

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION



University of Denver Sturm College of Law STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION: Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 4:30 – 5:30 PM @
<https://udenver.zoom.us/j/2939303815>

I. **CALL TO ORDER at 4:34pm**

1. Attendance

- i. Exec: Tempest Cantrell, Leonela Urrutia, Tatum Perez, Edward Bowden, Meralee Hoffelt
- ii. Part-Time: Abby Schwarz, Jessie Chilson, Z Williams
- iii. LLM: Devon Peavy (absent)
- iv. ABA: Dani Churchill
- v. 3L: Connor Shantz, Danielle Loth
- vi. 2L: Marisa DeForest, Cerridwyn Nordstrom
- vii. 1L: Gabby Gile, Jaime Greenwood

2. 2/3 Minutes

- i. Leo moves to approve minutes. Connor seconds motion: passes unanimously.

II. **GUEST SPEAKERS**

1. Dean Boynton:

- i. Graduation: Working on graduation but still a lot in the air. Working with events committees within the university who work with city and state to determine numbers permissible. Looking for a March 1, 2021 announcement plan.
- ii. Jaime: Foot door openers in bathrooms to reduce touching handles. Dean Boynton will ask the building person and see if a work-order request is necessary.
- iii. Newsletter reminder to wipe down spots before and after class.

1. Who do we ask when they are empty? Email Rhonda Westhoff because they are supposed to be checked daily. rwesthoff@law.du.edu or lmilinear@law.du.edu

2. Reid Melton and Cole Mason – Privacy Law Society

- i. 5 founders: President Mark Decker (not in attendance).
- ii. Promote awareness of privacy law at DU. DU is lacking in comparison to CU Boulder.
- iii. Privacy law encompasses a variety of topics and fields.
- iv. Goal is to keep DU up-to
- v. Jaime Question: In the proposal, typical events, is the next meeting a general event or is it recurring? It is intended to be recurring.
- vi. Leo Question: Membership-two classes. Officials are application process limited to 20. Is there a general body of

membership? Attempt to keep numbers relatively small to keep engagement high and interests elevated. Not intending to have a stringent application process. Size was a consideration. Also intended as a marketing technique. 20 is ambitious as a start-up and attractiveness to 1Ls so they could be board members. Smaller society = more attractive. Anyone can join and anyone can attend.

- vii. Tatum Question: If you everything goes well today and you hear from Tempest, she would be personally interested in what is found out about Covid-vaccines and returning to work during this time. Will you include a blog or some way to include everyone in what you learn? If you do hear back, please let Tatum know if you want to be a part of Derby Days. Likes the idea of Derby Days and the creation of a blog.
- viii. Meralee Question: 1) Outside of activities for the benefit of members, what will the organization do for the greater community? Networking events and keynote speakers to see that DU can attract students. When we are not having general meetings. Slack group for 1L group. Will publish on Slack. People outside of club can join the meetings. 20 is a goal and constitution can be amended. 2) Please review the non-discriminatory policy and update the language to reflect contemporary language.
- ix. Danielle Question: If there is an application process, how are they discerned? First-come/first-served basis is how the process would work.
- x. Edward Question: Funding. If the meetings are only available to executive and officials, then there could be limitations on how funding can be accessed. If they are generally more open to the public, there is more flexibility in funding.
- xi. Connor Question: This is such a great idea, but there are some sticking points in the Constitution.
- xii. Marisa Question: Concerns about limited membership puts a damper on things. To ease some of the concerns, could there be an application process for presentations instead of closing the group. Suggestion to shift general membership limitations to achieve the same goals.

III. **PREVIOUS BUSINESS**

IV. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

1. Elections: Marisa DeForest

- i. About time for elections to start up. Advertising will begin and help is wanted.

