

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION



**University of Denver
Student Bar Association
Weekly Minutes
September 5, 2018 (4:30 PM) - Rm. 280**

I. Call to Order

- a. Approval of Minutes - *Approved.*
- b. Attendance - 12/15 present. *See below.*
- c. Welcome to our two new 1L senators, Connor Shantz and Claire Pakis, and our new Part-Time 1L Representative, Karl Brevik!!

II. Guest Speaker 1 - Sarah Sweetman (from the Registrar's Office)

- i. New to SCOL (has been here 2 months); has spent 20 years at DU
- ii. Already working on Banner.
- iii. Once grades are final, that is the part that is automated (that is usually done within hours of getting them).
- iv. Under the Exams link
 1. there is an FAQ link for Exam 4. Suggestion is creating an analogous link for the grading tab on what happens with the registrar.
 - a. SBA: Send Registrar your questions!
- v. The Class Rankings and Final Schedules will be posted soon.
 1. Midterms Schedule should be posted tomorrow.

III. Guest Speaker 2 - Dean Moffat

- i. The grading policies; they are staggered now.
 1. Anonymous grading
 - a. faculty cannot upload their own grades; means there are more layers - someone, who is not on the faculty, has to merge the spreadsheets (exam grades, participation, etc.)
 - b. 1L earlier in the fall; flipped in the spring (graduating 3Ls are first)
 2. Grade deadline used to not be on the website.
 3. Jacob's Comment - student concern over the difference between the date that professor turned them in and the day we get them.
 - a. Solution - Putting "grades will be available / posted *no later than*"
 4. Alyssa's Comment - if the date is 1/20 and they are posted on 1/15, then that will decrease student anxiety.

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- a. Note: the goal of posting the faculty due date was to calm this but it appears that is what has not been happening.
5. Cole's Comment - ways to increase transparency - perhaps a PDF / FAQs of what the Registrar is doing, etc.
6. Kaley's Comment - current FAQ says the professor has within 2 days, etc. --> adjusting the language to be more student-focused.
 - a. maybe emphasize that the grades are due then audited
7. Jacob's Comment - people are googling their angsts (curves, etc.). How do you bridge that gap for 1Ls..
8. Jacob's Comment - grades that were changed
 - a. there is no written policy; it is rare and context-specific
 - b. underlying issue - the anonymous grading, the amount of data manipulation is prone to error (70+ people in a class; these sheets need to be combined) - human error w/ manual entry
 - c. as much automation as possible
9. Sara's Comment - Advanced Assignments
 - a. when do the faculty have to send it to the Registrar?
 - i. deadline - perhaps make it 1 week prior (Monday of Orientation Week); gives people time to get the books and do the reading, etc.
 - ii. may consider adding a policy that teachers cannot hold students accountable if they are posting it that late
 - b. different platforms - registrar page, TWEN, Canvas
 - i. important to have everything linked from the Registrar page!!
 1. Direct the traffic from one cohesive place! (Especially the 1Ls)
 2. May provide some clarity for the faculty too.
10. Jeffrey's Comment - CU had D2L; UT had MyUTInfo
 - a. portals --> everything the professor has / assigned / graded in one place
11. Kaley's Comment - students still appreciate Advanced Assignments because it maximizes the time on the first day.
12. Go to Dean Moffat with questions / concerns in regard to any of this!

IV. Previous Business

- a. *None discussed.*

