

LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL
RSO Funding Allocation Report

Meeting Date: July 16, 2019

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: via phone call (part of conversation done over email)

LSC Members Present: Ryan Soscia, Luc Mazzini, Lauren Brooker, Grant Haas, Sandro Secino, Madison Johnson (via email)

Organization	Event/Conference Name, Date, #of students impacted	Contractual Services (speaker, DJ)	Expense (travel, hotels, mileage)	Food (food, supplies)	Clothing (tshirts)	Total
Student Bar Association	ABA Conference August 7-11, 2019 2 students attending (flights funded through last years' budget, seeking funds for lodging and shuttles)		2052.41 - lodging (468.64 per night + 177.84 resort fee) 166.94 - shuttle (80 shuttle to/from San Fran airport + 120 shuttle to/from Chicago airport)			1954.57
Total						1954.57

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: Student Bar Association (SBA)

Date/time of event: August 7-11

Amount requested: \$2252.41

Purpose of funds: Lodging and shuttle costs for trip to San Francisco, California for ABA Conference.

Details of event: The travel opportunity is an annual event that FSU's SBA sends their two highest ranking executive officers to attend as representatives of FSU law.

Notes: Lodging: \$1874.57 total for 4 nights + \$177.84 resort fee

Shuttle: \$166.94 for shuttles (\$80 for 2 representatives to take shuttle from San Francisco airport to hotel and back; \$120 for private shuttle to take representative to and from airport in Chicago) **update → \$46 for private shuttle to take representative to and from airport in Chicago

The two representatives going were chosen because they are the highest ranking officers in the organization (president and VP) and those positions have to go. The VP position was merged with the ABA rep this year so the two officers going represent the organizations (SBA and ABA). The two positions were voted in at the end of the spring semester. These positions are the voting members for the board and voting on bylaws occurs at the conference so these positions want to be able to have their vote count for changes that directly affect their organization.

	Ryan Soscia	Luc Mazzini	Lauren Brooker	Grant Haas	Sandro Secino	Madison Johnson	
Resort fee (\$177.84)	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	6-0 (resort fee will not be funded)
Hotel (\$1874.57)	Yay	Yay	Yay	Yay	Yay	Nay	5-1 (hotel minus resort fee will be funded)
San Fran shuttles (\$80)	Yay	Yay	Yay	Yay	Yay	Yay	6-0 (San Fran shuttles will be funded)
Chicago shuttles (\$46)	Yay	Nay	Nay	Yay	Nay	Nay	2-4 (Chicago shuttles will not be funded)

I. Hotels

- A. Discussed \$150/night financial manual limit - is there justification here to fund over that?
- B. Looked up conference online, website provides discounted hotels (range of \$250-\$400) - MJ
- C. Looked up nearby hotels for that weekend a
- D. Requested amount for hotels is ridiculous, should have a cap - BC
- E. San Fran is probably more expensive, but this is very high - SS
- F. We should come up with an arbitrary limit as to hotel expenses, need to create budget with guidelines - GH
- G. Want clubs to be prudent in their spending - MJ
- H. Conference was in Chicago last year, 3 individuals attended, 1 hotel room for 5 nights was \$1300 - LB
- I. Note that we paid for flights to this event out of last years' budget, totalling \$1800 - LB
- J. All the hotels they looked at were 4-star hotels - LB
- K. Can they cancel and re-book an alternative hotel? - GH
- L. Don't want clubs to abuse and book expensive hotels - LM
- M. Don't want to end up with a surplus again - GH & RS
- N. Need more detail in bylaws - RS
- O. These hotels are expensive - SS
- P. Do we have enough time to give them a week to re-book? - GH
 - 1. No, because of the rushed timeline we can't give them that much time - LB
- Q. Resort fee - \$177.84
 - 1. Representatives didn't know what it goes towards, called the hotel - LB
 - a) It goes to fund gym access, wifi, and wine hour - LB
 - 2. Move to not fund due to it funding alcohol - LB
 - 3. Seconded - LM
 - 4. Call for vote - LB
 - 5. 6-0 (MJ email vote) → resort fee will not be funded
- R. Move to give them a 48-hour time period to see if they can cancel and re-book cheaper hotels. If they can't, they need to give us a reason - GH
 - 1. Seconded - LM
 - 2. Call for vote - LB
 - 3. 48 hours from time of phone call/voicemail to representatives and then an automatic approval
 - a) 3-2, SS & LB - nay (MJ - no email vote)

4. Amend above vote - not automatic yes, we vote after they give reason on whether it is valid or not - LB
 - a) Seconded - LM
 - b) Call for vote - LB
 - c) 5-0 (MJ - no email vote)
 5. Move to suspend vote until we get reasoning - LB
 - a) Seconded - LM
 - b) Call for vote - LB
 - c) 5-0 (MJ - no email vote)
 - d) Since the vote is suspended, these 5 members (+ MJ) will then vote on it after the 48 hour time period
- S. Post-48 hour time period
1. Additional info - representative did explain that a music festival, Outside Lands, is also occurring in San Fran that weekend - LB
 2. SBA called customer service to try and change reservation - could not do so because it was purchased more than 24 hours ago
 - a) Would be subject to flat fee of \$200, 1-night hotel fare, new booking fees
 - b) Booked this hotel because it is within walking distance to the conference
 - c) Tried to get as many discounts as possible
 3. Call for vote (on whether reasoning is valid) - LB
 4. 5-1, MJ - nay → hotel cost MINUS the resort fee will be approved
 5. Not happy with funding the full price, however we do not want these officers to have to pay out of pocket; especially since these officers are new - SS & LM
 6. We should take note of this in regards to future requests & make sure clubs are aware to choose reasonably priced hotels - LB

II. Shuttles

- A. \$80 - shuttles to and from San Francisco airport
- B. \$120 - private shuttle to and from Chicago airport
- C. Public transportation available directly to Chicago airport, much cheaper - LB
- D. Move to fund \$80 - LB
 1. Seconded - GH
 2. Call to vote - LB
 3. 6-0 (MJ email vote) → \$80 shuttle will be funded
- E. Update
 1. Found discounted shuttle for \$46 round trip (to and from Chicago airport)
 - a) Call for vote - LB

(1) 3-3, LB/MJ/LM - nay → how should we resolve tie?

(a) Need to have a procedure put in place for ties - GH

(b) Move that tie rests in favor of funding the event -

GH

(i) Seconded - RS

(ii) Call for vote - LB

(iii) 2-4, LB/SS/MJ/LM - nay → Chicago shuttle
will not be funded