



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

I. Call to Order

a. Welcome

b. Attendance

i. Absent

1. Laura
2. Alisha
3. Olivia

c. Introduction of Guests

**i. Joey Jackling and Mackenzie Ludwig – Petition for
new student org.**

1. Phi Alpha Delta

- a. **Summary:** Phi Alpha Delta is one of the oldest legal groups in the country. Five members of the Supreme Court of the United States are members along with Hilary Clinton, William Taft and Woodrow Wilson. They help incoming 1L's with academic advising and put on oral advocacy and mock trial competitions. Membership in the organization comes with discounts from various organizations including Nationwide Insurance, Brooke's Brother's and Macy's. They also would like to have a blood drive this semester.

b. **Discussion:**

- Jason – As a national fraternity, are there any charters or guidelines to establish a chapter?
- Joey – We already exist as an organization on campus, so we don't have to worry about that.
- Jason – You have stuff in the Student Affairs office by the way.
- Joey – Thank you.
- Liz – They have \$470 in their account. So you are wanting our support going forward, right?
- Ashley – So you want recognition?
- Joey – Yes, to carry off where the group left off.

- Taylor – It is just to release their funds.
- Ashley – Do you have established officers and presidents?
- Joey – There are already 4 positions filed. One is open.
- Knicky – I would ask that once you figure out executive board they meet with Dean Boynton about the group rules.

c. Motion to Approve Release of Funds

- i. Passes Unanimously

d. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- i. Ashley Abstains
- ii. Motion Passes

e. Notes from the President

i. Amending the Constitution and By-Laws

1. **Summary:** The executive board had a meeting last week and amending the Constitution and By-Laws came up. We are wanting there to be a more inclusive way to solicit participation by the evening students. This would be accomplished by having representation by the entirety instead of by class. Taylor is meeting with the evening students on the Senate and executive board to talk about it. We are also wanting to shrink the representation of the day division from three per class to two.
2. **Discussion:**

- Suren – When would this take effect?
- Taylor – At the next election.
- Liz – Are we going to amend lines like the ones about the bookstore?
- Taylor – Yes.
- Liz – I think we should combine the ABA and Vice President position or a different position.
- Taylor – If anyone wants to be a part of it let me know.
- Boynton – If it is based on number of evening reps, what would happen with the evening reps?
- Taylor – I want to reserve something for the 1L class. We are still discussing the allocation of positions.
- Boynton – It is important to have 1L evening rep, so that is my only concern.

II. Committee Updates

a. ABA

- i. Update
 1. Nothing going on. Last semester, after our meeting, she got information from the ABA about information they wanted to disseminate to our students. A law student at DU Sturm Law talked about how he doesn't like how we can't get

paid for externing, but also have to pay to do it. Ashley sent out an email to the Student Affairs office who then disseminated it, asking student to send their experiences and opinions on the matter to the ABA.

ii. ABA Governor's Election

1. The ABA is having a Governor's election. Ashley is not running. The next person in this position could be a governor if they wanted.

iii. Admin Law Petition

1. They are going to restart it. Ashley wants to meet up with her committee again to get some help about getting the word out. There was a lot of response, she wants more signatures.
2. Ashley wants to get with Dean Moffat.

iv. **Discussion:**

Taylor – That governor position is open to everyone right?
Ashley – Yeah, they just need Dean's approval and good grades.

b. Finance

i. Mid-Year Budget Approval

1. Overall Budget Overview

- a. **Summary:** The SBA went through the overall budget and reviewed the excel spreadsheets provided by the Treasurer. We have about \$35,000 left and are waiting for more student fees to come in. Clubs in the Fall spent roughly \$4,000 on special events and around \$4,400 on travel. That really wasn't a lot in comparison to the amount we had or to previous years. We need to approve this budget first, then we can talk about the midyear budget requests.

b. **Discussion:**

Mattson – Point of Information: Is there anything we haven't spent on Barristers? I don't want to worry about reallocation into barristers. Is there anything unexpected, or is it covered?

Liz – Barrister's is \$2,400.

Knicky – The only items we have left are the security deposit for venue, next thing is the rest of the cost of the venue and once we figure out food and alcohol we have to pay it 30 days before Barristers. DJ, photo booth, and decorations are all still up in the air.

Liz – We haven't spent anything out of speaker, and it is easy to move stuff around. Clint is the contact for moving funds around and he does it pretty instantaneously. Your other question was what we spent out of social?

