



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

I. Call to Order

a. Welcome

- i. This meeting was led by Evening Vice-President Jason Haubenreiser instead of President Taylor Ivy

b. Attendance

- i. Absent
 1. James Harmoush
 2. Taylor Ivy
 3. Knicky Van Slyke
 4. Mattson Smith

c. Introduction of Guests

- i. Josh (1L)
 1. Book Exchange
 - a. **Summary:** He has set up a Facebook page entitled Denver Law Book Xchange that he hopes will function as a means for students to exchange, donate, or sell textbooks online.
 - b. **Discussion:**

Jason – I'd like to see how people start to use this site. It's important to see traffic.

Josh – We got our book lists a week before. Offloading them after finals would be hard.

Cat – The page looks great. It is only in the brainstorming stage, but you should share it once it gets up.

Josh – I was hoping the SBA could pass it along.

Liz – Are you able to search within this page?

Josh – I believe you should be able to.

Suren – Is it automated, or will somebody have to manage it?

Josh – You would be responsible for your own posts.

- Jenny – What about supplement type texts?
- Josh – Sure. Is this something that should be a DU law marketplace? Should it be limited to books, or should it be broader?
- Liz – Broader like longboard and other non-academic merchandise?
- Josh – Yeah.
- Liz – I would recommend you keep it narrower.
- Josh – The SBA should share it around.

d. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- i. Passes Unanimously

e. Notes from the President

II. Committee Updates

a. ABA

i. Liaison Position

1. **Summary:** The ABA has several liaison positions open in the Volunteer, Income Tax, Law Student Mental Health and Law School Liaison sections. The position would be a 10 hour/month commitment, you would get discounts for attendance at meetings as well as other perks, and networking opportunities. The application date is March 15th.

ii. Administrative Law Petition

1. **Summary:** Ashley hasn't been able to table much lately. She is going to meet with Professor Best on February 9th. She is hoping to bring someone opposed to changing the requirement with her.

2. Discussion:

- Liz – Will there be other faculty there?
- Ashley – I don't know.
- Liz – The reason I ask is because he is a very black or white professor. Is there a meeting we can have with Dean Moffat? Is he the only person?
- Ashley – Knicky is the one who talked to Prof. Best. He is the one who said we should talk to him first to make sure our argument is good. I don't know if we should go forward after speaking to the relevant

professors and administrators, but there is nothing that would keep us from doing so. The biggest thing is that Dean Moffat is our very last option. That's why Knicky and Best though it would be best to meet with him first.

b. Finance

i. Colfax Marathon

- 1. Summary:** We've had 13 people sign up for the marathon so far, which would make the cost for each student \$54. Liz is wanting to know how much the SBA is willing to provide to the event to mitigate the cost for each student.
- 2. Discussion:**

Liz – I think \$10 would be a good amount.

Ashley – I think \$25 a head would be serious enough to make it worthwhile.

Steven – I think \$25 works.

Ashley – Can we still sign up?

Liz – If you would like to sign up, we can still do that. The challenge now is finding attorneys because so many people have signed up.

Jenny – What weekend is it?

Liz – May 15th, the weekend before finals. It took me about 95 minutes to run the race. I am going to go to the YLD for funding too.

Ashley – If there are that many people signing up for it, maybe \$10 is a good idea. Should we see how much money we can get from YLD before?

Liz – It would be \$660 if we cover the remainder of it for everyone signed up so far which is actually not a lot consider our reserves.

Steven – I think that's not too unreasonable considering it might become an annual event, but it has to be reasonable because we are technically funding several members of SBA and need to avoid the perception of misconduct.

c. Social

i. Barrister's Ball

- 1. Summary:** The DJ is handling the DJ equipment on his own. Decorations would be \$200. Knicky is working on food with the venue to ensure quality and affordability.
- 2. Discussion:**

- Ashley – Knicky said the decoration was \$175. She said it was about \$495 for the photo booth. Knicky is meeting with Chris Newman about pricing and ticketing. I really liked the venue, there seems like there are a few amazing things. They are opening the attractions up to us. Most logistical things have been worked out. Elevator will be working all night and we get all three floors.
- Liz – The museum came in more expensive for the same food? So Knicky was trying to make it as cheap as it's been for previous Barrister's Balls?
- Jason – Knicky is trying to get better food than what it seems they were giving. She is trying to make them aware we are trying to have the food be substantive.
- Liz – Is there an ETA for price?
- Jason – Knicky has been good with it, she is meeting up with Chris Newman, and it will be forthcoming.
- Ashley – The estimate was about a week's time.

d. Community Outreach

i. Denver Homeless Out Loud

1. **Summary:** Cat took point on this opportunity. This organization is a homeless rights initiative. There are currently a few volunteer opportunities including the Tiny House Project whose next meeting is February 20th. The in-house liaison for us is Professor Ruan. They are currently looking for people to conduct legal research because they are attempting to get a bill passed.
2. **Discussion:**

- Ashley – Could this be twofold so that it goes towards Public Interest credits?
- Jason – It will.
- Ashley – Alexi Freeman is the person to talk to. If we start saying you can fill your practice hours, we need to make sure she is aware of this.
- Cat – I will put her on the list of people to contact.

e. Elections

III. Student Concerns

a. Experiential Advantage for 1Ls (Ashley)

- i. **Summary:** Ashley brings up the idea of switching the 1L classes around by moving Civil Procedure to the second semester and including more of a practical, experiential component to first semester's coursework.
- ii. **Discussion:**

Jason – Would that be better to address with Professor Best?

Ashley – I thought it was a good idea. I wanted to see if anyone was interested in suggesting more changes in curriculum.

Jason – I don't think we should take on more contentious issues right now.

Josh – Dean Boynton, what are we capable of doing?

Boynton – It is probably a scheduling issue. The conversation would be soon. It might be worth sending Dean Moffat an email about this.

b. Ladies products (Ashley)

- i. **Summary:** Ashley brings up a student concern that there are no ladies products in the women's restroom.

- ii. **Discussion:**

Liz – I've heard this before from other students. I would be in favor of that.

Ashley – Any advice?

Boynton – That would probably be Mike Latimer. The institution I worked at we used to have things like that donated to us. I don't know if that would be better than a machine. We should see if we can get them for free. I can take the first step

Steven – I will be the go-between with Mike Latimer.

IV. Previous Business

V. New Business

VI. Adjourn