

SBA Minutes
August 21, 2013

I. Dean Katz

A. Welcome

1. Dean Katz will keep up to date on budget issues and the state of the school

B. Dean Katz Proposals

1. Dean Katz will come about once a month and let us know what is going in with the Dean's office, and take questions
2. Applications have been down about 40% for the last 3 years in law schools nationwide. Dean Katz thinks this is an over-response to job prospects.
3. We should help people make wise decisions about whether to go to law schools. We should evaluate law schools by the categories that matter to us. Proud of DU's experiential advantage curriculum. This allows you to take another 24 credits, outside of the 6 your first year, of experiential learning. Many of the student groups did outreach, and that is helpful.
4. On Monday, we had a target class size of 290, a median LSAT of 158, a GPA of 3.45, and diversity at 15-16%. We took a one point drop in the LSAT and diversity category. We missed the GPA by .02, and missed the class size by one person.
5. Our budget is 35 million, so it is devastating to come in under your class size.

C. Two Major Initiatives

1. Experiential Advantage curriculum. We are building structure around this so that students may be able to get a certificate for this.
2. Piloting a program for 2013 graduates for a legal residency. This is modeled on the medical residency idea. This will probably be for one year with various employers where we would trade a little bit of salary for an education. The employer would not be obligated to hire you. This would give great experience and letters of recommendation. It would also create a network so that if someone is looking to hire, they can recruit from the residency program. Eric and Dean Katz will report back. We are partnering with CU on this because all of the big law firms have feelings of loyalty to both schools. This is a big statement for the Dean' preparing practice ready graduates, and it is time for the partners at the firms to step up and do their part.

II. Dean Eric Bono

A. Eric Bono Proposals

1. Proposed doing a program around September or October that calculates employment statistics so that we can figure out what that means for law students job prospects. You can run all the law schools in the country in this program. There is a DU specific version so that you can know how we calculate out employment rate so that you can see what value judgments are placed on employment. Eric proposes doing a demonstration.

B. Questions

1. The City Attorney's office had 3 fellows for DU. Is that the same as what Dean Katz proposed?
 - a. If the law school puts up $\frac{1}{2}$ of the students salary, the law office will match that amount.
 - b. Judicial Fellows are when DU pays for grads to work for 1 of 3 state trial courts as law clerks. This keeps them working until they can get a job.
 - c. We can participate in the City Attorney's program and the Attorney General's program with the new pilot program. We do not have as much money as CU because most of our money goes to Judicial Fellows.
 - d. The residency program is 100% employer funded. This is DUs attempt to get the law schools to hire more graduates. Our pitch twofold: business and moral. 1) The legal profession should care about succession planning, and 2) it makes economic sense for the firms to pay a first year associate less number.

III. Roll Call

A. Absent

1. Michael Conner
2. Caroline Watson

IV. Katie Frederick

- A. Advisor for SBA to make sure that we are following the DU procedures
- B. Meets regularly with Antonio

V. Appointments

- A. Chris Stork appointed to 3L Day Senator
- B. Need 1 3L Day
- C. 3L Evening

VI. Budget

A. Factors of Giving Funds

1. Sent out request form with budget proposals

2. Trying to spend less money on food, so if the budget went mostly to food, that was cut down slightly
3. Any requests for travel were denied
4. Funds from last year rolled over
5. Looked at what level of activity the club had last year
6. A midyear will be required for all the organizations, so we are not allocating the full funds requested. We do this because once we give money out, we cannot give that money back.
7. New requirement that every club needs an evening officer position
8. Every club can make a special event request
9. Encourage fundraising because we are more generous to clubs that do fundraising

B. SBA Budget

1. All SBA budgets are approved
 - a. 1 abstention DU OUTLaws
 - b. 1 abstention Health Law Society
 - c. 1 abstention LLSA
 - d. 1 abstention Middle Eastern & North African Law Society
 - e. 1 opposed NALSA
 - f. 1 abstention, 1 opposed Phi Delta Phi
 - g. 2 abstention PILG
 - h. Students Law Ambassadors is not getting funds
 - i. 1 opposed, 1 abstention Night Owls

VII. Derby Days

- A. 12:30 we will help by putting clubs here they belong and manning the SBA table. Need people to apply for the Dean's Excellence Committee.

VIII. Next Meeting

- A. Need more than \$500 for a disenfranchised group for the Middle Eastern & North African Law Society