- ii. Tempest and Marisa discussed getting rid of signature requirement for getting on ballot. Do we need to vote on this? Everything else would be the same.
- iii. Marisa motions to decrease the # of signatures required from 35 to 15. Jaime seconds.
 - 1. Jamie agrees the process is difficult but ONLY because of the pandemic. Suggests reducing to 15 temporarily. Says a number is important bc it suggests that the person goes to some length to meet who they represent.
 - 2. Connor says the number should not be decreased.
 - 3. Tatum says PT and LLM and MLS is 15. Should we reduce those proportionally?
 - 4. Z says they advocate for a change in expectation. Number is arbitrary. Z has not been on campus since the last weekend of February of last year. Removal of barriers should be our goal.
 - 5. Leo feels conflicted bc hard to get people but feels the executive board positions should go through this bc the board has the most interaction and this demonstrates determination to advocate.
 - 6. Gabby believes it is a good idea to change number to 15 since it's unclear if the small sections will continue. Some FT students are 100% remote.
 - 7. Marisa wants to clarify the pandemic process. No one got physical signatures due to a no-paper policy. Wants to reduce the number bc we are still in a pandemic and still carry burden. Has major concern about the burden outside of this that we are not privy to. 15 gives us reassurance that they still tried.
 - 8. Edward says signatures do create a good litmus test to see if people are able to reach out to their fellow students during this time.
 - 9. Meralee: question about the purpose of the statement? Can it be crafted to meet same goal as signatures? Is anyone ever weeded out with statement? Signatures to get on ballot; statement just to see who you are voting for.
 - 10. Danielle question 20/21 says 35 signatures. Yes, 35. Says the candidate statement is the determiner for most voters, not if they signed up for the candidate to get on the ballot.
 - 11. Jaime-maybe a moot point, but 1Ls adjusting to online format and truthfully only 10 people ever encountered face-to-face. Maybe reduce for 1Ls only? 35 too many.

12. Abby-are we coming to the same conclusion? Does the process demonstrate what we are trying to achieve?
 13. Connor fearful of popularity contest aspect.
 14. Marisa-easy to walk-up and get people to sign. No interaction in the moment with people who signed the paper. Struggling to see the connection between getting signatures and being a good advocate.
 15. Z never signed signatures in PT program bc it was not engaging. Would like to hear more about level of commitment to student body and determination about problem-solving during pandemic.
 16. Gabby-filling out Google form. Only put link in chat at class and brave enough to speak. Campaigning is different.
 17. Tempest: 5 positions were all appointed last year.
 - iv. Vote on motion to reduce from 35 to 15 signatures: aye =4; nay=9; abstain= 1
 - v. Dani Motioned to remove signature requirement; Marisa seconded the motion.
 1. Danielle Loth forever or for Covid times? Forever.
 2. Voted 6 = nay; 8 = aye. Signature requirement is NOT eliminated as an election requirement bc 2/3 vote required in the bylaws.
2. ABA: Dani Churchill NONE
 3. Social: Tatum Perez
 - i. Derby Days this weekend.
 - ii. Instagram takeover soon.
 - iii. Spring event working on-virtual talent show.
 4. Health & Wellness: Z Williams NONE
 - i. Stress and strain and maxing out on pandemic times.
 - ii. Interested in collaborating with other committes.
 - iii. Not much news from DE
 5. Community Outreach: Meralee Hoffelt
 - i. Friendship Campaign 65 respondents so far.
 - ii. Townhall handed off to Diversity Committee
 - iii. Working with Social Committee on a charitable event
 6. Finance: Edward Bowden
 - i. Amending bylaws 1) adjusting budget for holdover funds; 2) cancel funds coming back to SBA needs to be cancelled so orgs that have not spent can have a roll-over.
 - ii. Meralee moves to adjust budget for holdover funds and cancel organization roll-backs to SBA for this year. Leo seconds.
 1. Passes unanimously.

- iii. Spring money, \$2K left in Barrister Ball account and rest of funds moved to general account.
- iv. Meralee motions to table this until next meeting and Leo seconds. Passes unanimously.
- v. Plug for book scholarships. Encourage people to apply, especially those impacted by childcare.

7. Diversity: Leonela Urrutia

- i. Townhall 4:30-6:00.
- ii. 19 RSVPs. Please market this event and send to all friends so that people come.
- iii. Z moderating; 5 buckets; Diversity Committee is consolidating questions as they come in.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Privacy Law Society

- a. Leo moves to approve privacy law society as a new organization provided they make the necessary changes to constitution; Gabby seconds. Passes unanimously.

VI. **STUDENT CONCERNS**

- 1. Wellness Day: survey sent out. 150 responses. Most saying no commitments that day. 7-10 professors held class and had assignment or had deadlines on Wellness Day.
- 2. Z brought up questions about bar prep and preservations of funds. Clinic lack of diversity, culture, and pace of workload favoring white and affluent people.

VII. **CALENDAR**

- 1. Town Hall: February 22 @ 4:30 PM
- 2. Derby Days: February 20

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

- 1. Efficiency of future meeting. Come with a formulated idea when making motions.

IX. **MOTION TO ADJOURN at 5:54pm**

- 1. Leo moved to adjourn, Connor seconded.