LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL
RSO Funding Allocation Report

Meeting Date: 11/4/19
Meeting Time: 7pm – 9:30pm
Meeting Location: A106
LSC Members Present: Lauren Brooker, Abby Brinkman, Grant Haas, Ryan Soscia, Luc Mazzini, Bailey Cunningham, Jemma Takx, Sandro Secino
Morgan Applegate, LSC Advisor, was present for the meeting and voting

BUDGET

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| TIAFT (3)          | Speaker Series -- 1/21/2020 Panel discussion with Professor Terry Coonan and Professor Annino who are both experts in international human trafficking law as well as Florida human trafficking law. Will be moderated by President Marissa Vairo. | $100.   | $100.00 |

**TOTAL:**

|        | $0   | $7,358.46 | $893.50 | $0   | $8,251.00 |

Organizations receive funds for the particular conference or 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).

**LSC Voting:** Voted (8-0) to approve a change to LSC internal by-laws where the Board votes for each funding request after the request is made. This is a departure from the current rules where we vote on all requests after the meetings.

**Organization:** Black Law Students Association

**Date/time of event:** 1/29/2020 – 2/2/2020 at 9:30AM
**Amount requested:** $3,040.00
**Purpose of funds:** Travel to BLSA

**Details of event:** Competition for BLSA trial team members hosted in Charlotte, North Carolina. Four students will be traveling for four nights leaving on January 29, 2020 through February 2, 2020.

*Flights:* $744 total
  - $186/per person (from Tallahassee)
  - Looked at Jacksonville as well, only about a $20 difference per ticket

*Registration fees:* $960 total
  - $240 per person (4 people total)

*Hotels:* $1336 total
  - Unsure of where competition will be held (which hotel; hasn’t been released yet)
  - Found hotel near school priced at $167/night (all other hotels in area are around this price)
  - Will most likely stay at hotel that the competition is happening (block rate)
  - $167/night, 2 rooms, 4 nights

**Notes:** No Alcohol will be served as part of the conference. If they make nationals, they may have to request future travel funds. Break down of registration fee: 500 admin fee, 460 goes toward regional convention registration.

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**VOTE:** 8-0-0
**Organization:** Student Bar Association
**Date/time of event:** April 3, 2020 – April 5, 2020  
**Amount requested:** $2921.56  
**Purpose of funds:** Registration fees, mileage, and hotels

**Details of event:** University of Virginia Annual Softball Tournament – will send 12 players for a team which compete with other law schools from around the country, and engage in networking and social opportunities in addition to competing on the softball field.

**Notes:**

*Registration fees: $700 total*
- May be able to get 50-dollar discount if fee is paid by December 31, 2019.
- Registration fee does not go toward charity – maybe?
- Alcohol at event? Cash bar, not open bar

*Mileage: $1,249.56*
- (miles x $.445): $624.78 x 2 cars = $1249.56
- From law school to competition; taking 2 vehicles

*Hotel: $2921.56*
- Number of Rooms: 3
- Number of Nights: 2
- Gave two hotel options ranging from $972.00 or $774.00

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**VOTE:** 3-4 motion defeated.

**COMMENTS:**

**NOTES:** Jemma Takx said that she believed that there was a rule where there must be a neutral party who does not benefit from the funds deciding who gets to be selected. Bailey Cunningham brought up that the funds may go to charity. Jemma Takx brought up rule about drivers may not exceed 500 miles per day without finding a place of lodging. Sandro Secino brought up the fact that the rule is vague and that the 500-mile limit could be per driver and not per car. We then looked to cut some costs due to remaining budgetary concerns. One of the reasons for denying this request is that we are concerned with funding the softball tournament over SBA’s other conference which occurs later in the school year.
**Organization:** Student Bar Association

**Date/time of event:** 1/15/2020 at 12:30pm  
**Amount requested:** $350, amended by the board to $320 (to stick with $8 per head)  
**Purpose of funds:** Chuys Catering for Speaker event

**Details of event:** Attorney General Ashley moody coming to speak at the law school about various areas of Florida law including but not limited to, opioid litigation.

**Notes:**  
*For chuys catering*

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**VOTE:**

**COMMENTS:**

**NOTES:**
Organization: American Constitutional Society

Date/time of event: 3/26/2020 – 3/29/2020 @ 12:30pm
Amount requested: $4757.00, amended by the board to $2083.52 (see note below)
Purpose of funds: Travel to the ACS National Convention in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Details of event: Travel to the ACS National Convention in Cambridge Massachusetts. For 8 people. Politically leaning convention which provides networking opportunities, seminars, and speakers on a wide range of constitutional law topics.

