

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

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Attendance
    - 1. MJ Christensen absent
    - 2. Maral Shoaie absent
  - B. Dinner provided
- II. Committee Updates
  - A. Finance, nothing
  - B. Social
    - 1. Barrister's Ball planning is in full swing
    - 2. Alcohol
      - a. \$8000 limit for free beer and wine
      - b. Cash only for hard liquor
      - c. Out of control students will be referred to **Student Conduct**
      - d. HRTM, Dean Powell, Katie Fredrick and security will determine what "out of control"
      - e. April 18th
    - 3. Reason for Changes
      - a. Amount of money spent in the past would wipe out SBA budget
      - b. Intoxicated student represented herself as an attorney last year
      - c. Boils down to student safety and amount of funds
    - 4. Student Conduct
      - a. A University wide office
      - b. NOT solely part of the Law School
      - c. Could be placed on probation
      - d. Must report to bar association
    - 5. Checks for out of control
      - a. HRTM will first cut off wrist band
      - b. Student affairs will ask student to leave
      - c. All of the above will act as a warning
      - d. Can cross line very quickly
    - 6. Efforts to contain out of control students
      - a. Especially since this is our careers and money
      - b. Out of control issues have been major
      - c. Bottom line, though, students should not be getting "trashed" at such an event
      - d. DU's Barrister's ball
    - 7. Stock show tickets
      - a. Done in past, do again?
      - b. Sold to student body
      - c. Email from student about endorsement for the stock show
      - d. Monster trucks? Maybe not.
      - e. Look into prices

- C. Communications
  - 1. Proposed bylaws
  - 2. Tabled for next week
- III. Guest Speaker: Dean Katz
  - A. Alcohol policy
    - 1. Starting to be a University wide concern
    - 2. Especially for undergrads
    - 3. But also professionalism and health issues
    - 4. Law school is one of very few places that can control its own alcohol
    - 5. The University, in general, trusts the law school to control usage
    - 6. No danger of Third Thursday going away presently
    - 7. But Provost has been thinking of reducing all University wide alcohol expenses
  - B. Fall is Administrative Hell time
    - 1. Focused on budget and evaluating faculty and staff
    - 2. Could explain why some faculty may be less enthusiastic
    - 3. Faculty evaluation criteria
      - a. 40 teaching; half on number of students and half on student evaluations
      - b. 40 scholarship
      - c. 20 service to school
    - 4. More backward looking
    - 5. Some forward looking; namely the strategic plan
      - a. More experiential learning
      - b. Focuses on key areas like environmental, international, employment, commercial
      - c. Could also expand, especially into IP
  - C. University wide progresses
    - 1. New engineering building
    - 2. Expansion of international studies
  - D. Strategic plan
    - 1. Goal of having the plan itself
    - 2. AND an implementation process
  - E. Attempts to launch initiatives beyond JD
    - 1. LLM or MBA
    - 2. Ideas for taking legal classes without going for full JD
    - 3. Make curriculum available to those outside traditional JD
  - F. More Admin Hell
    - 1. Budget stuff
    - 2. Will have to find budget cuts to fund more scholarships
    - 3. One principle: though classes are shrinking, students should not be seeing decrease in quality
      - a. Thus, anything that reduces student experience is not subject to cuts
      - b. Dean's Excellence Committee will be discussing
  - G. Q&A
    - 1. Incentives for retirement
      - a. Last year was a big class size reduction, about 10%; further reduction in next 3 years
      - b. Funding though retirement incentive for tenured faculty; paid for by University

- c. 9 such buyouts in 5 years
  - d. 6 so far, in first 6 months
  - e. Some faculty have chosen later slots
  - f. Of course, the opportunities that such faculty provided must be replaced
  - 2. IP Certificate
    - a. Has been approved by faculty
    - b. Waiting on Graduate Council
    - c. Hopefully full approval by end of semester
    - d. Proposal to donor to fund potential IP clinic with business and engineering school to provide experience with start ups and the IP office
  - 3. Class reductions
    - a. To be blunt, ideal size is 250
    - b. Maybe below for a few years
    - c. Try to resist going higher
    - d. 5 or 6 years ago, size was 380 and bar passage suffered
    - e. Certainly tempting, but will try to resist
  - 4. Definition of student experience in budget cuts
    - a. Where there is ambiguity, consult with students
    - b. Not interested in cutting staff in student affairs, academic support, and CDO
    - c. Basically, that which the students need to get things done
  - 5. Additional clinic?
    - a. Talk to Dean Katz
    - b. Also Laura Rovner, director of clinics
- IV. Old Business
- A. SBA Shirts
    - 1. Style and pricing
    - 2. Ladies
      - a. Most like the French cuff
      - b. Classic oxford
      - c. 3 approved
      - d. 2 opposed
      - e. Men abstained
    - 3. Men
      - a. Classic, non iron
      - b. Approved
      - c. None opposed
    - 4. Color light blue
      - a. Approved
  - B. Funds
    - 1. SBA pays all
- V. Adjourn