**University of Denver Sturm College of Law**

**STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION: WEEKLY AGENDA**

Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 4:30 – 5:30 PM in Room 259  
 <https://udenver.zoom.us/j/81627053255>

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 
   1. Attendance
      1. Exec: Leonela Urrutia, Edward Bowden, Jaime Greenwood, Matt Nilsen, Cerridwyn Nordstrom (absent)
      2. ABA: Abby Schwarz
      3. Part-Time: Charles Early, Kelly Lotterhos, Sarah Elena Dillabough (absent)
      4. MLS/LLM Rep: Solita Day
      5. 2L: Gabby Gile, Camille Moore
      6. 1L: Alexz Thompson, Luke Meidel
   2. Approve last week’s meeting minutes
      1. Not done, will need to approve two next week.
2. **GUEST SPEAKERS**
   1. Rachael Willihnganz
      1. Online class options concern
      2. Willihnganz – Students immune compromised or with other challenges are struggling to find ways to get to class without the options for synchronous zoom options, some professors seem to support such synchronicity but not sure what the current policy on this is.
      3. Boynton – There is always a class recording available via a request form. Student affairs and some faculty members then look over and decide, send email to student and professor for link and notification. The link sent will work live, to view at the same time as the class is happening but no way to participate. That option has fairly wide approval standards, COVID and non, there is a list of valid options on the website. However if not COVID related, there is a general policy of requiring professor permission, provided by the student. The latitude of approval and the reasons for allowed depend on what the professor allows, if the professor allows it will virtually never be denied no matter the reason. The professor permission gatekeeping serves dual functions of ABA accreditation and so that student difficulties are highlighted to student affairs for potential support supposes.
         1. Boynton – Accommodations are a bit different, this can take the form of general recordings or hi-flex (zoom participation mandatory on professor). This requires reaching out to Disability Services. They can only approve under the ADA for personal health concerns (includes immune compromise status), not for those taking care of others with health concerns.
      4. Nilsen – Have heard from students being denied, have relayed that the holdup may be teacher approval, is there a better message to give for students with questions?
         1. Boynton – Suspect that the denials may be the email reply requesting professor approval. Perhaps we need to be more clear on “COVID = no professor approval / Non-COVID = professor approval”.
      5. Willihnganz – Where does the immune compromised person fit between disability/accommodation versus general COVID recording request?
         1. Boynton – Virtually any reason given that related to COVID will result in an approval of the recording. For immune compromised, even if there is not official documentation from the Disability Services office, if they come to me with some indication/paperwork of such a condition then we can give weeks or even months of class recordings. We are however bound on hi-flex for that which is qualifying ADA by university policies, out of our hands.
      6. Thompson – Disability Services process can be difficult, is there a way to reduce the hardship of such a process and streamline one through student affairs?
      7. Gile – More explicit email about the process may be warranted as the switch from zoom-flex in prior semesters to present system has created a disconnect of expectations, wants, and policies.
         1. Willihnganz – Some form of temporary accommodation would be a nice mid-point.
      8. Boynton – Hi-flex has ramifications beyond that student, as one student hi-flex converts the class into an online class classification for ABA and means that credits have to be carefully monitored for then every student in that class and every credit they are taking to ensure compliance.
      9. Urrutia – Perhaps that difficulty of credit monitoring, difficulty in policy implications, is lessened where there are small classes?
         1. Boynton – Does not make much of a difference for ABA impact. Also the impact on professors, instructional design being made more difficult in dual accommodation of zoom and in-person.
      10. Boynton – Will send more clear email regarding the Disability process and other recording process (both COVID and Non). Will also speak with Disability about ease of process. Please do encourage students to reach out to us with concerns and we will try to be as flexible as possible.
