



University of Denver
Student Bar Association
Weekly Minutes

I. Call to Order

- a. Attendance - *All present, except for Vianes.*
- b. Approval of Minutes - *Cole sets forth the motion. Kaley seconds. Unanimously approved.*

II. Guest Speakers

- a. Chris

III. Previous Business

- a. Finals Pancakes (4/30, 4-6 PM)
 - i. Snooze pancakes, with Sodexo providing the proteins.
 - 1. Do we want the proteins from Snooze as well?
 - a. Discussion – no.
 - 2. Last year, the total (through Sodexo) was \$4000.
 - ii. This year = pancakes from Snooze. Means that we need to serve the food. Proteins are from Sodexo (Student Affairs will cover the \$2000 for the protein.)
 - iii. *Jacob sets forth a motion to approve \$1500 for the pancakes (Student Affairs will cover the \$2000 for proteins.). Kaley seconds. Unanimously approved.*
- b. Res Ipsa Event – next Wednesday, 4 – 6 PM, in the forum.
- c. End of Semester Gathering for Part-Time/LLM/Evening Students – C&Gs
 - i. Post-finals event on Saturday, May 11th, following the part-time / weekend's program's last final. Would also invite evening / LLM students.
 - 1. May 11, 12:30 – 3 PM
 - a. Would need \$250 for this.
 - ii. *Jacob sets forth the motion to set forth \$250 for this event. Claire seconds. Unanimously passes.*

IV. Committee Updates

- a. **Election:** Kaley
- b. **ABA:** Gideon
- c. **Social:** Jacob
 - i. Went really well.
- d. **Finance:** Cole
 - i. **Annual Budget Request Recommendation**
 - 1. Last year, \$14,736 was allocated for student orgs. This year, this amount totals to significantly more:
 - a. Based on this budget recommendation, we are giving \$30,251.50 to organizations this year a good amount if we are going to be getting around \$60,000 in membership fees?
 - 2. *Cole recommends this budget.*

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- a. Things were denied if there were event requests that were greater than \$250, requests don't match the amount that was needed for last year's attendance incomplete items, general meeting amounts (there are specific values for the number of the people in the organization).
 - i. Two most common ones – (1) above the \$250 → request was dropped to \$250 for the event then; (2) general meeting values were not complied with

ii. Finance Requests

1. Travel

- a. \$500 to the American Constitution National Convention.
 - i. Finance committee recommends approving the full amount.
 1. *Gideon sets forth the motion to approve. Jordan seconds. Unanimously approved.*
 - a. *No discussion.*

e. **Health & Wellness:** Lisa

f. **Community Outreach:** Kaley

V. New Business

- a. Pass off to the new SBA members
 - i. 4:51 – Sara passed off to Jacob and new SBA.
- b. Appointment of a Secretary
 - i. Claire and Lisa nominated.
 - ii. Lisa appointed. 5 votes for, 2 against. No abstentions.
- c. **Budget Request**
 1. After Pass off – Vote on Annual Budget Requests
 - a. *Discussion – if we accept the recommendation as is, will we able to fund SBA's usual events (like the beginning of the year event –*
 - i. Last year – there was \$76,000 based on Hailey's budget. That was with the \$14,000 for funds.
 1. Can vote to hold amounts from this year to hold it until we place it in the endowment.
 - a. Can also move money from the barrister's fund.
 - ii. Worth noting that student orgs requested more for these events but then that might mean less requests for next year?
 - iii. Only half is given in the fall and the other half is in the spring.

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1. However, you can go org by org so if some of them are all in the fall then it makes more sense to give it all first.
- iv. Naomi – how many people requested travel funding this year?
 1. About \$12,000 for the year (16 different requests; 28 total students)
2. Organization
 - a. Kaley – for those that are asking more than \$1,000 – they can get half in the fall; half in the spring.
 - i. Gideon – maybe 2/3 in the fall? Avoids getting more requests in the fall.
 - b. Jacob – all the money is approved. If the first semester was prevented – this is out of an abundance of caution. Money is not actually withheld.
3. Funding
 - a. Recommendations have been made. The following were flagged for discussion:

ACLU	SBA Recommendation - Civil Rights request and Cesaer Chavez Event request for \$800 was diminished to \$250. <i>Kaley sets forth the motion to approve the recommended amount of \$775. Jordan seconds. Naomi abstains. Unanimously approved.</i>
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association	SBA Recommendation - Two of the meetings were organizational member-only meetings; money was requested for a meet and greet w/ CU without a location; lack of specificity (speakers, date); the general meetings were not within the capped amounts. Certain ones fall under special event requests that they can do next year and travel requests that they can do next year. Last year, they spent \$293 and received \$500 and requested \$1500. Naomi – if we are bringing in attorneys for an event - should still be funded (that event was denied for the \$200). <i>Gideon sets forth the motion to approve the recommended amount of \$305. Kaley seconds.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Naomi motions to amend to add \$200. Jordan seconds this motion.</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">o Discussion – Gideon – they can request a special event request.o Claire – we deny other orgs for this reasono Naomi – last year there was a lot of discussion regarding what it looked like in regard to diverse student org funding. Denying the \$200 is only for this event.o Motion to amend. 6 against. 1 in favor. No abstentions Original motion – unanimously approved. No abstentions.

Race to the Bottom	SBA can't fund the headshots; General meetings have lower caps depending on size than for an event request. (amounts requested were lower to give the max amount for a general meeting of this size)
PILG	No speakers listed. Naomi – how do we actually know that the speakers listed will actually come? The line is very arbitrary. **this is a fundamental issue we need to address going forward.
Latino Law Students Association	- The event caps were too high so the maximum of \$250 was granted for those events.

Jordan sets forth the motion to approve old SBA's recommendation for the budget request. Kaley seconds. Unanimously approved.

VI. Student Concerns

- a. Naomi – there is an initiative to work with faculty to get classes cancelled on election day.
 - i. Student Affairs can't send out an email.
 - ii. Can SBA send it out?
 - 1. *Last year, we voted against sending out emails to all of the students.*
 - 2. Question is if this is political?
 - 3. Sara – if you send out an email with yes/no or a survey. That keeps you neutral.
 - 4. Gideon – concern is that we don't want SBA to become the mass communicator for student orgs.
 - 5. Jacob – this is a student concern though instead of an org.
 - 6. Kaley – what is the threshold for how many students have to respond?
 - a. There is a national movement for this so we would be 1/7 that is making this change. Admin wants to get student pulse. Already sent out to faculty.
 - iii. Email policy – recommended by a student committee a couple of years ago to address the number of emails that were being sent out.
 - iv. Jacob has appointed Naomi to write out an email.
 - 1. Will send to Lisa to send out to SBA first; then Lisa can send it out to the student body pending that there is no objection.
 - v. *Cole sets forth a motion to send out the email such that it is objective. Kaley seconds. Unanimously passes.*

VII. Calendar

- a. Pass off Meeting: April 10th
- b. Res Ipsa Loquitor Event: April 17th
- c. Graduation Day: May 18th

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VIII. Motion to Adjourn