University of Denver
Student Bar Association
Weekly Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order
   A. Attendance
      1. Absent: Chris Newman; Ashley Kincaid; Banafsheh Lari; Tonya Thompson
   B. Last week’s minutes
      1. Approved
      2. Lillie, Lee, MJ abstain
   C. Notes from President
      1. This is open house for admitted students
         a. 4:15 to 5 plus reception
         b. Looking for tour guides

II. Committee Updates
   A. Social
      1. Barrister’s
         a. Language added for the conduct policy to the online point of sale
         b. Tickets will be going on sale on Monday
      2. Bar Review tonight at 7:30
         a. New time and day
   B. Community
      1. Full steam ahead for book drive
         a. All next week
         b. Announcement and posters coming

III. New Business
   A. Evening Division Information Sessions
      1. Proposal for a wider gap between 1LE LP classes
         a. From 15mins to 30 mins
         b. To allow for Evening programs like the Day division lunch hour
      2. Reaching 2LEs is still a challenge, but it is a start
      3. SBA will have a hand in these sessions
         a. As the Evening Division VP will be heading the implementation
   B. Strategic Initiatives
      1. School is in process of implementing a new 5 or 10 year plan
      2. What skills will great lawyers need in 2020
         a. A job
         b. Technological skills, i.e. cloud based storage, IT security
         c. Privacy concerns and client confidentiality in terms of personal phone and email
         d. Counsel clients on technology, i.e. what to do and not do in this field
      3. What is DU’s competitive distinction
         a. Experiential learning
         b. Lawyering in Spanish
c. Close relationship with PD and DA offices

4. What can DU do to make new graduates competitive?
   a. Break into the top tier
   b. Fight perception of “inferiority” to CU
   c. Increase connections with Alumni
   d. Keep experiential learning and practical skills
   e. Move experiential into the doctrinal classes
   f. Expand practical learning; mostly right now in trial
   g. Do better job marketing the experiential learning and certificate
   h. Expand residency and fellowship programs
   i. Ramp up assistance with clerkships

5. How can DU add to the local legal community?
   a. Expand clinical programs to include a mentoring aspect
   b. A legal call in program
   c. Central point of contact for this

6. What is the future forecast for legal education
   a. Specialization; schools should start helping students decide sooner
   b. Moving toward small and solo practices
   c. Baby boomers will be retiring…and/or dying, will be seeing a shortfall and could bring an increase in new applicants

IV. Guest Speaker: Randy Wagner
   A. How the LSSSE (Law School Survey of Student Engagement) informs the strategic planning process
      1. LSSSE is a separate program the DU opts into, along with 70 or 80 law schools
      2. LSSSE provides a way to measure if DU’s current Modern Learning initiatives are “working”
         a. Showing upward trends in significant areas such as job skills and solving complex problems
         b. Also shows areas to improve on such as academic advising
      3. Get the word out for more participation in this LSSSE, which will be starting soon

V. Adjourn