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**Agenda**

**Student Bar Association**

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

12:00 PM – 12:50 PM

1. **Call to Order** (J. Mendez Valdez)
2. New Rule
	1. 30 seconds for everyone to talk– can pass time onto someone
3. **Attendance Roll Call** (M. O’Connor)
4. **Approval of July 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes** (M. O’Connor)
	1. Approved unanimously
5. **Committee Updates**
	1. **Socail committee should out.**
	2. **Diversity Committee**
		1. Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration– Dec. 8
		2. Details to follow
	3. **Community Service Committee** (J. Mendez Valdez)
		1. **Chair Nomination- Maggie O’Connor**
			1. AMD, Maya Knee– Motion and second
			2. Approved unanimously
	4. **GSC Representatives** (C. Whetzel)
		1. No SBA senators are interested, so went outside of SBA senators
		2. Have core group and proxy group
		3. Mindi Weak, Ryan Mentor, Ben Collado, Jose, Maggie O.
		4. Akua– question on who the proxy’s are
			1. Corey—1Ls
		5. Call for proxies
			1. Maya
			2. May
		6. GSC 101—needs rep. from each student org. Wednesdat
		7. Next GSC meeting 10/4
6. **SBA Budget** (J. Mendez Valdez)
	1. For orgs to get $$, SBA needs a macro budget.
	2. Prepared on numbers we have, inflation, and what we have next year/ predictions
	3. 6.5% increase in student fees collected from last year.
	4. Spring fees—last year, decrease—added in a 3% decrease for student fees in SP
	5. Fall money tends to be allocated to student groups
		1. 71,000
		2. 3% increase—matches with inflation.
		3. But, student orgs given over 5000 were split.
			1. 10,000 will be allocated in spring.
		4. Got about 10,000 back from money not spent last year.
	6. Fall ball
		1. 28,000 spending last year
		2. This year, looking to close gap.
		3. 20,000 budget with a 15,000 get back in ticket slaes
		4. Lofy goal.
	7. Food for SBA meetings
		1. 6650 spending for this year
	8. Misc.
		1. 3,000 this year
	9. 3L week
		1. Last year: lost 14,000
		2. Want to close that gap.
		3. This year, 2000 loss
	10. Rolling fund
		1. Did not have one last year, but spent 3,000
			1. Orgs. Did not know about it
		2. Pool for money for student orgs who need it
		3. This year: 10,000
	11. Emerfency buffer
		1. 3,000
	12. Remainder
		1. 18000
		2. Cushion: 43,000
			1. Should be money in bank for fall ball.
			2. Want to keep as much as possible
	13. Akua—question about cushion from last year?
		1. Technically lost money—spent more than we took in
	14. AMD—is COVID buffer gone?
		1. Still there
	15. AMD—COVID money should be spent this year
		1. Last class who had COVID restrictions graduates this year
		2. CW: 3Ls did that last year. This year’s buydget is bigger than sually
	16. Hakmat:
		1. Fall ball committee breaking down
		2. No open bars – should reduce costs overall.
	17. Marleni
		1. Drink tickets—suibmitting quotes—hoping for answer by end of week—school will only pay up to school amount. Going to have to work with staff to manage bar
		2. Will keep update—got final quote from top—18,200+1200—bar, dessert, meal, linens, staff, 200 tickets
			1. AMD—how can we make that money back if only 200 tickets
				1. CW: what pricepoint can it be most profibtable
		3. Maya—school policy?
			1. 1 ticket/person/hour
			2. Can people buy own drinks
				1. Have to ask—school, venyue. Marleni will ask Zardoost once quote approvals are allowed.
			3. Without open bar, ticket prices should not raise and conflict with date. Ticket price needs to be a big thing.
		4. AMD—how many people at Fall ball last year?
			1. 250 last year, only allowing 200 this year.
			2. Marleni: can’t really afford bigger venues if trying to lower cost.
			3. Corey: With that in mind, is FBC going to be offering it to students first?
				1. Marelni: No, anticipating less because weekend before thanksgiving. Only open date.
			4. Hakmat: Could we change the venue?
				1. Marleni: could we go up to 300?
				2. Maya: Student fees are going to this. Might be a good idea to consider larger venue.
			5. Jose
				1. Very conservative budget
				2. Last year, spent 30,000 over budget just on fall ball.
				3. Total from covid: 75,000

Might be close to capping out of COVID year money

* + - * 1. Good goals to have, but things change and that’s why we have a buffer.
			1. AMD:
				1. Concern with budget goals

Concerns with fal ball and 3L week

Unrealistic goals

Jose agree

* + - * 1. Last year—3L week spend 21,000—split the difference—

**Proposed 18,000 for 3L week**

**Corey has numbers**

**FB: 25000-28000**

**Still a decrease by 6-8,000**

**Would still have 35,000 remainder**

This year has more engaged people

CP—biggest loss. Dance—had unexpected fees.

How much to charge for full week

* 1. FB: 27000
		1. Auka: other dates
	2. Food 6650
	3. Misc 3000
	4. 3L 18000
	5. Remainder: 8000
	6. Emergency buffer: 3,000
	7. Reamining cushion: 35,000
		1. Unanimous approval of new budget
1. **CDO Office Updates** (J. Mendez Valdez & M. Knee)
	1. **Jose**
		1. Meeting with Robie to give her ideas and get updates
		2. CDO—3 people+ 1 student worker
			1. Still looking to hire
	2. Maya
		1. Pay-- ?? Understadning is that Bar req. 1 JD operating as director—payment does not need to be the same as other CDOs.
		2. Looking to take on more people
			1. Non-JD folks, doing networking upkeep, reseume reviews, etc.
		3. Functionality
			1. Making it seem like CDO office is the only way, and then having shotty postings/ inconsistency
			2. How info is presented
			3. Accuracy of OCI job postings.
		4. Does SBA want a committee/ student org.
			1. Students take on work of CDO—netowkring, job database, etc.
		5. Jose
			1. What do people expect, and what is the difference
				1. Big law/corporate

Expectation of accuaracy/ timelines/ interviews

Responisveness of employers.

* + - * 1. Wider breath of what is available

Not many non-profits, etc.

And not accurate

* + - * 1. Presentation of systems that makes things more productive
		1. Akua
			1. Expectations should not be on SBA every year—don’t want people to blame SBA
			2. Be aware of that.
		2. Corey
			1. CDO does have a data base
			2. CDO sends out an email about responsiveness, but no one fills it out—students aren’t giving information they are asking for.
			3. Encourage students to notify the CDO about what is going on
		3. Maya-
			1. Next step—forum with student body to gauge what is going on for entire student body.
			2. Cognizance of being
		4. Jose--- going to Dean Robie next week—then SBA can decide
1. **Little Italy Resolution** (A. Mendez-Diez)
	1. 2 resolutions—no student activity in LI, publicize it.
	2. Need to do a better job of publicizing LI issues.
	3. Why is there a ban?
		1. Racism, direct student experience.
		2. Recent experiences in LI with racism, hate crime, and discrimination.
	4. Needs to be sent out—Wednesdat is event dat meeting—mention that.
	5. Jose will send out email reminding.
	6. Individual orgs.—remind -people and stand up
	7. Zardoost did mention it, Law school will not sponsor events in IL for that reason.
2. **Adjournment** (J. Mendez Valdez)