

LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL
RSO Funding Allocation Report

Meeting Date: 3/4/2021

Meeting Time: ---

Meeting Location: Electronic

LSC Members Present: Abby Brinkman, Alison Bowlby, Destinee Campbell, Justin Delise, Lakiera Bailey, Reinaldo Gomez de la Vega, Ryan Roy, Shaina Ruth, Madison Johnson

BUDGET

<i>Remaining prior to this meeting</i>	
Total budget:	\$21,507.74
Travel budget:	
Food budget:	

<i>Remaining after this meeting</i>	
Total budget:	\$19,637.74
Travel budget:	
Food budget:	

Organization	Event/Conference Name, Date, #of students impacted	Contractual Services (speaker, DJ)	Expense (travel, hotels, mileage)	Food (food, supplies)	Clothing & Awards (tshirts, trophies etc.)	Total
Black Law Student Association	Stole Awards		Stickers - \$70 (100 stickers)		\$1,800 \$18/stole (100 stoles)	\$1,870
Total						\$1,870

Organizations receive funds for the particular conference of event, any funds not spent will be swept back to the funding council and eventually to COGS at the end of the fiscal year. COGS approval is required for all expenditures, and funds are only granted to organizations who follow policies outlined in the SGA/COGS Financial Manual, COGS Code, and SGA Statutes.

The Law School Council (LSC) reserves the right to sweep any funds back to us.

If an organization wishes to use the funds for a reason other than the one they described at the meeting, they must get approval from LSC.

Meeting Minutes

(please include a breakdown of the funding request, costs, and what allocated funds are being allocated for. Should also include the vote for each request).

Organization: Black Law Students Association

Date/time of event: --

Amount requested: \$536.37, amended to \$1,800 for stoles and \$70 for COGs logo stickers

Purpose of funds: To award graduating students with stoles to be worn at graduation

Details of event: BLSA will advertise the giveaway of these stoles through the student announcements to award and celebrate students successfully completing law school. The stoles are hand-woven and shipped from Ghana. They are \$18/person

Notes:

- Stoles are regularly \$22.95 but received a discount code from National BLSA
- 100 stoles will be purchased
- We originally approved this request on February 16th but the COGs speaker had issues with it. In order to get the rest of the requests approved from that meeting we put this request on the back burner. We are still in approval of this request and we disagree with the COGs speaker's assessment of why he denied it in the February 16th minutes.
- We are classifying these stoles as awards and more specifically as trophies.
- According to the SGA Financial Manual section 803.8:
 - o The Clothing & Awards Category shall be used to pay for clothing (t-shirts and polo shirts) for the purpose of promoting an SGA-funded entity or event, and awards (trophies, plaques, and certificates) for the purpose of recognizing an individual or group.
 - (A) Clothing shall be restricted to T-shirts, tank tops and polo shirts, unless otherwise approved by a three-fourth (3/4) vote of the Senate Finance Committee.
 - 1. T-shirts and polo shirts must be made available free of charge to all FSU members of the entity purchasing them. There shall be no separate Executive Board shirts. Executive Board shirts can be waived in the form of a resolution with approval by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate Finance Committee and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
 - (B) Awards shall be restricted to trophies, plaques, and certificates.
 - 1. The manner in which the recipient of any award was (or will be) decided must be submitted to the Student Body Treasurer at the same time as the expenditure. Under no circumstances may this category be used to purchase personal gifts.
- The definition of a trophy is "a cup or other decorative object awarded as a prize for a victory or success."
 - o A stole is a decorative object. These stoles are going to be awarded to graduating students who will wear them as a prize for graduating.
- There is no definition of trophy indicated in the SGA financial manual which means that these can be classified as awards being that they are decorative in nature and being

awarded as a prize to graduating 3Ls. On the vendor website, it describes the stoles as “Native to the to the Ashanti Region in Ghana, Kente Cloth has a long tradition of be worn for the most prestigious occasions.”

- The stickers will be purchased from stickermule. They are high quality logo stickers that will be added to each stole to satisfy the requirement that awards and clothing have the COGs logo on them.

Member	Abby	Alison	Destinee	Justin	Lakiera	Reinaldo	Ryan	Shaina	Madison
Vote	yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	yes

VOTE: 8 yes 1 no 0 abstain

PROS:

- Celebrates the accomplishment of graduating students.
- Shows that we support our RSOs wanting to celebrate graduates
- After the year we've had, everything deserves a little more celebration

CONS:

- **None**
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