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Summer 2018 SBA Minutes

1) Condolence Appropriation

a) Discussion/ Vote

i) Corrie - **Motion**

(1) Good afternoon Senate,

I hope this email finds you well and you are all enjoying your summer internships.

I'm emailing you today with great sadness in my heart as I was informed earlier today that Dean V's father passed away unexpectedly this weekend. Dean V has had such an impact on the lives of so many students as a professor, confidant, and encourager through her role in the law school. It seems only appropriate to express the students' support of her and her family during this extraordinarily difficult time.

I move to appropriate \$75 to purchasing flowers and a condolences card for Dean V to be delivered on behalf of the students, and to have any remaining funds reallocated back to the budget.

If you would, please reply all as soon as possible so we are able to make arrangements. I will email the Senate with the result of the vote, and if approved, with the final cost of the arrangement, as well as the reallocation. We will need a second on the motion (if so desired), followed by subsequent I approve/I disapprove from each member.

ii) Beatriz - **Second's Motion**

iii) Hannah - *Yes*

iv) Ryan - *Yes*

v) Falon - *Yes*

vi) Anna - *Yes*

vii) Bethany - **Motion APPROVED**

viii) Corrie

(1) The flowers have been sent to Dean V on behalf of SBA and the student body. We sent her a peace lily because they live for quite a while and we hope that it will remind her of the support she has around her as time passes.

The total cost was \$80.23 including delivery, but the \$75 will come from the budget, and I will make up the extra \$5.

Thank you all for your consideration and kindness in sending this sweet message to Dean V.

b) Vote: 6-0-4 PASSED (See exact vote outcome at Item 4 of Minutes)

2) Budget AND 3 appropriation Motions (Election Appropriation/ Lunch Appropriation/ ABA Conference Appropriation)

a) Discussion

i) Bethany - **Motion (Election App./ Lunch App./ ABA Conference App./ Budget)**

(1) Good Evening, Members!

This email contains some points of business. For each motion that requires a vote, please respond all and either bring the motion, second the motion, or vote on the motion. Since we don't have an approved budget yet, the red indicates where a vote is required to appropriate funds while the budget is being approved.

1L Elections

First, here is the schedule for the 1L Representative Elections:



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Packets Released: Monday Aug. 20 at Orientation Lunch

Packets Due: Friday Aug. 31

Candidate forum: Thursday Sept. 6

Elections: Wednesday and Thursday Sept. 12 and 13. We will need everyone to man the election table for at least one hour on these days.

SBA meeting to count and verify results: Thursday Sept. 13

Post results: Friday Sept. 14

We need to vote to appropriate \$100 for the 1L Election Candidate Forum. These funds will go toward purchasing snack items from the Ordinary for the candidate forum.

1L Orientation Lunch

Next, SBA hosts an annual lunch during the week of 1L orientation. This year, the lunch will be on August 20th. If you will be in town on the 20th, please plan to attend this lunch to welcome the incoming 1Ls, talk about SBA, and help run the lunch and assist with clean up. Also, if you are interested in opening the lunch with prayer, please let me know!

We need to vote to appropriate \$500 to cater lunch from the Ordinary.

The Budget

Here is the link to the proposed budget for this year. Please review it and provide comments. After discussion, we will vote to approve it!

Year-Long Calendar to Come!

I will be sending out a year-long calendar with SBA's major events so that committees can begin planning accordingly! As a side note, if you would like to join another committee at any point, please notify Mark.

Annual ABA Conference

Traditionally, SBA sends either the President or Vice President to be a representative at the annual ABA conference, which is hosted in Chicago this year. Corrie's schedule allows her to attend this year, and she will be an excellent representative for Regent Law's SBA. In the past, this meeting has served as a means for SBA leadership to interact with other leaders across the country to develop new ideas that will serve the students more effectively. The cost to send a representative is below:

Expense	Price		
Registration	\$95		
Plane Ticket Round Trip	\$350	American	
Hotel (3 nights)	\$900		
\$273/night + taxes and fees			

Thus, if SBA chooses to send a representative this year, the total cost will be \$1,345. Please decide as a board if this is something SBA would like to do this year. If so, please bring a motion to appropriate the funds. If approved, I will add it as a line item to the budget.

TVs in Atrium

One of SBA's initiatives this year is to foster communication. In order to support this, I think SBA should purchase one or two TVs to put on the first floor of Rob Hall. The TVs will run announcements from all boards, organizations, and the administration. I included this as a line item in the budget. If you have a passion for fostering communication among the students, this would be an awesome project for you. If you are interested, please let Mark know!



