

SBA Executive Council Meeting

March 27, 2011

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call – contact Lauren Meyer, SBA Secretary, with any questions (lmeye002@umaryland.edu).
- III. Approval of Minutes from February 20. – approved unanimously
- IV. Old Business
 - a. ABA Visit—March 7, 2011
 - i. ABA visit was successful and the ABA representatives seemed impressed with the family atmosphere and approachable deans/faculty.
 - b. Paper Product Amendment
- V. New Business
 - a. Residency Credits for Evening Students
 - i. Nancy Lineman’s presentation
 1. Currently there is a differential between residency credits received by evening and day students when they take 12 hours – evening student gets .75 and day student gets 1.
 2. Proposal to buy the differential residency credit requirements if they take the extra summer class for 3 credits/.28 residency credits.
 3. What evening students want/propose:
 - a. Clarity from the administration about residency requirement waiver. How? Who? How many?
 - i. There was a letter sent by President Perman to the evening class that stated that the residency credit requirement could be waived.
 - b. Permission for evening students to “buy” the residency credit differential.
 - i. This is the main request by Nancy/evening class.
 - ii. Seems that Dean Haddon has the authority to make this change.
 - c. A faculty/administration/student committee appointed by Dean Haddon to study issue.
 - d. Ultimately an end to the residency requirement as ABA no longer uses it/requires it.
 - i. Likely not to happen immediately.
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Sheena: Should have a day student to back the request as well.
 2. Josh: If the credits are there, why should we pay for the differential?

- a. Nancy – There is really no good reason to pay, but students want to get out of school bad enough to pay. This is why there should be a committee.
 - b. Holly – The process to make the change is going to be slow; the payment differential option may allow students to graduate early before the administrative decides to make the official change.
 - 3. Jenn: How many students would this actually affect?
 - a. Liz Bayly: Depends on planning also – if people would have known about it earlier, they would have planned differently.
 - b. David Nohe: How much money would it actually cost?
 - c. Liz Bayly: The cost would be total tuition in proportion to amount of required residency credits, i.e. \$71,168/6.
 - 4. Wants SBA to write a letter to Dean Haddon/Dean Cobb.
 - a. Lena: What exactly would you want a committee to do?
 - 5. Margaret: What exactly is a residency credit?
 - a. Nancy: It is purely a financial purpose – to make sure all types of students (day/evening) pay the same amount to graduate.
 - i. Another argument is that it takes a certain amount of time to start “thinking like a lawyer.”
 - b. Margaret: How does the residency credit effect transfer students?
 - c. Nancy: Not sure.
 - i. This is something the committee could look into.
 - 6. Liz Bayly: Evening students basically want the SBA to be behind the evening class on this issue because it is hard to make a change when only a few people bring this issue to the administration’s attention.
 - iii. Arkuie talked to Dean Cobb – She is mainly looking for student support.
 - 1. Arkuie: Who is in support of developing a proposal to present to the administration?
 - a. All in support with one dissent from Rebecca Lopez, 3D.
- b. Paper Product Amendment proposal: Aaron Besser
 - i. SEE APPENDIX A FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Leah: Needs to be someone aside from the treasurer that is tasked with overseeing this. Also for student groups, during budget requests – events don’t always happen/events change – what happens if there is a legitimate reason that an event doesn’t happen and a group is stuck with paying for 100 plates?
 - a. Good system for larger events (i.e. 50+ people). Operating funds still can cover general meetings, etc. The new system could cover extra events like speakers, etc.
 - 2. Aaron: There is no refund process – you keep them and use them for the next event.

3. Joe Cousins: Many events don't get planned until mid-semester and there should be 2 points in the semester for requesting plates.
 - a. Lena: Paper plates should not be a deterrent for planning events.
 - b. Leah: Groups request their entire budget at the beginning of the year and would need to request additional plates during spring supplemental budget process if necessary.
 4. Arkuie: Financially, there is a discrepancy because 150 plates at the SBA cost would be \$9, versus \$3.50 at Wal-Mart or CVS. Should SBA think about purchasing non-environmentally-friendly plates? Possibly have students discuss this at the leadership retreat, as a better forum.
 - a. Aaron – This could be a non-issue if we decided to buy from Sam's Club, Costco, etc.
 - b. Lena – There are still environmental costs – the non-biodegradable plates will still need to be hauled to the landfill.
 5. Motion to table the issue failed 8-13.
 - a. Sheena: We should make a decision on this now because so much time and resources have been spent trying to figure this out.
 6. Justin: If there is a penalty fee, there may be more self-policing among student groups.
 - a. Joe: There are students groups that have their own office?
 7. Jenn: Possible to do Sam's club for everyone but still allow student groups to use environment-friendly plates and get reimbursed. The groups that don't care can use the regular products (from student org room) and the few groups that care/can prove they use green plates can get reimbursed.
 - a. Motion – Get rid of environmental program/+above. 17-7 motion approved. No longer buying environmentally friendly products and allowing groups to get reimbursed for buying their own environmentally friendly plates/flatware/napkins.
- c. Partnership with Maryland State Bar Association
 - d. Copy Code for student groups
 - i. Will be sent out in the near future; the student organization presidents will be responsible for making sure their members do not abuse the code.
 - ii. Waiting for the first round of invoices to see whether we want to have a form requiring students to report their copies; comparing that to our printer bill from the school.
 - e. SBA Outline Bank
 - i. Better Technology for Submission
 - ii. Using UVA's system as an example – can click on submit outline button and upload directly/give some information. Any person at the school can do this.
 - f. SBA Elections
 - i. March 30 – Thank you to Aaron Besser for dealing with all questions and concerns.

