



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

- I. Call to Order**
    - a. Welcome**
    - b. Attendance**
      - i. Absent
        - 1. Jenny Stoot
        - 2. Suren Bhuvan
        - 3. Cat Wood
    - c. Introduction of Guests**
    - d. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**
      - i. Ashley and Knicky Abstain, Passes
    - e. Notes from the President**
      - i. Final Meeting**
        - 1. **Summary:** We will have our final meeting at Spanky's after we have we approved the annual budget.
      - ii. SBA Student Awards**
        - 1. **Summary:** Taylor requests we write on boards to get people to nominate other students for these awards. The nominations are due next Wednesday. We want to have the awards be at the same time as the Student Affairs awards.
- II. Committee Updates**
  - a. ABA**
  - b. Finance**
    - i. Colfax Marathon Funding**
      - 1. **Summary:** Initially, when we were told the price for the marathon, we didn't know there was a registration fee of \$5/runner. Liz would therefore like to request an additional \$65 from the SBA.
      - 2. **Motion to Approve:**
        - a. Liz Abstains, Passes
    - ii. Annual Budget Approval**

1. **Summary:** Finance is currently receiving annual budget requests. Liz requests everyone that can show up, does. It'll be next Wednesday from 2:30-4:30pm.

### c. Social

#### i. Barrister's Ball

1. **Summary:** We stopped selling tickets on Tuesday because we needed to get with the event coordinator about attendance. For every ticket we sell over we would be charged 150% of the original price through the venue. We made just \$75 short of \$18,000.
2. **Discussion:**

Jason – What was the bill?

Chris – We're pretty much exactly on budget.

Taylor – What about a finals events?

Knicky – Everyone wants puppies instead of goats. We could make it an adoption event.

### d. Community Outreach

### e. Elections

## III. Student Concerns

### a. Locker Fees (Liz)

- i. **Summary:** Last week we brought up how locker fees are going to the SBA. Liz proposes that the remaining \$4,000 from these fees goes into a joint account for events Student Affairs or the SBA will do in the future.
- ii. **Discussion:**

Mattson – What does Student Affairs want to do?

Chris – We were the ones who proposed it. It would be joint so that the Treasurer can continue to make sure that the types of events are truly joint.

#### iii. Motion to Approve:

1. Liz Abstains, Passes

### b. Orientation (Chris)

- i. **Summary:** The role for volunteers will be much different this year. It would be good to have SBA volunteers because then 1Ls will be interacting with them and it would encourage SBA representation.

### c. More By-Laws (Steven)

#### i. ABA Student Leader Requirement

1. **Summary:** There is a requirement in the SBA Bylaws that student leaders need to be members of the ABA. Steven proposes we do away with the requirement since it has never been enforced.

- Liz – Ashley, are student leaders required by the ABA to be a part of it?
- Ashley – No. The important thing is that we have someone in it since they have many great programs and perks.
- Chris – The reason they added the requirement was because of what Ashley said. It'll be easier for student leaders to join now that there is no fee to join.
- Mattson – Liz, how hard would it be for you to keep on top of this as next year's SBA leader?
- Liz – I don't think it'll be very hard. I prefer that we give student leaders information during their orientation so we can enforce it on that end.

## IV. Previous Business

### a. New Student Group Bylaws

- i. **Summary:** Last week Steven proposed we change the Bylaws to require new student organizations to inform Student Affairs of their leadership, leadership contact information and Mission Statement within a week of the Senate approving them as a student organization.
- ii. **Motion to Approve:**
  1. Knicky, Mattson, Ashley, Josh and Alex Abstain, Passes

### b. Election Week Bylaws

- i. **Summary:** Last week Steven proposed we change the Bylaws to create an Election Week within which the student organizations would have to elect their new leadership. In addition to the original proposal he sent out an email to the SBA the day after expanding upon the options, including an April week, month and two week period, as well as a February week, month, and two week period, and a discretionary time period.
- ii. **Discussion:**

- Liz – I think a set time would be the best idea.
- Chris – I think having it discretionary would be best since there are student organizations who hold them at the beginning of the year.
- Liz – I like the February for a two week period would work best.

- iii. Motion to Approve February Two Week Election Cycle
  - Josh and Knicky Abstain, Passes

**V. New Business**

**VI. Adjourn**