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Flyers

We need someone to design and print through Copy Services flyers to hand out to the 1Ls at orientation. The flyers will include information about how to access SBA's website, Facebook, and Google calendar. If you are interested in creating and printing these, let me know!

ii) Corrie

(1) Good morning Senate,

I move to appropriate the funds requested for the 1L orientation lunch. I further move to approve the budget as set forth.

Since I am the Elections Commissioner, I will refrain from voting on elections and leave that to the Senate's judgment. Pending the approval of elections, I will circulate an official elections packet to the Senate, a sign up sheet for manning the elections table, and details about the candidate forum as reservations are made. Furthermore, since I would be the representative traveling to the ABA conference on behalf of the SBA and law school I will refrain from voting on this matter, as well.

Additionally, I believe the TV placement is a great idea and would further foster a communicative environment at Regent so students know what's going on.

Lastly, if you would, please email Bethany and myself if you plan to be at the 1L orientation lunch and/or if you would be able to help with the fliers.

I hope you've all had blessed summers so far. I very much look forward to working closely with each and every one of you this year.

iii) Ryan

(1) I move to transfer \$300 from the mentorship program's budget to the fundraiser initiative making the total available for fundraising \$2,100.

Regarding the ABA conference, I vote no on appropriating the funds for the trip this year because I believe that sending a representative every year is an inefficient use of funds and does not produce an adequate ROI to justify the expenditure. I move to make the trip a bi-annual occurrence.

iv) Beatriz

I will be available to help with the 1L orientation lunch.

(1) 1L Elections

I move to appropriate the funds for the 1L elections forum.

1L Orientation Lunch

I second to appropriate the funds for the orientation lunch. I will confirm my availability soon.

The Budget

I second to move forward with the budget with the considered appropriations.

I oppose the motion to move funds from the mentorship program. It is important to properly mentor incoming 1Ls by providing events and forums. Especially with the sudden change of our school's Dean, the student body will need to stand together and influence the incoming class.

Annual ABA Conference

In opposition to the motion to not participate in the conference, I move to appropriate the funds for Corrie to attend. It is important for Regent to maintain a solid presence in the ABA conference every year, especially this year—with Dean Hernandez leaving and with Regent's alleged risk of losing ABA accreditation—Regent needs to remain present. Corrie will be a



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great representative for our school, and she will serve as a great public relations tool in the ABA.

v) Anna

(1) 1L Elections

I move to appropriate the funds for the 1L elections forum.

1L Orientation Lunch

I second appropriating the funds for the orientation lunch. I will be present at the lunch, and would be happy to open the lunch with prayer if no one else wants to.

The Budget

I wanted to question the number listed on the grad banquet funding- does that mean SBA is only anticipating 30 students to attend? It seemed low to me, but is that based on past years?

I oppose the motion to move funds from the mentorship program. I believe it is important to mentor incoming 1Ls by providing events and forums, and food is costly for a group that size.

I'm excited about the TVs in the atrium, and the student sweatshirts!

If no one has taken the sweatshirt project, I am happy to.

Annual ABA Conference

I second Beatriz's move to appropriate funds for Corrie to attend the ABA conference. I also believe that it is important for Regent to have a presence nationally, outside of Virginia. It helps the school, and every out-of-state student when Regent shows up to national events.

vi) Hannah

(1) 1L Elections

I move to appropriate the funds for the 1L elections forum.

1L Orientation Lunch

I second to appropriate the funds for the orientation lunch.

The Budget

I second to move forward with the budget.

Annual ABA Conference

I move to appropriate the funds for Corrie to attend the ABA conference. I agree that it is important for Regent to maintain its presence at the ABA conference, and I also think that Corrie will be a great representative for Regent.

vii) Corrie

(1) This is a friendly reminder to check the first email in this thread from Bethany regarding items that need to be voted on. If you have already voted on all matters, please disregard this email.

Here is an update of the votes as they now stand. At the end of each issue I will indicate how many Senators need to be in agreement to pass an issue and how many yes votes are currently needed to pass the motion. Motions and seconds count toward the total number required as "yes" votes. So, if you have made a motion or seconded a motion this will count as a yes vote toward the approval number needed.

1L Election appropriation: Motion (Beatriz), Second (Anna), 1 yes vote (Hannah), 1 abstention (Corrie). Need 5 total approvals to pass; 2 more yes votes needed to pass.

