

SBA Minutes  
September 4, 2013

- I. Procedural Business
  - A. Attendance
  - B. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
  - C. Appoint Chris Ferraro 3L Senator
- II. Speaker: Dean Katz
  - A. Residency Pilot Program
    - 1. 6 employers have committed to take residency for the pilot program
    - 2. DU is partnering with CU on this program
    - 3. Dean Katz will report on the progress
  - B. Senior Manger's Meeting
    - 1. People loved the idea of the Staff Appreciation Day
    - 2. Outreach on the new Student Handbook so that we know the new policies
    - 3. The website has been redesigned so that it is focused towards admissions and marketing. Soliciting feedback from students on how to make it better
  - C. Dean's Excellence Committee
    - 1. Soliciting feedback from students
  - D. Dean's Priorities
    - 1. Residency program
    - 2. Experiential Advantage Program
      - a. Needs structure still. Task force working on providing this
      - b. Maybe a certificate program
    - 3. Final Year of Capital Campaign
      - a. DU is in the last year of an 8 year campaign
      - b. Law school has a 45M goal. Need to raise 5M by June 30.
      - c. Important so we can award money for scholarships
      - d. University has agreed to match commitments to create endowed scholarships.
      - e. University will match estate gifts for people over 60.
    - 4. Evaluate and Tweak Strategic Plan
      - a. Set into action current plan 3 years ago. It is designed to create 5 areas of excellence that are divided by subject matter.
      - b. Feedback from graduates about our current plan.

- c. Denver got a Patton and Trademark office, so think of ways to incorporate IP law.
- d. In the fall, will set up a process with Corona Insights and DU Faculty. We will execute the process in the spring.
- e. Nature of this is choosing priorities. For example, CU has a great Indian Law program, so we make a hard choice to put our energy in areas that we can win. We try to match the market demand with our capabilities and capacities.

### III. Election Committee Update - MJ Christensen

#### A. 1L Senator Elections

- 1. 1 candidate E position, and 9 for day
- 2. Election party for this Thursday at 6 pm at Jordan's
- 3. Voting ends at noon
- 4. Election committee will count votes

### IV. Finance Committee Update

#### A. Sport and Entertainment Law Journal/Society

- 1. Wants to go to competition in San Diego. Can't compete because deadline passed, but still wants to go. No other benefit mentioned outside of networking. Other conferences have speakers. SBA is doing research for that group. \$150 proposed by MJ and Chris for two members - Chris Newman
- 2. Are there panels and conferences? - Katy Raffensperger
- 3. Yes - Chris Newman
- 4. How many discussions are there? - Banafsheh Lari
- 5. 1 day of full discussions - Antonio Mendez
- 6. Highlighted that they went to a private suite for a Padre's game, although that doesn't necessarily say that we shouldn't fund them - Chris Newman
- 7. MOTION-Pass for \$150 per person for San Diego Conference
  - a. 7 Pass
  - b. 6 Oppose
  - c. 1 Abstain

#### B. DU OUTlaws

- 1. Came to SBA after they went to the Lavender conference and asked for funding. Clear that they don't ask for funding for things after the fact - Chris Newman
- 2. Vigil gave them approval before they came to Lavender Conference - Antonio Mendez

3. Said that the conference is in July, so you have to wait until July to make the request. Clint came in August after they went. Dean Powell approved that we consider whether to approve their funding - Antonio Mendez
4. Suggestion to put conditions of funding. Have Clint come in and tell us the value of the conference, with the Board of DU OUTlaws - Chris Newman
5. Clarification: No effort was made in July, and it was clear that they needed to come in July? - Banafsheh Lari
6. Yes - Antonio Mendez
7. Why are we moving forward? - Banafsheh Lari
8. Because Dean Powell gave approval - Chris Newman
9. Any excuse? - Paul Joran
10. No - Antonio Mendez
11. Was there a hardship? - Pamela Carty
12. We take over positions in April, and the Board discusses it - Chris Newman
13. Should be there are condition on the amount we give? We told them exactly what we expected, so what if someone else does it again? - Pam Carty
14. Was the hardship a hardship on SBA, and not on OUTlaws? - Paul Jordan
15. SBA treasurer was active - Chris Newman
16. A new board came in so that is part of the problem. New board so they didn't know about what was told to the old board. - Sara Fitouri
17. No budget requests over the summer - Chris Newman
18. The system of approval for travel requests over the summer was set up because the same issue came up last year - Antonio Mendez
19. MOTION-Denied funding for the Lavender Conference outright
  - a. 6 approve to deny
  - b. 4 to deny denying funding outright
  - c. 4 abstention

