

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION



University of Denver Sturm College of Law STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION: WEEKLY AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 4:30 – 5:30 PM @
<https://udenver.zoom.us/j/82580052119>

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Attendance (LU) at 4:33pm (Highlighted = Present)
 - i. Exec: Tempest Cantrell, Leonela Urrutia, Tatum Perez, Edward Bowden, Meralee Hoffelt
 - ii. Part-Time: Abby Schwarz, Jessie Chilson, Zoë Williams
 - iii. LLM: Abby Talboy
 - iv. ABA: Dani Churchill
 - v. 3L: Connor Shantz, Serena Ahmad
 - vi. 2L: Marisa DeForest, Cerridwyn Nordstrom
 - vii. 1L: Gabby Gile, Jaime Greenwood
2. 10/15 Minutes
 - i. Edward motioned to approve meeting minutes
 1. Marissa Seconds
 2. 8 ayes, 1 abstain

II. GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Dean Boynton
 - i. Student Affairs Job Update
 1. New Assistant Director- Amber Danis
 - a. Will start Nov. 9th
 2. DB will work with Tempest to working on integrating with SBA.
 3. What will happen with the Part-time program director position? (Tempest)
 - a. DB- when the job was posted we added more elements that included working more with the part-time program. So Amber will be in charge of the part-time program in terms of the student affairs. She will not be involved with curriculum but will be involved with different areas.
 - b. Each office has to reach out and connect with part-time students, but Amber will be the point of contact for that. But her responsibilities will be different capability.
 4. Zoë- how will Student Affairs ensure that someone with diversity and stuff? An opportunity for part time students to have someone like Chris.
 - a. DB- took note and will look into it.

5. Leo- will they be the SBA advisor starting their first day?
- ii. DB- how are we handling pumpkin judging?
 1. Let me know---- DB will follow up with Meralee.
- iii. DB- there is going to be a mindfulness for lawyer event- we should check it out.
- iv. DB- Dec. 17th there will be a graduation accomplishment reception- just to acknowledge accomplishments.
- v. DB- Registration is November 6th
 1. Next Monday, Nov. 2nd- there will be a presentation on electives. A presentation of course descriptions with the opportunity for students to ask questions.
 2. Tomorrow- Thursday October 29th is the 1L elective session.
- vi. DB- Thinking about doing a virtual cooking event in the spring!
- vii. DB- Maybe a drive in Movie next semester.
 1. So many things we can do for the spring.

III. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

IV. COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Elections: Marisa DeForest
 - i. Nothing
2. ABA: Dani Churchill
 - i. Lots of good responses for classes off on Nov. 3rd
 1. Either cancelled classes or no attendance and recording
 - ii. Opportunities to volunteer.
 1. Contact Dani if interested
3. Social: Tatum Perez (Jessie)
 - i. Murder Mystery tomorrow at 8pm
 1. Going to be a great time! About 50 people already included.
4. Health & Wellness: Zoë Williams
 - i. Harm reduction training next Thursday from 12-1pm. Focusing on overdose prevention and a better humane approach to treat people with substance abuse problems.
 - ii. Committee meeting- Thursday at 5:00pm
 - iii. Meeting with Wiersema
 1. All gender bathrooms might be permanent. There has been movement towards getting more permanent solutions.
 2. Asked about mental health/ stress how is the admin working to help them
 3. Bar Passage program & mandatory dismissal & academic probation

- a. These are creating a lot of stress for students & there is a huge disproportion from BIPOCs and non-BIPOCs in the bar passage program
 - b. Recommendations were made and will be passed along.
 - iv. Thinking about day/week after election
 - v. Is anyone using those resources?
 - 1. Leo- yes people want to know how to use them. I have been going but didn't know how to use it. Had to talk to a bunch of people to figure out how to use them.
 - 2. Connor- same issue not sure how to have used them
 - 3. Marisa- Note that 1st semester last year paid the fee but didn't know how to use it and what it was. Make details clear. COLAP- is also something that is helpful and offers free services for law students.
- 5. Community Outreach: Meralee Hoffelt (Jaime)
 - i. Wellness baskets have been ordered for the custodial staff.
 - ii. Looking into ordering Yeti mugs and additional gift.
 - iii. 1L newsletter will be on hold
 - iv. Cans for Cold Calls- coming up email will be sent out to professors next week about it.
- 6. Finance: Edward Bowden
 - i. Any part-time student interested in the 5280 blog- let Edward know
 - ii. We still have \$7,500 that we need to figure out to do something with.
- 7. Diversity: Leonela Urrutia
 - i. Met with BLSA and NALSA representatives to see what SBA can do to support. Will meet with undergrads from RAHR- etc.
 - ii. We will send out a statement to talk about what has been going on.
 - 1. Tempest- shared the statement
 - 2. Edward- some of the demands have been met or are not meetable- like complete divestment from ICE ties- response is fair that there are not ways to completely divest ties. But- the Chancellor email was not very intuitive. Hesitant about supporting all the asks. That's the hesitation & thought.
 - a. Zoë- if Latinx, Native American, Black students have not been met, then they have not been met. So- we should work to help with these issues. These voices and students are important.

- b. Gabby- main concern from the other groups is that RAHR is being marginalized
- 3. Leo- Moves to send the statement is to show support for the students.
 - a. Second by Dani
 - b. Discussion
 - i. Tempest- Saying that they failed to meet social equity demands is not okay. Saying that they are putting in more
 - c. Vote-
 - i. 7 ayes, 1 abstain, 1 did not vote
 - d. Amendment by Leo to have motion say to send it out via email & to social media
 - i. Dani seconds
 - 1. Amendment passes- 9 ayes
- iii. Zoë- there is a class boycott.
- iv. Leo- its okay to ask questions and talk through this.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. RAHR Statement (ZW)
 - i. Will be sent out

VI. **STUDENT CONCERNS**

- 1. Course Offerings (TC)
 - i. Marisa- seems like there are a lot of night class and it's not helpful for all groups of students. A lot of nuance class are at night- creates an issue for a lot of students
 - 1. Tempest- was told that the course list was more at night so that part-time students can take some during the week.
 - ii. Zoë- upper division part-time students are upset because there is not a lot of public interest stuff. Night classes were more for part-time students
 - 1. To meet the needs of part-
 - iii. Dani in chat- way more public interest course over corporate classes.
 - iv. Gabby- 1Ls upset about not being able to take those doctrinal classes; & also concerns with not meeting them. Students
 - 1. Tempest- a lot of people are upset not just 1Ls. 1Ls have to take it.
 - 2. Dani- concern is that a lot of what you learn 1st year is relying on this.
 - 3. Jaime- seems like not enough information out there.
 - 4. Gabby- Dean Wiersema is one of her professors. Not much was said

2. Jaime- Gabby & Jaime received a concern about spring break that there was a lot of mental health concerns. Try to make sure that they do not cancel spring break because need mental health break.
 - i. Leo- attend a meeting with Dean Werisema
3. Gabby- what about grades (P/F)?
 - i. Zoë- the faculty can decide at any time when they want to go to pass/fail
 1. Every single faculty member has to have a vote. There might be an opt-in pass/fail. Absence of decision to modify grading scheme.

VII. **CALENDAR**

1. Murder Mystery: October 29
2. HRAC Training: November 5, 12-1PM
3. Class Registration: November 6
4. Cans for Cold Calls: November 9-13

VIII. **REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. We are going back to Wednesday meetings next week so please be cautious of that as you are planning your schedule.

IX. **MOTION TO ADJOURN- 5:40pm**

1. Connor motion to adjourn
 - i. Marisa second

X.