University of Denver
Student Bar Association
Weekly Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order
   A. Attendance
      1. MJ Christensen absent
      2. Maral Shoaei absent
   B. Dinner provided

II. Committee Updates
   A. Finance, nothing
   B. Social
      1. Barrister’s Ball planning is in full swing
      2. Alcohol
         a. $8000 limit for free beer and wine
         b. Cash only for hard liquor
         c. Out of control students will be referred to Student Conduct
         d. HRTM, Dean Powell, Katie Fredrick and security will determine what “out of control”
         e. April 18th
   3. Reason for Changes
      a. Amount of money spent in the past would wipe out SBA budget
      b. Intoxicated student represented herself as an attorney last year
      c. Boils down to student safety and amount of funds
   4. Student Conduct
      a. A University wide office
      b. NOT solely part of the Law School
      c. Could be placed on probation
      d. Must report to bar association
   5. Checks for out of control
      a. HRTM will first cut off wrist band
      b. Student affairs will ask student to leave
      c. All of the above will act as a warning
      d. Can cross line very quickly
   6. Efforts to contain out of control students
      a. Especially since this is our careers and money
      b. Out of control issues have been major
      c. Bottom line, though, students should not be getting “trashed” at such an event
      d. DU’s Barrister’s ball
   7. Stock show tickets
      a. Done in past, do again?
      b. Sold to student body
      c. Email from student about endorsement for the stock show
      d. Monster trucks? Maybe not.
      e. Look into prices
C. Communications
   1. Proposed bylaws
   2. Tabled for next week

III. Guest Speaker: Dean Katz
A. Alcohol policy
   1. Starting to be a University wide concern
   2. Especially for undergrads
   3. But also professionalism and health issues
   4. Law school is one of very few places that can control its own alcohol
   5. The University, in general, trusts the law school to control usage
   6. No danger of Third Thursday going away presently
   7. But Provost has been thinking of reducing all University wide alcohol expenses
B. Fall is Administrative Hell time
   1. Focused on budget and evaluating faculty and staff
   2. Could explain why some faculty may be less enthusiastic
   3. Faculty evaluation criteria
      a. 40 teaching; half on number of students and half on student evaluations
      b. 40 scholarship
      c. 20 service to school
   4. More backward looking
   5. Some forward looking; namely the strategic plan
      a. More experiential learning
      b. Focuses on key areas like environmental, international, employment, commercial
      c. Could also expand, especially into IP
C. University wide progresses
   1. New engineering building
   2. Expansion of international studies
D. Strategic plan
   1. Goal of having the plan itself
   2. AND an implementation process
E. Attempts to launch initiatives beyond JD
   1. LLM or MBA
   2. Ideas for taking legal classes without going for full JD
   3. Make curriculum available to those outside traditional JD
F. More Admin Hell
   1. Budget stuff
   2. Will have to find budget cuts to fund more scholarships
   3. One principle: though classes are shrinking, students should not be seeing decrease in quality
      a. Thus, anything that reduces student experience is not subject to cuts
      b. Dean’s Excellence Committee will be discussing
G. Q&A
   1. Incentives for retirement
      a. Last year was a big class size reduction, about 10%; further reduction in next 3 years
      b. Funding though retirement incentive for tenured faculty; paid for by University
c. 9 such buyouts in 5 years
d. 6 so far, in first 6 months
e. Some faculty have chosen later slots
f. Of course, the opportunities that such faculty provided must be replaced

2. IP Certificate
   a. Has been approved by faculty
   b. Waiting on Graduate Council
   c. Hopefully full approval by end of semester
   d. Proposal to donor to fund potential IP clinic with business and engineering school to provide experience with start ups and the IP office

3. Class reductions
   a. To be blunt, ideal size is 250
   b. Maybe below for a few years
   c. Try to resist going higher
   d. 5 or 6 years ago, size was 380 and bar passage suffered
   e. Certainly tempting, but will try to resist

4. Definition of student experience in budget cuts
   a. Where there is ambiguity, consult with students
   b. Not interested in cutting staff in student affairs, academic support, and CDO
   c. Basically, that which the students need to get things done

5. Additional clinic?
   a. Talk to Dean Katz
   b. Also Laura Rovner, director of clinics

IV. Old Business
   A. SBA Shirts
      1. Style and pricing
      2. Ladies
         a. Most like the French cuff
         b. Classic oxford
         c. 3 approved
         d. 2 opposed
         e. Men abstained
      3. Men
         a. Classic, non iron
         b. Approved
         c. None opposed
      4. Color light blue
         a. Approved
   B. Funds
      1. SBA pays all

V. Adjourn