Notes:
- Total amount requested: $4,757.00
- Flights
  - $400.00 per person
  - $3,200.00 total
  - *Never looked out of Jacksonville, which appears to be cheaper by 200 dollars approx.*
- Hotel
  - Best Western $173.00/night
  - 3 rooms for 3 nights
  - $1557.00
- Registration Fee
  - $0.00
- E-Board and 1L reps will be traveling but they advertised to their group’s Facebook. But seems like they posted about the conference when they submitted the request, weird.

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VOTE: 5-2

COMMENTS: They need to fly from Jacksonville, it is much cheaper.

NOTES: We then looked to cut some costs due to remaining budgetary concerns over the large amount of students requested to travel the total amount funded by the Board $2083.50. Calculated this number by calculating funds needed to send 4 people.
Organization: CABA

Date/time of event: January 2020 at 12:30pm
Amount requested: $140.00
Purpose of funds: Ordering Croquettas, Cuban Sandwhiches, Media Noche Sandwhiches from ChiChis

Details of event: Lunch meeting with Many Farach, or Joseph Salzburg to speak on a contemporary legal topic. Date TBD depending on speaker schedule.

Notes: 30 students expected to attend. Amended request open to all students (accidental mishap)

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VOTE: 7-0

COMMENTS:

NOTES: No objections.

Organization: Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy
Date/time of event: 1/30/2020 – 2/2/2020

Amount requested: $5150.00, amended to $2234.96

Purpose of funds: Travel to the Florida Chapter of the Federalist Society’s Yearly Conference

Details of event: Travel to the conference to the Federalist Society’s annual Florida conference at Disney’s Yacht Club Resort, which includes speakers, seminars, fireworks show.

Notes: 11 people want to attend the conference. 4 people will be comped the registration fee because they are volunteering. Members were chosen from the interest meeting, most of the members are 1Ls who were elected to the board and other 2Ls (non-exec) who expressed interest in going.

Registration Costs: $2450.00
7 x $350.00
Mileage – $1500.00
500 x $.455 x 4
Lodging -- $1,200
Getting a VRBO

Open bar might be an issue – there is a networking reception which may feature an open bar, which the registration fee might go toward, club is not sure.

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VOTE: 7-0

COMMENTS: Abby Brinkman stated that the cost of the registration was exorbitant given the conference and the location. People agreed that 11 people attending was too much to fund. So the Board began working through the request to see how they can cut extra expense from this request. We broke down the costs and thought about what would be equitable amongst the travel requests given there is likely no additional travel requests coming for the remainder of the fiscal year. Our logic in these three cases (Fed. Soc., ACS, and SBA) was that we should only fund four members attending for each of the three events. The Attached Exhibit is a breakdown of those three requests funding for four people to attend. Ryan Soscia Motioned to table the travel requests until we understand the bigger picture. The motion was defeated by a vote of 2 yay - 5 nays.

COGS DENIED FUNDS GOING TO REG. FEES…**The funds allotted for Fed. Soc. will be split between lodging and travel costs, NOT registration fees as alcohol is present at the event and the fees may go towards that**

Organization: TIATF

Date/time of event: Either week of January 13th or January 27th from 5:30-6:30
Amount requested: $240.00 food
Purpose of funds: Ordering Olive Garden Catering for dinner w/ speaker event.

Details of event: Business casual dinner event with Jerome Elam who is the CEO of the flagship organization who is a world-renowned speaker on human trafficking. Hosted in the FSU Law Rotunda.

Notes: 30-35 students expected to attend.

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COMMENTS:

NOTES: Organization: TIATF

Date/time of event: 1/13/2020 or 1/27/2020 at 12:30pm
**Amount requested:** $93.50
**Purpose of funds:** Ordering Jimmy Johns Catering.

**Details of event:** Lunch meetings in January for Human Trafficking Awareness month with speaker of Valerie Ellery who is a human trafficking education adviser with the department of education or an FBI victim specialist officer. If the FBI victim specialist officer is chosen then they will partner with ACJ.

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**VOTE:** 7-0

**COMMENTS:**

**NOTES:**

**Organization:** TIATF

**Date/time of event:** 1/21/2020 at 12:30pm
**Amount requested:** $90 food 10 expense

**Purpose of funds:** Ordering sandwich and chicken tender platter from PUBLIX

**Details of event:** Panel discussion with Professor Terry Coonan and Professor Annino who are both experts in international human trafficking law as well as Florida human trafficking law. Will be moderated by President Marissa Vairo.

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**COMMENTS:** Must order from Ocala Publix.

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