



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

**I. Call to Order**

**a. Welcome**

**b. Attendance**

i. Absent

1. Suren Bhuvan

**c. Introduction of Guests**

**i. Ashley Basta and Tyler Nemkov – Petition for New Student Organization**

1. **Summary:** Ashley and Tyler went to the Harvard Food Law Summit and noticed that other schools have a program for this. Their Mission is to promote a dialogue to the food community, create a list of professionals, study and explore the intersection of food and law, and give DU SCOL access to the growing food law resource. They have sixteen ideas for events in four categories: Panel Discussions, Service Projects, Legal Projects and Fun Stuff.
2. **Discussion:**

Ashley – I thought a faculty advisor had to be in place before a group could be officially formed. Who is your faculty advisor?

Tyler – Professor Marceau.

Liz – I thought that was a rule too, but it probably isn't under the SBA.

Taylor – I sent out the New Student Organization handout Steven made.

Liz – Do you have a Mission Statement? Did you paste in the non-discrimination clause? How many officers do you have?

Tyler – Our first meeting 20 people attended, 4 or 5 are interested in officer positions. It included 1L's.

Liz – You would be starting with \$500.

Taylor – We will vote on it and let you know.

**d. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

- i. Passes Unanimously

**e. Notes from the President**

**i. Nuggets Game**

- 1. **Summary:** Taylor is wanting to know how the event went.
- 2. **Discussion:**

- Liz – Everyone I talked to liked it. They were talking about wanting to do more sports events.
- Mattson – I heard there was a food issue.
- Knicky – During the pregame there was an issue with the food being gone. I think we were paired with another DU group. The other group went through all of the food. Additionally, people didn't know alumni would be there and were embarrassed about not being dressed appropriately.
- Boynton – I received an email from Knicky. I wasn't there, Chris was there though. We weren't paired with any other organization. There was another DU, non-law school group, but there should not have been any overlap. Chris said when he got there at 4:30pm there were people with bracelets on who he didn't recognize, but they were people who were significant others or parents, sometimes staff. They were all with our group. I asked if there was a roping off of the area and he said it was. Some people got into the roped off area.
- Liz – I got there at 5pm. There were people actively patrolling to check for wristbands though.
- Taylor – I wonder if it was just family and staff.
- Liz – I brought 14 people myself.
- Boynton – We were wanting there to be other non-law student people, so that's expected. I talked to Alumni Office a month prior, and they said they didn't want to do it. As far as I know there were no alumni there. I'm not sure where that feedback is coming from. Maybe we should limit the number of tickets so that we don't get a bunch of non-law people. We spent \$2,200 on food, SBA pitched \$1,600. We catered for 150 people, Chris thought maybe 200 people came. I could not have spent more money. Because it came with a meal we tried to have it be just appetizers. If we were to do it again we might ask the SBA for more money to get more food. Students spent \$5, so they should be happy with what they got. We also bought 65 or 70 tickets because they kept running out. SBA pitched in for 200 tickets, Student Affairs paid for an extra 60 or 70, we

fronted a whole bunch of money. I'm glad people had fun, and I'm sad about the ones that didn't.

Liz – Spread was good, but that was gone by 6-6:15pm. They never restocked anything but nachos until 6:30pm.

Mattson – People might have thought that was their free meal.

Boynton – We were explicit about what was for what, but you never know.

Jenny – For next time, you might have peer mentoring sending something out. I brought my peer mentor to the game and it was good and more relaxed. Next year, maybe promote bringing your professional mentor.

Boynton – That probably went into the concern over the food too. Ken, you brought your mentor right?

Ken – Yeah.

Taylor – This speaks to planning for next time.

Boynton – What about reception here? We could have it go farther here.

[General disapproval with that idea]

Taylor – Maybe a bar?

Joshua – Problems aside, let's give Dean Boynton a hand.

[Applause]

## **f. Liz - DBA YLD Update**

### **1. Colfax Marathon**

- a. **Summary:** Every year the Denver Bar Association Young Lawyers Division puts together a team for the Colfax Marathon. You pay for it as a student, but the DBA YLD was talking about pairing students with young lawyers to get face time with new attorneys. It would be a relay and afterwards you could just hang out. Liz ran it last year and both her and a friend of hers who also participated both enjoyed it. Liz wants to push this to the school and coordinate Saturday runs to practice.

- b. **Discussion:**

Taylor – How many do we need?

Liz – It's teams of 5 with 3 students on a team to form squads. I would like to get 25 people. Right now it is \$35 or \$45 a person. You get two expos.

- Taylor – This was my first race. There is a farmers market there.
- Liz – You get bread, t-shirts, etc. We might be able to do fundraising with how close it is.
- Ashley – Would we get a discount if we were to do it as a team?
- Liz – If we did 5 as relay, you get certain percentage off of it.
- Ashley – Is that still \$45-55 then?
- Liz – I don't know, I'll check into it.
- Jason – We have funds in community outreach.
- Steven – Is it a Full or Half Relay? How many miles would we have to do?
- Liz – Just two and a half miles would work. I did 6.5 miles without training and it was horrible. There are different lengths of the relay and your team decides on how much it would be.
- Steven – What day is this?
- Liz – May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Taylor – Community Outreach should meet on this.