1L Lunch appropriation: Motion (Corrie), Second (Beatriz), 2 yes votes (Anna & Hannah). Need 6 total approvals to pass; 2 more yes votes needed to pass.

Budget approval: Motion (Corrie), Second (Beatriz), 1 yes vote (Hannah), 1 subsequent motion to move \$300 from mentorship to fundraising (Ryan), 2 no votes on subsequent motion (Beatriz)



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& Anna). Need 6 total approvals to pass initial motion or subsequent motion; 3 more yes votes needed to pass motion to adopt the budget as it stands; second and 4 more yes votes needed to pass subsequent motion.

ABA Conference appropriation: Motion (Beatriz), Second (Anna), 1 yes vote (Hannah), 1 no vote (Ryan), 1 abstention (Corrie). Need 5 total approvals to pass; 2 more yes votes needed to pass.

If you have voted on issues but see your name is not present on one or more lines, please reply all with your vote on the missing items. If you have not voted at all, please reply all with your vote on all items.

We need a vote of at least a majority of Senators to pass a motion. Without at least a majority of Senators voting the issue will remain unable to be addressed. Many of these items are time sensitive, so although you are busy, please vote as you feel compelled.

We are all a team and are here to serve the students together. Let's start this year strong by ensuring we adequately fulfill our duties to the students by voting on all matters presented to the SBA. Thank you all for your commitment to the students and thoughtful consideration of these issues!

viii) **Mark - Subsidiary Motion to Postpone Budget Approval**

(1) I have listed my motions below:

1L Elections

I VOTE YES to appropriate the funds for the 1L elections forum. No discussion from me on this motion.

1L Orientation Lunch

I VOTE YES to appropriate the funds for the orientation lunch. No discussion from me on this motion.

The Budget

I propose a subsidiary motion to postpone the passage of the overall budget till everyone has a chance to propose questions and discussions and not just waiting for a majority to pass. If this motion to postpone the main motion to pass the budget is not seconded, then I VOTE NO to approve the budget. BELOW IS WHY...

This is a possible \$40,000 budget of student funds. We need more discussion than just a few sentences for such a major budget. This is especially true for our current situation for the student body and the law school with lack of spendable funds. If it is actual lack of funds or just trying to get the credit rating of the law school up for future bonds, the issue still remains that student groups at Regent Law are not getting the funding they need to really accomplish what they want. I say this as a student and as being a treasurer of two student group boards. Student groups are trying to make ends meet with what they will receive from the school but this is not enough for them to thrive. I know we are considering providing funding for one law chapel lunch for each group, which is great. However, with such a large budget I think we should consider expanding our efforts to help out student groups on campus.

In addition, I have a question (or point of inquiry) as to what cost \$13,000 (more than 1/4 of our overall budget) to host barrister ball? Is it the venue, the food, etc.? This was not only a question for me but for those who asked in the student body this past spring.

Finally, if the SBA pays to fund the entire project of installing TV monitors in Robertson Hall, will the law school student body have sole control and availability to the use of these monitors?



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Annual ABA Conference

I VOTE YES to appropriate the funds for Corrie to attend the ABA conference. I am not worried about our ABA accreditation but we still need representation for our law school at the ABA conference.

TV Monitors

I volunteer to head up the project of installing TV monitors in Robertson Hall.

ix) Anna

(1) Mark's motion to postpone the main motion to pass the budget until more SBA representatives have seen the budget makes sense to me. I second Mark's subsidiary motion.

x) Corrie

(1) I vote yes on Mark's motion to postpone the main motion until all questions are able to be raised and answered.

xi) Jason

(1) I vote yes on the election appropriation motion. Yes on the lunch appropriation. Yes on the ABA conference for the above stated reasons. I also agree with marks motion to postpone.

In addition, I would suggest that we move the voting process to a google doc. One could be a spreadsheet where people place there votes and a word doc could be where people put their thoughts with a tab dedicated to each issue. That could make this process a lot smoother. This isn't an official motion to make that happen. I am interested to hear people's thoughts on this.

xii) Bethany

(1) In response to Jason's idea to move the voting process to a Google Doc, this is a great idea! Let's try this out for our next email vote.

In response to Mark's comments on the budget, the general question posited is whether SBA's budget should be split among the student groups to mitigate their budgetary struggles. I do not think it should.

