

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

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Attendance
 1. Absent: Banafsheh Lari; Matthew Christensen; Maral Shoaei; Kelsey Tipps
 - B. Approval of last week's minutes
 1. Approved
 2. None opposed/abstained
 - C. Notes from President
 1. April is sex assault awareness month and the University is planning some events
 - a. At a later date, SBA will consider taking part
 - b. What events or activities will be decided later
 2. Denver Bar Association is looking for a student rep
 - a. Looking for a DU student to go to their meetings and address student concerns and outreach
 - b. Every other Wednesday
 - c. Either a volunteer from SBA, or someone from student body
 3. Feb 5
 - a. Dean Katz is unable to make his Inn of Court meeting
 - b. And is opening the slot to a student
 - c. Email SBA President if interested
- II. Proposed Student Organization
 - A. 1Ls Parker Fulton and Katie Steefel
 - B. Education Policy and Outreach Group (EPOG)
 1. Policy: changes in education from Pre-K, K-12, and higher education
 2. Outreach: extend into local community through partnerships with other Universities and local public school districts
 - C. No current existing group
 1. CLAG focuses on adoption and other children's advocacy, but not education
 - D. Goals
 1. Be a face for education
 - E. A Constitution is required for founding
 1. Motion to approve, contingent on future acceptance of Organization constitution and by-laws; funding will be withheld until then
 2. Approved
 3. None opposed/abstained

III. Committee updates

A. Finance

1. Vis Commercial Arbitration
 - a. Moot Court total travel costs will be \$11,000 (includes trips to Vienna and Hong Kong)
 - b. Recommend the max \$1500
 - c. Approved
 - d. None opposed/abstained
2. International Commercial Arbitration LLM moot court
 - a. Total travel cost to DC is \$3600
 - b. Recommend max \$1500
 - c. Approved
 - d. None opposed/abstained

B. Social

1. Rodeo sales
 - a. Purchased 25, 9 remained
 - b. Could have had better sales
 - c. But those that went had fun
2. Barrister's
 - a. Most is good to go
 - b. End of February will be an open house for menu tasting
3. Bar Review on First Thurs of Feb

C. Dean's Excellence

1. What should they "tackle" this semester
2. Will have eye on the new communications policy

D. ABA

1. 2Ls and 1Ls are eligible for a regional representative
2. Application is due Feb 1st

E. Elections

1. Rough timeline
 - a. Open up candidacy after Valentine's day
 - b. Elections will be before Spring Break

IV. Student Concerns

A. Professor Feedback

1. Students have expressed concerns that some professor's teaching styles are ineffective, and the feedback forms at the end of the semester do not help
2. Students with these concerns can always go to Dean Moffitt, she is the point person
3. Dean Moffitt will be a guest later

4. The end of the semester evaluation forms are an important piece of information
 - a. Dean Katz reads every single word and takes them seriously
 - b. Students should not feel afraid to be honest in these evaluations or to go and talk to the professor about what they do not understand
 - c. Tenured professors cannot actually be “fired”, but their evaluations can be a significant basis in their raises
 - d. Should not be intimidated to talk to professors during office hours for one-on-one questions or how to better prepare for their class
- V. New Business
 - A. For 1Ls
 1. Talk to classmates about the 1L/Professor meet up
 2. It was not a great turn out, and Administration would like to know why or why not
 - B. SBA Facebook Page
 1. Trying to make it an all student group
 2. Perhaps could make it a “parent” page
 3. Or a Student Org Page
 - C. Registration
 1. Some issues with overlapping classes
 2. Seems to be only with night classes
- VI. Adjourned