

University of Denver - Sturm College of Law
Student Bar Association Meeting
April 15, 2020 (4:30 PM)
Zoom Meeting
Minutes

A. Call to Order

- a. Attendance
 - i. *Everyone is in attendance.*
- b. Approval of the Minutes
 - i. *Minutes approved. No objections.*

B. Guest Speakers

a. Chris

i. Lockers

- 1. (Usually) Student Affairs reaches out to people to ask them if they want to renew their lockers at this point in the semester. Seems a little odd given that people can't access their lockers right now / also that we don't know when we can access the lockers.
 - a. However, it would be easier for Student Affairs if people renew because then they don't need to clean out those lockers.
- 2. Student Affairs suggests making renewal of lockers free this year.
 - a. Locker money usually goes to the Student Affairs / SBA joint programming fund.
 - b. Does anyone on SBA have an issue with this?
 - i. Edward - How much money does locker sales usually bring in?
 - 1. Chris - we have about \$8,000 in the SBA/Student Affairs joint account. We usually get about \$4,000 in locker renewal fees. However, we haven't spent anything this semester because there was no spring programming.
 - a. Thus, if we have 1Ls and other locker sales next year, then we would still have more in that account than usual.
 - 2. Cole - after we take out \$15,000 for the scholarship and \$7,000 for the new

half-scholarship and the \$7,500 for next year's SBA funding → we are left with about \$10,000 that has not been allotted for. If we do nothing = goes to the emergency fund.

a. Joint Programming Fund is what we use for "Breakfast for Dinner" event, etc. If we allocated part of the \$10,000 to this joint programming fund, then that would help SBA next year.

3. Jacob - what about the emergency fund?

a. Chris - hasn't been used

b. Amanda - you never know when we will need to use it (i.e. covid)

c. Kaley - issue with the emergency fund is when we are actually allowed to use it. (i.e. we weren't allowed to use it for covid this year.) Is it for student orgs or students?

i. Chris - it is for SBA so that it can bail out student orgs or use in funding emergencies

ii. Jacob - requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote by SBA and Student Affairs fund to access

4. *Edward moves to put \$5,000 in the Joint Programming Fund (SBA/Student Affairs fund) and \$5,000 for the emergency fund.*

Amanda seconds.

a. Discussion

i. Edward wants to clarify that this means (in practicality) that we are leaving \$5,000 in the general account so that it rolls over at the end of the semester into the emergency fund.

b. *Motion approved.*

ii. Student Awards Link

1. The link has not been sent out yet. Mo is leaving 4/24.

iii. Bar Scholarships

1. The fund is being set up by the Controller's office. Communication has been drafted to send out to students as soon as this is done.

- iv. 41 SBA student orgs have completed student leadership training!

C. Previous Business

- a. *None.*

D. Committee Updates

- a. ABA

- b. Social - Gideon

- c. Health and Wellness - Lisa

- d. Community Outreach - Claire

- i. Chris / Claire

1. We know we are getting the giftcards. SBA needs to write a letter that this is a gift from SBA on behalf of the student body.

2. Jacob - will find a way for us to sign it (docusign?)

- e. Finance - Cole

- f. Ad hoc committees

- i. Diversity Roundtable - Leo

1. Goal for next week: send out an SBA survey to students in affinity and non-affinity groups to follow up on the roundtable.

E. New Business

- a. *None.*

F. Student Concerns

- a. Jeff

- i. Summer Classes

1. What will they look like?

- a. Chris - Chancellor will make the decision about whether they will be in person or online. As of now, all classes are online until 6/11. Therefore, not likely to get an answer before the end of the month.

- ii. Bookstore

1. How can students return their rentals? Buy books for next year?

- a. Students need to reach out to the bookstore. Bookstore is a company that is separate from DU.

- b. Kaley

- i. When will the finals schedule be finalized / posted?

1. Chris - revised schedule should be posted by the end of this week. Are still waiting on some professors to get back to the Registrar.
 - a. Kaley - some professors have said that the Registrar isn't responding to them.
 - b. Chris - they are working on it now that registration week has ended.
- c. Amanda
 - i. Can the Registrar publish a plan about what it would look like if the classes are online in the fall? [Would impact what people are going to register for (workshop, practicums, etc.).]
 - ii. Jacob - they tend to not make statements about what is unknown.
 - iii. Chris - these are uncertain times. Coming up with contingencies too soon can also cause chaos. We are moving forward as though in-person classes will be held in the fall. Then, they will make contingencies once things are certain.

G. Calendar

- a. April 22, 2020 - last SBA meeting
 - i. Will transition to the new eBoard next week!

H. Remarks for the Good of the Order

- a. Jacob - thank you Chris for all of your hard work during these times (not only with SBA but also as a professor)!

I. Motion to Adjourn

- a. *Meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM on 4/15/2020.*