First, as a leader of SBA, I recognize that there is a general lack of funding given to the boards from the school. For this reason, I have included in the budget a line item to fund a fundraiser for student groups. Money raised from this fundraiser would go to the boards/organizations in a way that the senate decides. This is also why I have started the initiative to secure external funding for student boards/organizations. The intention is to secure outside funding that will consistently go to the boards to stabilize their budgets in future years. There are approximately 24 active boards/organizations. Some of the organizations are chapters of national organizations, and thus have that avenue to utilize if extra funding is needed.

Second, large line items like Barrister's Ball are simply expensive events. The primary expense comes from the venue, and then from food. Additional expenses include table decorations and the DJ. Also, nearly every law school across the nation holds a Barrister's Ball. SBA provides an experience for the students, such as Barrister's Ball, which provides a time to take a night off and enjoy a fun evening out. Not only does SBA work to provide an experience, but it expressly works to build community through hosting events and through other means. This is an initiative that is unique among the other boards/organizations. Finally, Barrister's Ball is more expensive because SBA charges very little for tickets, making this event as affordable as possible for students.

Third, for the last several years, SBA has added funds to its savings account in anticipation of the board doing something significant for the students. To give you an idea of scale, past members of SBA have suggested paying for the school to install swipe cards so the law library could be open 24 hours a day to law students only. We cannot save the money required to accomplish large projects if we fracture potential savings to supplement the boards' income.



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Additionally, while it is true that student groups have seen a cut in the budget, they are still able to accomplish their goals. For the events/other things they would like to do this year, I am hoping to attain donations from alumni and firms to allow them to do these things. I understand that there is a general lack of funding of the boards and for that reason, I placed a special emphasis on securing outside funds to supplement their school-given budgets and have included a budget item for a fundraiser.

Finally, I agree that SBA should discuss the budget before there is a vote to pass the budget. After each member has had a chance to discuss the budget, I'll ask for another motion to pass the budget.

Below is the status of the votes:

1L Election appropriation: Motion (Beatriz), Second (Anna), 1 yes vote (Hannah), 1 yes vote (Mark), 1 yes vote (Jason) (1 abstention (Corrie). Need 5 total approvals to pass; this motion has passed.

1L Lunch appropriation: Motion (Corrie), Second (Beatriz), 1 yes vote (Anna), 1 yes vote (Hannah), 1 yes vote (Jason), 1 yes vote (Mark). Need 6 total approvals to pass; this motion has passed.

Budget approval: Motion (Corrie), Second (Beatriz), 1 yes vote (Hannah), 1 subsequent motion to move \$300 from mentorship to fundraising (Ryan), 2 no votes on subsequent motion (Beatriz & Anna). Need 6 total approvals to pass initial motion or subsequent motion; 3 more yes votes needed to pass motion to adopt the budget as it stands; second and 4 more yes votes needed to pass subsequent motion.

Motion to postpone until further discussion: Motion (Mark), second (Anna), 1 yes vote (Corrie), 1 yes vote (Jason). Need 6 total approvals to pass. 2 more yes votes needed.

ABA Conference appropriation: Motion (Beatriz), Second (Anna), 1 yes vote (Hannah), 1 no vote (Ryan), 1 abstention (Corrie), 1 yes vote (Mark), 1 yes vote (Jason). Need 5 total approvals to pass; this motion has passed.

xiii) Will

(1) 1L Elections

I VOTE YES to appropriate the funds for the 1L elections forum. No discussion from me on this motion.

1L Orientation Lunch

I VOTE YES to appropriate the funds for the orientation lunch. No discussion from me on this motion.

The Budget

I agree with mark and would like to postpone the overall budget approval. This should be a topic which should be discussed in person or in a detailed solo email.

xiv) Anna

(1) Excited for the things that have passed, but just so I understand the process better, can someone explain why some motions only needed 5 approvals to pass, while others needed 6 approvals?

xv) Corrie

(1) Thank you, Anna, for raising this question. As I understand Roberts Rules of Order, when a member abstains from a vote, as I have, their vote counts neither as a "yes" or "no" vote. Therefore, the majority count needed to pass a motion would go from 6 to 5. Below is the breakdown:



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We currently have 11 sitting members of SBA. Bethany is a non-voting member of the Senate. This means we have 10 members who are able to vote. Therefore, in order to pass a motion, we require 6 approvals from Senators to pass a motion. When I abstain from a vote, as I did in the vote for elections and the ABA meeting appropriations, there are 9 members who will "count" as votes. 9 members is still a quorum, so we will need a majority of the present quorum to vote. Therefore, the required number needed to pass a motion is 5.

