and they are being updated. Dean Krent and administration approved a wall of plaques. We are

updating all these old awards that were messed up for a long time. After all that is done and hung, we can also use as a tool to bring in alumni because a lot of them have their names on these plaques. When they come into the school and see their name on it it is cool for them to stroke their egos.

viii. Law Week –Day 1 of Marathon Training

1. meeting with Janet to make room reservations. It is the big soiree of the year. Start with Dean Krent's address. Roasting a prof and making fun of them for the night. All the student orgs get involved, the professors, the administration. Former VP made the Day into a week and really did a good job. "I would look like a shmuck, if I didn't do a good job."
2. Start with looking for a speaker. Awards ceremony with Dean Krent's address. If we force all these student orgs in the auditorium to find out if they are the winners of the awards.
 - a. Working with Tad and some other people with the speaker's committee to brainstorm people that we want. Encourage all SBA on brining in a speaker.
 - b. Demetriou - Tressa worked last year on working with Justice Breyer? Since she is of the mindset, think of asking Roberts.
 - c. Spangler – Patrick Fitzgerald

ix. 7th circuit ABA meeting Friday, November 18

x. ABA Spring Circuit Meeting – Need volunteers

1. we have the 7th circuit round table and we plan an event on a Fri or Fri/Sat. We have administrative issues. We usually bring in a speaker and also go out and drink. We will be having it at the school. The ABA provides a substantial amount of money. The reason I want help is because I want people to get on the committees. I want people to run for positions. Not until next semester but we need to at least reserve rooms and brining in speakers.

xi. ABA Panel 2/9, Noon – need volunteers

1. Speaker program
2. going to have an event in which a bunch of attorneys come in that is beneficial to 1Ls and 2Ls. ABA will be funding that.

c. VP Night

d. Treasurer

VI. New Business

a. Patrick Spangler – New Budgetary Guidelines

- i. "Joel, Levy, and I are working on what they want to cover." Underlying problem, some groups have separate criteria. When people pay dues, or you have to have a certain GPA, or you can't be in one group if you are in another. So people have asked why we are funding student groups when not all people can come.
- ii. Lash – need guidelines to tell restrictive groups of how to be unrestrictive.

- iii. Spangler – don't want to create a rift with other orgs. On the other hand, how
- iv. Demetriou – throw out an example. Places negative restrictions on people and not positive restrictions. Negative restrictions are where people get their ire.
- v. Gordon – brought up a similar example at the first meeting. Disagree because that never happens, and there are other restrictions where the faculty member has to be the supervisor. If a supervisor restricts based on religion, gender, or race wouldn't happen, and even if it did it would most likely be taken out of our hands by the Dean.
- vi. Lash – PAD does this, because you can't be a part of another group if you are here.
- vii. Demetriou – be just as weary with the GPA group and we are giving that group money.
- viii. Gordon – this doesn't apply, look at the Order of the Coif.
- ix. Booras - we do give them money for Phi Delta Phi. We are going to give them a proportion of the money that correlates with the number of members
- x. Spangler – well we did pay Phi Delta Phi \$1000 to send a speaker. Do we want to spend the money on groups like this.
- xi. Booras – wants a proportional criteria. Like giving a really small group a smaller number of people.
- xii. Demetriou – think about the Commentator.
- xiii. Sandra – besides the numbers, we need to decide whether we are going to give money to these groups. But when you come into the problem when
- xiv. First decision, what are we taking that money for? Is it to fund any activity that you are involved in at Kent or if they are for the whole Kent groups.
- xv. Farina – Discussed this on the finance committee, and as far as the restrictive group (both – or +) then we just won't recognize you. People will be mad, and they may say that you are depriving these people of their funds. And they aren't really being deprived of their funds that they are paying, because they can still go to any student group.
 - 1. think about how a restrictive groups that are getting money more than
- xvi. Khalili - too many connected issues. You have a student org you can go to your conference. Have to send groups. Some conferences are in Chicago, some in CA.
- xvii. Lash – nonrestrictive, positive restrictive, and negative restrictive. The only actual negative restriction is Phi Delta Phi. If they are the only restrictive to get around this can we have an exception for them
- xviii. Levy – 3 options: give all money to all groups, give no money to restrictive groups, or give money to only the things that benefit the school as a whole.
- xix. Spangler – the conclusion most fair is that we would recognize restrictive groups but we would only fund events that apply and are open to the whole school. The only things that are on the boundary is sending

someone to a conference and paying for the random things like office supplies.