- g. Faculty/Staff Nominations
 - i. SBA ballot for Nominations – 1. Faculty; 2. Adjunct Faculty; 3. Staff Member
 - ii. Top nominees will be voted on by the entire school
- h. Rankings
 - i. Moved from 48 to 42 on the U.S. News rankings.
- i. Transition Meeting
 - i. Memos – Kathleen Schotto working on this – every student leader will need to complete a memo for incoming officers.
 - ii. Problem in the past with transition – the incoming officers are often clueless as to the issues.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. USGA: Jon Hart
 - i. Upcoming Events
 - 1. April 2 – Comedy event at student center – 98 Rock host and two other acts; food from Camden Pub; tickets on sale at the Student Center
 - 2. April 8 – Bullpen Party v. Texas
 - 3. April 14 – Battle of the Bands – either at Pickles or the Nursing School lawn – currently taking audition videos – give to USGA senators
 - 4. Trivia night – date TBD – schools will compete against each other – goal is to get professors involved.
 - ii. Funding appeals
 - 1. MPILP was the only appeal from the law school and it was denied.
 - iii. Seed Grant to Global Medical Brigade – involves UMB students across campus – provided health talks in Honduras; provided a lot of medication from pharmacy school. There was one law student that went.
 - 1. Grant was for \$2,500. This money was given outside the funding process because the constitution does not disallow it.
 - iv. Nominations involving law students for USGA e-board – Congratulations:
 - 1. President – Andy York (pharmacy/law)
 - 2. VP – Anais Taboas
 - 3. Treasurer – Anais Taboas, Joe Cousins
 - 4. Parliamentarian – Mario Bravo
 - v. Discussion:
 - 1. Beth: Anything for evening students and the Bullpen Party? Any more discussion about the student activity fees (should the money only go towards events benefitting students)?
 - a. Jon – Will look into the bullpen party issue and the fee issue is still split amongst the Senate.
- b. CDO: Anwar
 - i. Nothing

- c. Academic Concerns: Ridge
 - i. Nothing
- d. Constitution and Rules: Aaron
 - i. Voting next week
- e. Student Org Oversight: Arkuie
 - i. Nothing
- f. NYLF - Nothing
- g. Community Service: Steven Isbister
 - i. Working to plan some fall events.
- h. Thurgood Marshall Lecture Series: Vivian
 - i. Lecture is set – 2 lectures on 4/11 and 4/14; both in Ceremonial Moot Courtroom.
 - ii. Panelists – William Darity, Professor Thiru Vignaraja, Dr. Leticia Smith Evans
 - iii. Thursday – Russilynn Ali, Assistant Sec. for Civil Rights, DOE

VII. Executive Board Reports

- a. President – Spoke to Dean Cobb about residency credits; focusing on the transition.
- b. Vice-President – Focusing on Diversity Week
- c. Treasurer - nothing
- d. Secretary - nothing

VIII. Class Reports

- a. 4E – Beth
 - i. Fundraiser – polos still on sale
- b. 3D – Rebecca
 - i. Just finished selling Barrister’s tickets; waitlist opens on Monday
 - ii. Working on decorations
- c. 3E – LB
 - i. Bake sale went decent
 - ii. Evening reception went well
- d. 2D – Sheena
 - i. Dodgeball tourney coming up – sent email to UB to join
- e. 2E – David
 - i. Sold 45-50 hats at fundraiser
 - ii. Next week starting drive for Jump Start – collecting toiletries/blankets; box in the atrium
- f. 1D – Lisa
 - i. Trivia on Monday
 - ii. Event with 1E class – after finals party
- g. 1E – Christine
 - i. Working on event with 1D class
 - ii. Collecting signatures to keep gym open later

IX. Adjournment

- a. Possible time change for the next SBA meeting – April 17 at 4 PM rather than 6 PM. Look for email.

APPENDIX A

SBA Amendment

1. The chart copied below will be inserted as an additional element in the Budget Request which student Groups already complete at the beginning of each semester.

Plates	Cups	Forks	Knives	Spoons	Napkins	Restricted Fund?	Print Name	Sign Name	Date

Prices (in cents per item)	
Plates	6
Cups	9
Forks	6
Knives	6
Spoons	6
Napkins	1

2. Prices will be charged “at-cost” but will be rounded up to the nearest cent.
3. An excel spreadsheet (to be produced by the members of the student org oversight committee) will be posted on the wall of the student org offices once all of the requests are received.
4. Student groups will retain the right to keep any supplies that they purchase indefinitely.
5. The program will operate on the Honor system; you will be expected to take what you have paid for – not more.
6. Proven incidents of theft or misappropriation will be reported to the Honor Board
7. Exchanges between groups are permissible at any time and may be conducted at the discretion of the groups. Any exchanges for value should be reported to the Treasurer via a Reimbursement Form indicating which group is to be paid, how much they are to be paid, and from which account the funds will be originating. All monetary exchanges will be completed electronically by the Treasurer.
8. Additional requests may be made by submitting a Reimbursement Form stating how many of each additional item you are requesting.
9. Penalty fees will be assessed for any subsequent requests for goods beyond what was listed on the Budget Request for that semester.¹

¹ Each group will get a one-time only free pass good only during the 2011-12 school year.

- a. Penalty fees will be as follows²:
 - i. First Offense = \$10 penalty
 - ii. Second Offense = \$20 penalty
 - iii. Third Offense = probation
 - b. Penalty fees will be drawn first from the group's current operating budget; then from the group's current restricted funds; then from the group's current fundraising budget; and finally from the groups future operating budget.
 - c. Penalty fees will be incurred immediately at the time of the violation.
10. This amendment will come into effect beginning August 1, 2011.

² Penalty Fees are intended to encourage proper budgeting for events; to limit the need for the SBA to make multiple orders of supplies; and to reduce the burden on the Treasurer in processing subsequent requests.