## 2. Legal Nights

- a. **Summary:** The SBA has had pushback on this. There is one at El Centro Humanitario and one at another location. It's not exclusive to Spanish speakers and meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. We're hoping to make this happen and maybe host one at DU SCOL in the future.

## 3. Rapids Game

- a. **Summary:** They are going to go to a Rapid's game where there will be all young lawyers, beer and pizza. No date is set, but it will probably be in June.

## 4. Bike and Beer

- a. **Summary:** There are lots of students that do this. You meet up at REI and bike for a while and then go and get a beer.
- b. **Discussion:**

- Jason – Are these events posted on the bulletin board?
- Liz – There is an email list for this and I'm trying to send through stuff that is applicable to students.

Taylor – One reason the bike and beer was successful was that it coincided with orientation.

## II. Committee Updates

### a. ABA

#### i. Governors Position

1. **Summary:** Ashley asked if anyone applied and no one said they did.

#### ii. ABA Committee

1. **Summary:** Ashley wants to find a time to meet with her Committee and find out if anyone no longer wishes to be on the Committee.

#### iii. Administrative Law

1. **Summary:** Ashley wants to table for it one more time and meet with her committee to discuss it.
2. **Discussion:**

Liz – I thought it went well when we tabled last time and think we should continue doing it.

Jason – I will swing by tabling in the evenings.

Liz – Let's do a Doodle Poll to see who can table.

### b. Finance

#### i. Elder Law

1. **Summary:** Elder Law is wanting to do a Bingo event in April. Liz is recommending we give them \$300.
2. **Discussion:**

Boynton – Did someone say we couldn't use fees to pay for wait staff and bartenders?

Liz – I'm not sure whether they are using their club funds for alcohol. Maybe they can get money donated for alcohol. Does Sodexo let you provide your own alcohol?

Boynton – Yes it does. I was told by Laurie students could bring their own.

Knicky – I'm confident we can have outside booze and catering. I was under the impression that it had to be through Sodexo to serve it though.

Boynton – If they can figure out how to get donated alcohol, student fees could pay the bartender. How much is wait staff?

Liz - \$100. Alcohol is just \$200.

- Knicky – Is wait staff through Sodexo?
- Liz – Should we give them wait staff, and then have them get donated alcohol?
- Taylor – That would be fine.
- Liz – Ok, we'll bring it to \$400.

3. Motion to Approve \$400
  - a. Passes, Liz Abstains

### c. Social

#### i. Barrister's Ball

1. **Summary:** Knicky is going to the venue next week with the DJ to check for sound and lighting requirements. She is going to start working on food soon.
2. **Discussion:**

Ashley – We talked about having a chili cook off on campus. Is Social still backing that and should we try to coincide it with the Super Bowl.

Knicky – Probably after Super Bowl so that we have time. I will email the organization heads and see what feedback I get.

### d. Community Outreach

#### i. Speakers Budget

1. **Summary:** Jason has been speaking with professors about getting a diversity speaker to come to campus. There is a big discussion going on about race. He wants to reach out to GSG and let them know we have an idea and see if they want to be a part of it. Lots of professors are on board, they have suggested speakers. Steven made list of organizations and Jason wants to see what organizations we can get to sponsor or contribute.
2. **Discussion:**

Taylor – Would this be a conference or summit?

Jason – Mostly professors are checking to see who they can get and check into alumni. We want this to be super broad and attract many student groups. If anyone has input or ideas, he is going to be sending out formal email. He will CC SBA members.

Taylor – I like it.

- Jason – I want to hear from Liz about funding.
- Liz – Are you working with Ripple (sp.)?
- Jason – I've talked to Professors Chai and Smith.
- Liz – Get Goel involved.

#### e. Elections

### III. Student Concerns

#### a. Cost of Books

- i. **Summary:** Jenny has heard there are 1L's concerned over how expensive books are. She wants to look into the idea of an online book exchange.

Taylor – There was book store run by the SBA, but it fell apart. If the student you heard this concern from can think of a new and creative way to approach it we'll consider it. If they come up with proposal we are cool with it.

Jenny – So best thing would be to have them propose something themselves? He had business plan for this.

Taylor – Sustainability is the main concern.

Jason – I think it will come down to getting professors involved. I think either having professors collect books at the end of the semester is a good idea if you can get around the new editions, professors bias since they write books and the concerns the bookstore might have.

Liz – I've seen this play out on the 2015 Admitted Students Section 2 Facebook page. In my undergrad they made a book swap Facebook page and it is still running. That may get around sustainability thing. It would be more about 1 on 1 though.

Taylor – It's like school Ebay. I like it.

#### b. Graduation Speaker

- i. **Summary:** Ashley wants to know who picks the graduation speakers and if we can propose ideas to them.

Taylor – It is my job, I thought it would be cool if we could get a woman speaker. The first three ideas didn't work out. Elizabeth Warren, Clinton, and Diana DeGette. I'm looking for inspiring female voices.

Ashley – There was suggestion in box to get writer for the Onion to speak.

Taylor – Yeah, I'm not doing that.

**IV. Previous Business**

**V. New Business**

**a. New student org. petition**

- i. Motion to Approve this new student group, Farm Law, passes

**VI. Adjourn**