   2. Dean Boyton
      1. Gile – When do summer schedules come out?
      2. Boynton – Registration for summer is April 7th, for Fall April 8th. Hopefully that schedule will be posted second week of March. Planning on a question presentation and Q&A for PT students ~March 18th. Deadlines for externships are always the last day of classes.
   3. Amber Dannis
      1. Dannis – Donation food drive box in the forum. It is lacking. Please try to donate.
      2. Dannis – Student wanted to revive Elder Law Society, told them to reach out to SBA and then I will send them student leader training materials.
         1. Urrutia – Health Law Society also needs student leader training.
      3. Urrutia – Graduation timing and other details?
         1. Dannis – Saturday May 21st at the Richie Center, still navigating time/logistics/tickets/etc. If family members are considering travel, best to arrive the day before. Typical is 10am that Saturday.
3. **PREVIOUS BUSINES**
   1. Meeting Time Vote**-** Tuesdays 4:30pm-5:30pm
      1. Urrutia - The change would only be for this SBA, not forever going forward.May try to change constitution to allow for day (not time) to be voted on by each new SBA group.
      2. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Gile, passes unanimously. New meeting time Tuesday 4:30, new agenda deadline Monday evening.
      3. Urrutia – Please do not miss meetings. Attendance is important not only for SBA meetings and committee ones. Policy is no more than 20% of meetings, so not missing more than 2 or 3. Will try to flag big votes ahead of time for any absentee votes.
   2. Sarah Sweetman meeting debrief
      1. Urrutia – Sweetman relayed that she was very grateful for the invite. Noted some big deadlines coming up that she would be happy to come again and answer questions about.
      2. Thomson & Greenwood – Good idea, did address student concerns but did not solve them. Continue dialog about solutions, such as temp workers.
      3. Schwarz – Seems more a culture issue of faculty not being willing to bring about harder deadlines, not on Sweetman or her team.
         1. Meidel – Temper expectations, this is a nationwide issue. Slow build of relationships and improvement the way to go.
4. **COMMITTEE UPDATES** 
   1. Elections: Kelly Lotterhos
      1. Moore – Been getting questions about student board elections and putting together their final boards.
      2. Urrutia – There has been some confusion after deadline changes after finance changes, nothing formal yet, will follow up on this later.
   2. Social: Jaime Greenwood
      1. Greenwood – Barristers is 8 weeks away. Will be in Joy Burns management/hospitality venue. April 2nd 8-12pm. Willing to take help from others in student body, have them reach out to me.
   3. ABA: Abby Schwarz
      1. Schwarz – Propose that we partner with BLSA to have an event at a black-owned business to discuss prior work, future work, etc. Requesting funds for either an event location or some food.
      2. Urrutia – Discuss with Diversity committee to utilize their funds, also willing to contribute executive funds, then have a more concrete plan to bring to the next meeting with a specific request. Keep in mind will need to be open to the general student body.
      3. Urrutia/Schwarz – Good to start highlighting student orgs. and their work.
   4. Health & Wellness: Gabby Gile
      1. Wellness Week March 7th-11th
      2. Gile – Will be reaching out to committee reg. wellness week. Also preparing to reach out regarding survey data and conclusions/actions therefrom.
   5. Community Outreach: Camille Moore
      1. T-Shirt Vote
         1. Images emailed out
      2. Moore – Two designs, want to get it out and to a vote, time is limited. Set as short-sleeve as there is a lack of such in the bookstore.
      3. Motion by Greenwood to vote on shirts, seconded by UNK, 8/11 for the grey one with the N/V lines on the mountains.
      4. Moore – Profits going to appreciation for underserved/recognized faculty.
      5. Urrutia – Will start on QR codes, sales function, etc. for next week.
   6. Finance: Matt Nilsen
   7. Diversity: Cerridwyn Nordstrom
   8. Part-Time: Edward Bowden
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Constitution Changes
6. **STUDENT CONCERNS**
7. **CALENDAR**
   1. **February 7th:** BLSA- Celebration of Black Women and Black History
   2. **March 21-27th:** Spring Break
   3. **April 2nd:** Barristers Ball
   4. **April 25th:** Last Day of Classes
   5. **May 21st:** Graduation
8. **REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**
9. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** 
   1. Early moves, Thompson Seconds.