



**University of Denver
Student Bar Association
Weekly Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

a. Welcome

b. Attendance

- i. Absent
 - 1. James Harmoush
 - 2. Ashley Lloyd

c. Introduction of Guests

- i. Dean Boynton
 - 1. Dean's Candidate Meeting
 - a. **Summary:** Only two people from SBA attended the last Dean Candidate's Meeting. The next one is tomorrow and the one after that is Monday from 1235-1300.
 - b. **Discussion:**

Jason – I went, and I liked it. We need to bring people.

Steven – What time tomorrow, and what is the point of going?

Boynton – It's about feedback. We'll give it via email and then it's anonymous, so they don't know if you're a student or faculty member.

Knicky – It's out in open area from 1215-1300.

Suren – Is there a way for people who are working to dial in?

Boynton – I don't know.

d. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- i. Knicky, Suren and Liz Abstain
- ii. Minutes Approved

e. Notes from the President

i. Graduation Speaker Update

- 1. **Summary:** Rebecca Love-Kourlis will be our graduation speaker.

II. Committee Updates

a. ABA

b. Finance

i. Wend Dang (Viz Moot)

1. **Summary:** They are going to Vienna, Hong Kong and New York for an international commercial arbitration competition. DU has been sending people since 2004. Our team had best oralist in Shanghai. They have reached out to outside donors and faculty at DU. Total requested is \$10,000, the SBA caps at \$1,500 though.

2. Motion to Approve \$1,500

a. Liz Abstains, Motion Passes

ii. ABA Mediation Competition

1. Request for \$1,400. Request after food was \$1,247.

2. Motion to Approve

a. Steven and Liz abstain, motion passes

iii. NALSA Moot Competition

1. Recommended at \$1,500. They got match from Dean and a bunch of outside funding.

2. Motion to Approve

a. Liz Abstains, Motion Passes

iv. Travel only has \$1,400 left. We should try to find a way to move money from other areas of the budget.

c. Social

i. Chili Cook Off (March 2nd from 1600-1900)

1. Discussion:

Liz – That doesn't work because we had El Centro Humanitario for that day.

Taylor – What about the 9th?

Knicky – I'm going to have to undo this then.

Suren – What about splitting up the SBA?

Liz – We've committed that everyone in SBA is going, and they've committed lawyers for each of us. We should definitely go.

Suren – We should probably bring in as many people as there are now.

Taylor – Chili Cook Off is not entirely SBA event, it is for student organizations. Legal Night is entirely an SBA event. If there is no way you can move it to a later date, you should just be there and maybe get some heads of organizations to put this on. Make it not only an SBA thing.

Suren – Yeah, you only need to get things started.

- Knicky – I was hoping that since this was a charity event, each vote is \$5 for each, I wanted to award trophies and wanted to be there for that.
- Taylor – We could do it at a later date.
- Mattson – We could make it at the big award ceremony at the end of the year.
- Knicky – It should be as close to it as possible.
- Taylor – We need to go to Legal Night. We can have it be the same day as long as we get participation from the other student organizations.
- Jason – We should get at least two people for Legal Night.
- Mattson – We need as many people at Legal Night as possible, especially the president. We don't need people on the ground for the Chili Cook Off.
- Taylor – We don't have Bar Review for next month. How about we do it that day.
- Knicky – My only concern is that we already have everything in place.
- Taylor – We've already committed to the Legal Night though. We could do awards the following Thursday. I could find someone to help put this on.
- Alex – I'm with Jason, we should let Knicky organize it.
- Knicky – I have no problems doing it solo.
- Jenny – What about sending a person for one hour and then leaving?
- Mattson – Leaving partway through would be a bad idea.
- Taylor – Ok. So we're doing it all in the same day, Knicky is the only one staying, SBA is going to Legal Night, and we are doing trophies on the same day.
- Knicky – I want to allocate funds from Social.
- Liz – You don't need a vote, you can just take from your budget.

d. Community Outreach

- i. Denver Homeless Out Loud
 1. **Summary:** The organization are no longer doing the tiny houses, but they are working on their bill on the 20th. We are wanting to push that out to students.

e. Elections

III. Student Concerns

a. DU Law bumper sticker (Cat)

- i. **Summary:** She doesn't have idea for design, but she wants to see it be marketed through the school.

b. Discussion:

- Mattson – We have one already through the bookstore.
- Cat – We want something more unique.
- Taylor – Yeah, something more like the recent t-shirts.
- Boynton – Yeah, you would run it through Megan Howes, or the Student Affairs Office. We can coordinate on this.
- Cat – We were thinking about maybe a contest for a design.
- Boynton – The problem is that if students vote on it, it still has to pass through Dean Howes. You should probably just meet with Dean Howes. You can't remove the year from the logo, if previous experience holds up.

IV. Previous Business

V. New Business

a. Constitutional Amendments

- i. ABA moved from Executive Board to Senate
- ii. Senate cut in Numbers
 1. 2 from each day division.
 2. Evening will be two general positions and one 1LE position.
- iii. Change to Attendance Policy to make concurrent with University Policy
- iv. Cutting Graduate Student Government Senator
 1. We don't have vote in graduate student government
- v. Secretary Duties to include Suggestion Box

vi. Bylaw Amendments

1. Fundraising VP Repeal
 2. Fundraising Committee Repeal
 - a. President can always make one
 3. SBA Program Section Repeal
 - a. Bookstore
 - b. Race Judicata
 4. Writing an Executive Board Training Manual Each Year
- vii. **Discussion:**

- Boynton – Do we want 1 rep through LLM or Legal Masters?
- Taylor – It can actually be any master's programs.

- Alex – My only concern is that we do have attendance issues. Cutting it down might create a quorum issue.
- Steven – We don't have issues now, so it probably won't be an issue.
- Suren – I don't know why we have to decrease the number of senators.
- Taylor – We're much smaller now, and it's to make people more dedicated.
- Suren – It'll still be a problem of guaranteeing they will do a better job.
- Liz – With less people in the school we need to decrease the numbers as the workload decreases.
- Steven – As the school shrinks, so too should the SBA.
- Taylor – We're amending this now, and future SBA's can change it too.
- Steven – We need to do this because it has been years.
- Knicky – Motion to Approve?
- Suren – Let's do it in pieces.

viii. Motion to Approve

1. Executive Board (Remove ABA Position)
 - a. Passes Unanimously
2. Day Senator Structure
 - a. Jenny and Suren Oppose, it passes
3. Evening Senator Structure
 - a. Jenny and Suren Oppose, it passes
4. All Other Issues
 - a. Passes Unanimously

*Jenny opposes the reduction of senators for the following reasons:

- Less representation is not better
- We cannot ensure outcome will be different with fewer senators
- If people don't show up for the meetings the lack of representation will be even greater
- The more senators we have the more we're able to engage with the student body

VI. Adjourn