

University of Denver
Student Bar Association
Weekly Meeting Minutes (pending approval)

- I. Call to order
 - A. Introduction of 1L Senators
 - B. General voting procedure
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Taylor Ivy absent
 - B. Proxy for Tonya Thompson
 - C. Pamela Carty Absent
- III. Last week's minutes
 - A. Approved
 - B. None opposed
 - C. None Abstained
- IV. Guest Speaker
 - A. Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Viva Moffat
 - 1. Responsible for schedules and curriculum
 - 2. Q&A
 - a. Confusion over grade curves, especially for classes of 12. Student handbook says less than 10 is not subject to curve; curve is a constant value; professors may ask to deviate; last year 50 requests to deviate; experiment last year, classes of 11 to 20 would have an automatic waiver of the curve if the mean was below 3.5; this will be repeated this semester
 - b. Registration and evening student priority for 4pm-6pm classes. Registration priority system is always being tinkered; will seek feedback in the Spring; large changes are unlikely right now;
 - c. Registration and advanced knowledge of the class final exam, particularly for 3Ls and graduation and for exams bunched together. Something to be worked on; but hard to tell the practicality; vacation desires are not a high priority; but interested to see how students react to more advanced notice of the exam dates; different issues with advanced planning and decision to take a certain class based on the exam date; desire to reduce number of out of sequence exams; would like to know what students want in terms of such advanced dates
 - 3. Current Spring schedule is unlikely to change much
 - 4. Tentative Summer schedule will be soon
 - 5. Full 2015-2016 (Summer, Fall, Spring)
 - 6. Goal of a full, stable schedule of courses year to year; perhaps about 80% of the courses will be fixed
 - a. Obviously some variance
 - b. And also professors will be assigned later
 - c. But also goal of bringing awareness to students about classes that are only offered once every two or three years

7. Desire to “know what’s going on” in the school
 8. One more question: dual degree students and the odd add/drop deadlines
 - a. A constant conflict being on a semester period; insane how complicated it is
 - b. Would like to know exactly what issues exist
 - c. Important to plan, another reason for the desire to have a stable schedule
 - d. Randy Wagner can help navigate the system
- V. Notes from President
- A. Update to website; especially for picture
 1. New picture by Friday
 2. Or else will use 1L picture
 - II. Committee Updates
 - A. Successful election
 - B. Perhaps a new bar review soon
 - C. Retreat
 2. Few parking spaces
 3. Must carpool
 - III. Old Business
 - A. Fees
 1. JD students getting charged student activity fee
 2. Not assessed to MSLA, Tax etc
 3. Yet they were getting the benefit of JD activities
 4. Changed to a fee based on credit hours
 5. Will have a \$4000 SBA shortfall for the next 3 years
 6. BUT after that, SBA will be self sustaining based on student fees; no need to rely on Administration
 7. Calculation includes future reduction in student numbers
 - B. SBA Budget
 1. Have approved Student Org budgets
 2. Have not set SBA budget.
 3. Approved as is, may be amended
 - a. None opposed
 - b. None abstained
 - C. Amendments to Bylaws
 2. Particularly the Travel Requests
 3. Currently set at \$400, but this has not changed
 4. Proposal to \$500 each for up to 3 people
 5. Suggestion of \$500 each for 2 people, or \$1200 per event (which would be \$400 for 3 people)
 6. Will need to be clear about rules
 7. Will draft proposal
 - D. Emergency funds
 8. Leftover funds from unused SBA accounts; except for Club funding, travel, and special events

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9. Eventually may become an endowed account
10. Some concerns about overspending after a thrifty year
11. Will draft proposal

IV. New Business

A. ILS Travel requests

2. Including \$50 for former ILS President's registration fees
3. Approved
4. None opposed
5. David Roth and Maral Shoaie abstained

V. Adjourn