

Chapman University School of Law Student Bar Association

Minutes for Wednesday, October 11, 2006, 8:30 p.m.

Kennedy Hall, Room 374

Members Present: Kitty Aguilera, Ariana Anderson, Chris Barnes, Jennifer Bender, Jimmy Blalock, Jennifer Boukidis, Hillary Bunker, Bryan Clavecilla, Nakesha Dodson, David Huynh, Sam Kim, Alex Kugelman, Jaclyn Kung, John Mavros, Megan Momeni, Colin Nimsz, Sarah Nowels, Brooke Robinson, Jennifer Schwarz, Kaveh Soltani, Bethany Teel, Constance Trinh, Ruth Waggoner, Arlinda Wiko, Gil Yabes

Members Absent: Jason Burris, Travis Lillie, Gino Monteleone

Non-Members Present: Cynthia Poer for Criminal Law Society, Carlo & Dean Kacer

I. **Call to Order**

- a. Jen called to order at 8:30 p.m.

II. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

- a. Minutes for 9/27/06 approved.

III. **Officer Reports**

a. **President – Jennifer Boukidis**

- i. Jen said that Connie, Jen B. and David went to Grad Committee meeting. The Committee is still looking for venues to hold the graduation ceremony. The new field at Chapman cannot be used because the grass is fake. We will be further informed by the end of the week. The banquet will be held at Doubletree in Orange and it is likely the ceremony will be held at the Pond.

b. **Vice President – Jennifer Schwarz**

- i. Jen S. announced that due to help from Dean Kacer and Carlo, we now have a second printer in the Computer Lab in the library.

c. **Secretary – Jaclyn Kung**

d. **Treasurer – Kaveh Soltani**

e. **Parliamentarian – Gino Monteleone**

- i. Gino thanked the Board for the feedback on TWEN and informed the Board that he will have the final proposal posted on TWEN.

IV. **Committee Chair Reports**

a. **Student Affairs – Hillary Bunker & Ruth Waggoner (“H&R”)**

- i. Hillary and Ruth thanked Chris for cleaning the fridge. Brooke and John volunteered to clean out the fridge next week.
- ii. Ruth solicited two SBA members to help Dean Kacer to improve selection of Chapman Law Apparel next Tuesday at 11 a.m. Jen B. and Kaveh volunteered.
 1. Dean Kacer informed the Board that items would not be available until about April. She would also like ideas about other gift items the students want to see. Dean Kacer also has a meeting set up next Monday with a person who does the licensing with Chapman’s logo.

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- b. **Academic Affairs – Nakesha Dodson**
 - i. Nakesha informed the Board that she will have Bar Review dates available at the next meeting so the Board can plan around them.
 - ii. Nakesha informed the Board that the tentative date for the 2L session concerning the bar, moral character, etc. is Friday, November 10th.

- c. **Event Affairs – Constance Trinh**
 - i. Connie announced that the next Bar Review is next Thursday, October 19th at the District.
 - ii. In regards to the Barrister's Ball, Connie informed the Board that the date has been moved to Friday, February 16th. The original date was February 23rd, but LRW papers are due Monday February 26th.

- d. **ABA-LSD – Jennifer Bender**
 - i. Jen B. informed the Board that she has been in touch with a lady at an organization that works with kids (infants to 18) to show them that people care about them. The organization will be holding a "Magical Holiday Dinner." Aside from all the sponsorships and donations from other businesses, the organization still needs \$12,000 for the event. The organization is hoping that Chapman University is able to donate some funds. Jen B. explained that it is an tax-exempt organization. She suggested the idea of selling coffee and donuts in the morning to fundraise and see how much we can contribute to the cause.

- e. **Assistance Dean of Student Affairs - Dean Kacer**
 - i. Dean Kacer informed the Board that there will be two presentations to the student body in the near future regarding (1) domestic violence and (2) DUI & law students.
 - 1. The presentation on domestic violence will be held during lunch. The session provides information to help students recognize DV and help oneself, others to get out of DV situations.
 - 2. Another presentation concerns DUI's and what they mean for law students. This will also be a lunch time session. Dean Kacer informs the Board that DUI's carry serious consequences but carry additional risks for law students. Law students should be aware that getting a DUI will have an effect on their moral character tests, admission into the bar, and search for employment, particularly law enforcement, Department of Justice, the District Attorney's office, etc. Law students who have DUI's must report to the school's Honor Council. If not, there will be serious ramifications. Dean Kacer notes that law prom and post-graduation are times students need to take extra precautions.
 - ii. Dean Kacer asked the Board for any ideas on what she can do to educate us on issues that the student body does not know and wants to know more about.
 - iii. Dean Kacer announced that the International Food Fair was a huge success.

V. **New Business**

- a. *Request for Funding / Criminal Law Society Co-Sponsorship:*
 - i. Cynthia for Criminal Law Society requested for SBA to co-sponsor a speaker event. CLS invited Chuck Middleton, Chief Assistant District Attorney in Orange County. Cynthia requested \$125, which is a 50% split between SBA and CCLS for pizza and sodas. The event will be on Tuesday, October 31 at noon.

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- ii. Motion: Jimmy moved to approve co-sponsorship and \$125 fund. Mavros seconded.
 1. Kaveh informed the Board that we have \$2,240 unallocated funds. However, there are some student organizations still turning in their paperwork. Hence an estimate of only \$1,000 left.
- iii. Motion: Jimmy withdrew the original motion and moved to approve \$50. Ruth seconded.
 1. Amended motion to say: If CLS goes over \$125 for the event, SBA will reimburse CLS up to \$50.
 2. 21 approved; 4 opposed; motion passes.
- b. *Wireless*
 - i. Jen S. told the Board that Carlo brought to her attention that the faculty is very concerned about internet use by students during class. There has been discussion about the possibility of taking the concern to the faculty meeting to take off the internet. Hence, if it is brought up in the faculty meeting, the faculty might vote to eliminate wireless internet. Jen S. believes that this is a class management issue, students should know better not to go on the internet during class. If the faculty does eliminate internet, there would be a huge student backlash.
 - ii. Carlo added that wireless is a good service provided for our students but students should be aware that the faculty is getting upset. Carlo wanted to know if there is anything SBA can do about this, i.e. inform the student body about this possibility.
 - iii. Dean Kacer added that internet usage during class is a distraction for other students and the professors. The faculty is trying to balance right to conduct oneself as he/she sees fit.
 - iv. Jen informed the Board that her and Jen S. have not been able to attend any of the faculty meetings this semester. However, they usually get the faculty agenda and are allowed to voice their opinions. Jen said that this could be a way that SBA can do something about the situation. It is not on the agenda as of right now.
- c. *Request for Vending Machine Items*
 - i. Brook informed the Board that students have been asking if we can add Red Bull's or other energy drinks in our vending machines.
 - ii. Carlo added that he is currently working with Sodexo Catering to have a cart on our side of the campus. Carlo would like to have a list of items students want to see at the cart.
 - iii. Ruth & Hillary said that they are working on that. There will be discussion on TWEN.

VI. **Announcement**

- a. Next meeting is on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at 8:30 p.m. in Room 374.

VII. **Executive Session**

- a. Entered into executive session at 9:13 p.m.
- b. Out of executive session at 9:14 p.m.

VIII. **Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.