- Mattson – Yeah, but mostly concerned about Barristers.
Liz – We're good.
Jenny – Classmates asked if Barristers Ball is March 25th?
Knicky – No, that is separate from DU's. Ours is the 16th of April.
Jenny – What is the appropriate dress?
Taylor – We will send people around to talk about it.

c. Motion to Approve

- i. Passes Unanimously

2. Midyear Budget Request

- a. **Summary:** The total in requests is \$4,800 which is well within our means. Finance sat down in a group of 7 and rotated through all of the budget requests to ensure accuracy. Every approval by Finance of a requests included a \$100 buffer to account for incidentals such as tax the clubs may not have accounted for.

b. Clubs

- i. IPLS (Intellectual Property)

1. Request for \$700
2. All within requirements
3. Approve with \$800
4. Motion to Approve
 - a. Liz Abstains, Passes

- ii. Black Law Students

1. Request for \$800
2. All within requirements
3. Approve for \$900
4. Motion to Approve
 - a. Liz Abstains, Passes

- iii. DU ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)

1. Request for \$1,000
2. All within requirements
3. Approve for \$1,100
4. Motion to Approve
 - a. Liz Abstains, Passes

- iv. Law Students for Sensible Drug Policy

1. Request for \$1550
2. Approving \$450
3. Motion to Approve
 - a. Liz Abstains, Passes

- v. ENRELS (Environmental)

1. Request for \$2,035
2. \$850 is what recommended
3. Motion to Approve
 - a. Liz Abstains, Passes
- vi. Corporate Governance (Race to the Bottom)
 1. Currently they have \$2.69 in their budget
 2. Request for \$1250
 3. \$700 is what's recommended
 4. Motion to Approve
 - a. Jason, Ashley, Liz Abstain, Passes

c. Discussion:

- Steven – Why don't we post the budget somewhere?
 Liz – We can post them, but we typically don't because it contains personal information.
 Steven – I'll talk to you about it later.

c. Social

- i. Barrister's Ball
 1. We have a DJ who is a student here. Knicky is going to meet with that student at the venue to figure out the space and lighting. Knicky is wanting to meet with everyone in social committee after this meeting to talk about decorations.

d. Community Outreach

- i. Update
 1. We did a few events over the break. We are wanting to partner more with Brent's Place, not just participation time wise, but maybe also including donations as well. Jason doesn't want to say aggressively, but he is wanting to tie in community service hours and really work on getting students at the law school involved. He also wants to partner more with Dean Boynton considering the success of the Denver Nuggets game.
 2. Steven has also figured out the incidentals for the SBA to do a movie night. We can start partnering with other student organizations as soon as we want.

e. Elections

- i. We need a new chair for the committee. You can't be the chair if you are planning to run for office in the spring. This usually leaves

3L's for the chairs. If Taylor does not get a volunteer she will appoint a chair.

III. Student Concerns

a. Grade postings

- i. **Summary:** There are concerns over when grades are being posted. We are hoping the date can be moved back. There is a problem where students are buying books, registering for courses and anticipating passing a class, but then being worried if they don't they are out the money and have to drop a course.
- ii. **Discussion:**

- Taylor – I received email from Emily Cederberg. She will be here every month. Is that the person to talk to, (to Boynton)?
- Boynton – If your date for posting is the concern, then talk to Dean Moffat. Dean Moffat would be the one going to the professors. Grades are due later now than when I was a student. We used to have to wait until three weeks into the semester before we had our grades. Dean Moffat has made the earlier dates happen, because she thinks it is important. 1L's are dismissed based on GPA, so that's why it's earlier. That way they don't buy books and end up missing their refund as a consequence.
- Taylor – Dean Moffat will be in at some point this semester.
- Knicky – I would like to go to a meeting about this. There are people in my Criminal Clinic who don't have Evidence grades yet. They might be removed because Evidence is a prerequisite to the Criminal Clinic.
- Taylor – Everyone is fine to meet up with Dean Moffat if they want.
- Jason – (To Boynton) Should we get with Dean Moffat in this forum, or go directly to her?
- Boynton – I would prefer a private setting personally.
- Liz – Then I can set a meeting.

IV. Previous Business

V. New Business

a. New student org. petition

- i. **Summary:** We need to create a handout for requests for creating new student organizations. Steven is going to work on it.

VI. Adjourn