- xx. Krissy – Is funding the same as budgeting. Do they list out events that they want to be funded in the future.
 - 1. Levy - I do have discretion to add or take away if necessary.
- xxi. Powell – voting or just getting feedback.
- xxii. Spangler – just feedback. Don't want to start a big PAD/SBA award.
- xxiii. Reyes – Noyola – there is no Kent requirement that people can't join the other groups. Why are these restrictive groups even both at Kent if they are restrictive?
- xxiv. Spangler – there was a lot of conflict when they first came to campus. The problem is we don't have a formal policy of what groups to recognize. Concerns that PAD is somewhat exclusive.
- xxv. Reyes – Noyola – All groups are like that though, because if you join these groups then you get the perks and only the members can only get the perks. Why a problem with PAD when anybody who wants to join can join.
- xxvi. Levy – PAD events aren't always open for the entire community.
- xxvii. Reyes – Noyola – The judges night was somewhat paid for by Kent so how can we say that the school doesn't allow it.
- xxviii. Lash – there are definitely benefits and the finance committee wants to allocate money that was paid for by everybody, so should we give money to them even if it doesn't give to all.
- xxix. Reyes – Noyola – Would the group be able to still hand in a budget and have them list it as there if it is a restrictive event and then it would be approved.
- xxx. Farina – it is about a pool of general people's money being used for restrictive events. If it is not a restrictive event then we would most likely fund it or at least try to.
- xxxi. Lash – we don't want the SBA to have general discretion because that could cause more problems.
- xxxii. Two things:
 - 1. Restrictive group issue:
 - a. after looking at other schools, 2 options:
 - i. create criteria that you have to have as a group to be recognized by the SBA
 - 1. If you do this and this, then you can't be a group recognized by the SBA
 - ii. Leave the recognition alone and just create criteria in which they can be funded.
 - 1. Examples – Phi Alpha Phi would only get money if it applies to the entire school
 - 2. Budgeting
 - a. Important to budget our funds.
 - b. The plan is the SBA would budget everything like every other student group. We would budget ourselves. We

would submit a budget every semester and have a separate fund for discretionary purposed that would come up along the way.

- c. Question I have is what problems can occur?
 - i. If we budget for 20,000 for an event, then what can we plan.
 - d. Gordon - flexibility concern. Plan accordingly and then an outside source comes in and can create a problem where there would be different prices. We need more discretion to for travel, especially if people join other groups later.
 - e. Lash – I like having a number because then I know what I have, so I know that I can push that money to the next one if I used less than I thought.
 - f. Booras – as long as we leave a discretionary fund it would be fine.
 - g. Spangler – can also petition for more money
- 3. Levy – thinking about the events that always come up with events. Thinking about reallocation funding then we need more meetings for the finance committee. We need people to commit to that.

- b. Lash – Starbuck’s Toy Drive
 - i. Their goal is to get 500 new toys for the holidays. They are going to distribute the goals out.
 - ii. Do we want to put the SBA on it.
- c. Lash – Social is on Nov. 17 at Red No. 5: Conviser Bash
- d. Demetriou – direct deposit?

VII. Old Business

- a. Jordan Powell – Thank yous
- b. Look for an ad in the commentator

VIII. MOM

- a. Pat Spangler

IX. Roll Out

- a. Motion to adjourn, Lash
- b. Second Powell