

SBA Minutes January 30, 2013

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4:30-5:30 p.m.

Room 155

- I. Call to Order, 4:36
- II. Roll Call---missing Andi, Kendra, Kim, Alix, Julie
- III. Approve Minutes--Approved
- IV. Guest Speakers
 - a. Dean Kaatz
 - i. Certificate Programs
 - ii. Expanded joint degree programs
 1. Cut off is after 3rd full semester for day students
 2. After 3rd semester must get a waiver
 3. Most popular—Graduate Tax LLM/JD, LLM in Int'l Business transactions, Environmental/Natural Resources LLM/JD
 - iii. 4 year program now with Daniels (possibly going for 3)
 - iv. Approval in undergraduate council for 6 year undergrad law degree + BA/BS
 - v. Job market focus—improving but tough
 1. Matching Program
 2. Best to meet with Career Services to take advantage and get the most help
 3. Please cut the Career Services people some slack for the next 2 weeks as the US News report comes up
 - vi. Admissions has declined across the country and this year is shaping up to be the lowest ever
 1. Please help offset the rumors that law school is not a good idea for people. Encourage them to make an informed choice.
 2. People we have made offers to will be visiting soon; please reach out to them
 - vii. Hiring
 1. Made 2 offers so far
 - a. 1 for civil procedure and 1 for civil rights clinic
 2. Have opening in legal externship office, and likely to add another still
 3. Looking for visitors to fill AAP spot until Patty Powell decides to go back
 - viii. Patty Powell would like feedback on her office, Dean of Students

ix. Questions

1. Stats on job placements for those with joint degrees?
 - a. Not yet, likely doing better though; will try to get stats
2. How would the 6 year program impact admissions?
 - a. 2 entry points
 - i. HS applicants applying to program; take 5-7 students through that and will interview applicants; promise if they complete undergrad reqs and come in with some GPA, LSAT, and no records, then will be given admissions (Pre-Undergraduate admission)
 - ii. Juniors at DU; take LSAT in junior year to get into program
3. Quality of incoming 1Ls?
 - a. We'll have to let it possibly slip some b/c applications may well fall by 50%
 - b. Trying to hold GPA constant, let LSAT median slip by 1 point but want to hold 25th percentile; and still want students with life experience
4. IBT LLM program expanding?
 - a. Great feedback, so continuing to expand slightly
 - b. Program is donor funded and university is funding scholarships
 - c. For other LLM programs, you need ABA and Board of Trustee approval; we currently have an unused LLM program (Master of American and Comparative law), but we're looking at adapting it to the times
5. Incoming patent office, taking advantage?
 - a. New patent office coming to Denver so likely going to have an increase in IP law
 - b. Looking at possibly creating IP program or make it part of business/commercial program; will be building something
 - i. However, if open a free standing IP program, then likely cut another center to keep it at 5
 - c. Local attorneys have already reached out to help build the program
6. Alcohol at Barrister's Ball
 - a. Still have full open bar?
 - i. Trying to strike a balance
 - ii. Last year there was no balance; average last year was 7 drinks/person
 - iii. Concerns

1. Liability—we're the only school on campus to be allowed to serve alcohol at events
2. Tone the school sets/message sending--our profession has a bad record with alcohol/substance abuse
- iv. Shouldn't have shots and that was main issue last year; bartenders should have done better
 1. However, having servers police it doesn't really work
- v. Can we get a better deal for alcohol?
 1. On campus to make it easier, cheaper, so liquor license requires them to provide it

7. Solo Practice Incubator

- a. For those who want to go into solo practice after graduation
- b. Need good mentoring
- c. Partnering with an attorney who is going to provide a space for those interested in going into solo practice and those who will be mentoring—DU will fund some graduates in the space
 - i. Space is known as the Law Bank
- d. Solo Alumni Network—Alums committed to helping grads going into solo practice
 - i. Return calls or emails within 24 hours to those grads
- e. SBA can offer scholarships to the Law Bank

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Black Law Students Association
 - i. Travel Request
 1. Recommend \$900 total
 2. Vote
 - a. Move to approve, Second, Approved with 3 abstentions
- b. Send email out to remind organizations of mid-year requests

VI. Senator Reports / Committee Reports

- a. Social Committee
 - i. Barrister's Ball
 1. Music—DJ v. full band?
 - a. Band is more expensive and take up more of dance floor
 - b. 4 voted for live band, 6 voted for DJ

- c. SC need to figure it by end of week, so possibly email
 - ii. Karaoke event
- b. Alison, Quality Circle suggestion
 - i. Re-vamping Quality Circles
 - ii. Consider having a separate person that holds position and reports to SBA and oversees Quality Circles
 - 1. Permanent position, work with SBA but are not part of SBA, and work with the Dean
 - 2. Possibly a permanent faculty member
 - 3. Possibly a permanent, paid year long position for a student
 - iii. There would be incentive, accountability, and more prestige
 - iv. For this year, we'll appoint people to get it up and going for next year
 - v. Suggestions
 - 1. Heavy 1L recruitment
 - 2. Need to figure out how to associate prestige with this group/position
 - 3. Purpose of circles is to provide a liaison to these offices, but this group/position will also do that

VII. President's Report

- a. Need to appoint a 3L day senator
- b. Appointed Tom, new 2L day senator and Antonio as new VP Day

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjourn

- a. Move to push meeting back 5 minutes, second, approved
- b. Move to adjourn, second, approved, 5:33 pm