V. Dean's Excellence Committee Update - Lillie Parker

- A. Hiring freeze
- B. Dean said he would be willing to take everyone out for beer and certificates to say that they are on the Dean's Excellence Committee
- C. Only received 1 application
- D. Email went out yesterday

VI. SBA President Update - Antonio Mendez

- A. Dean Cheever asked for help updating law.du.edu
- B. Registrar Grade Email
  - 1. Asked the registrar send out email when grades are posted
  - 2. Julie said banner cannot do this, and she has looked into it before
  - 3. Propose a website where grades are automatically updated
  - 4. Registrar said she will try to go to the State of the Law school event

VII. Previous Business

- A. Motion 1 - Add the funding policies that the SBA used this year when making financial decisions to the SBA Constitution - Antonio Mendez
  - 1. *Each student organization should have a position on their board filled by an evening student. If the student organization does not have an evening student on their board, an interim position of "evening representative" shall be created for that club and the club will attempt to fill that position. If no evening student shows interest in the position, the club will be exempted from this requirement.*
  - 2. **Motion - Pass**
    - a. Unanimous approved
- B. Motion 2 - Mandate that all club presidents be members of the ABA - Lillie Parker
  - 1. *In order to receive requested funds, the student organization's President, or equivalent, must be a member of the American Bar Association (ABA). The Student Bar Association (SBA) will provide funds to cover the cost of such membership. These funds must comply with the following conditions:*
    - a. *1) The funds provided will cover a one-year membership only, and*
    - b. *2) The funds will be allocated to each student organization as part of their annual budget request. Club funds may not be used to register any other member of the club to the American Bar Association.*
  - 2. Will they have to ask for ABA membership? - Sara Fitouri
  - 3. Automatically allocated - Antonio Mendez
  - 4. If you request \$500, you will get \$525 - Lillie Parker
  - 5. Will it take place this year? - Chris Newman
  - 6. Immediately because if you have officers who have done it already, they can teach other officers what to expect - Antonio Mendez
  - 7. Should we have a mandatory student meeting? - Chris Newman
  - 8. What are the benefits of a membership? - Morgan Batcheler
  - 9. Get a copy of the Student Lawyer. They will send articles of talk that are happening around the country. This is the opportunity to send the

CLE and bring the information back to the club, which will hopefully benefit the law school - Lillie Parker

10. Some areas in the ABA require extra money. For instance, Environmental is an extra \$5. Perhaps if you are the separate section, we will pay extra money? - Lillie Parker
11. Is SBA held to the same standard? - Ryan Brand
12. Current constitution requires the President and ABA member - Antonio Mendez
13. **Motion - Tabled**
  - a. Unanimous - Approve to Table

#### VIII. New Business

- A. Motion 3 - SBA provides SBA polos to SBA members - Chris Newman
  1. Need to increase SBA's visibility. Business casual is a good idea, so maybe we should all wear a polo so that we are visible representatives. Gives us a sense of pride - Chris Newman
  2. SBA has \$72,000, so we have enough funds - Chris Newman
  3. Antonio asked for business casual, and multiple people have not worn this. Are we going to penalize people? - Antonio Mendez
  4. Motion is not that we mandate it, but make it optional. We should wear them, but it will be self-governing - Chris Newman
  5. Good ideas to wear a shirts for certain days, like Bar Review, it might be a good idea - Banafsheh Lari
  6. I can't wear my polo because of work - Morgan Batcheler
  7. Makes sense that we have a polo for an event. Likes the idea of uniformity. Degree of professionalism - Pam Carty
  8. **Motion Pass**
    - a. 13 Pass
    - b. 1 Oppose
    - c. 1 Abstain
- B. Motion 4 - Remove Chief of Staff Position/Appoint Mike Conner to 4LE position - Morgan Batcheler/Antonio Mendez
  1. Discuss at next meeting
- C. Banners
  1. Many clubs have the old logo. In a show of support, maybe we should pay for a new banner? - Antonio Mendez
  2. Was it a requirement to get the new logo? - Katy Raffensperger
  3. **Motion - Tabled**
    - a. Approve

## IX. Adjournment