This process would be the same if we held a meeting and only 7/10 voting members attended. Since 7 is still a quorum (greater than 2/3 of voting members), we would need a majority of the 7 present Senators (4) to approve in order to pass a motion.

If any member believes I have misunderstood Robert's Rules and believes that we would need 6 affirmative votes to pass the motion, please let me know. We're a team, and if I have misunderstood a concept, I appreciate uplifting correction. I'm all about making one another better.

If there are any further questions on this, please let me know.

Lastly, we need one more "yes" vote in order to pass Mark's motion to postpone a vote on the budget. All other motions (elections, orientation lunch, and ABA conference appropriations) have passed. Here is the breakdown so far:

Motion - Mark, Second - Anna, Yes - Corrie, Jason, Will.

xvi) Mark

- (1) To Anna's questions; according to our by-laws (Chapter 1, Sec. H) all by-law legislation requires a 50%+1 to pass of the senate body (everyone but the president). Since we have 10 members of the senate, 6 are required to pass or 5 + the president yes vote only once it is tied 5 - 5 (Article III, Sec. 2 of the Constitution).

As for Jason's great suggestion to have a google doc, I can make that as secretary. Just let me know if this is requested.

As a matter of procedure, 1L elections appropriations still needs one more yes vote from a senate member to be considered approved (it is currently at 5). Also, since my motion to postpone the budget vote till all have a chance to look it over and voice their opinions was seconded (and now has the floor); my motion must either be approved or denied by the senate or withdrawn by me before we can continue the budget approval motion vote. If you want we can use this motion as a discussion for the budget before we bring back the motion to approve the budget.

As for my questions earlier to everyone:

I am very excited to see that the SBA is looking to help the student groups with their tight budgets. I would say that student groups are only meeting the goals they have based on their budgets given to them. If they had more funds, they would have higher and more ambitious goals. I can speak on behalf of PILAR and say that we have numerous projects and areas of growth we would like to meet but we are hampered from doing so by the decrease in funding over the past few years. I am willing to bet the same is true for other groups on campus.

Most of the projects we are putting forward to help student groups are most likely not going to help student groups until the next academic year of 2019 - 2020. At best they will probably see the fruits of our fundraising success by mid spring. Most groups plan their events by the beginning of the spring if not the beginning of the academic year based off their expected



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budget throughout the year. I believe we should have more of an immediate impact to student budgets for this fall.

In addition, I just feel like \$13,000 is too much for barrister ball. If possible, I would like to see the line-item cost of the past 2 barrister balls (point of inquiry). I could be wrong but I believe we can still hold a great barrister ball for less than \$13,000. I've planned events for several other groups while as an undergraduate and planned my wedding's reception. Through these past experiences I think we can manage a successful ball with less than \$13,000. To put my "money where your mouth is" I'm willing to sit on the committee for barrister ball to help plan and to see if less funding is possible. If it is not then I'll be the first one to admit my assertion was wrong. However, with student groups probably needing more immediate financial assistance in the upcoming academic year, I believe it is worth while to look at trimming down the cost of barrister ball, or other areas in the budget, to help all the student groups with funding.

I will put forward my exact budget proposal changes to the SBA as a whole after everyone has a chance to look at the budget and form their own opinions.

If you have any questions, again, don't hesitate to ask and continue this discussion.

xvii) Corrie

(1) Hello all,

After speaking with Mark, I believe he is actually correct on the issue of votes required to carry a motion.

For all issues, regardless of abstentions, we will need 6 yes votes to pass an issue (this includes the motion and second). As Mark aptly pointed out, our by-laws indicate that we need a majority of the body, not just members who are "present and voting" as is usually the case with bodies governed by Robert's Rules.

This means that regardless of members present at a meeting, we will always need 6 in agreement in order to pass a motion unless we alter our by-laws to indicate that a majority is determined based on "present and voting" members.

Please allow me to apologize for my oversight and the general confusion this has caused. Also, as I said, this is a team where we make one another better. I appreciate Mark's kind approach to handling the misunderstanding. It should be a lesson to us all in how to treat one another!

Also, please look out for a new email thread detailing what has passed, if any issues are left to be addressed, and any other points of business that need to be brought to the Senate's attention such as Google spreadsheet voting.

b) Vote: On Item 4 of the minutes

c) Questions about Budget Document

Format: (Name) Question?

(Name) Answer/Comment

(Mark) What were the budget line-item breakdown of the past two barrister ball budgets?



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(Corrie) I'll have to look for the exact line item breakdown but last year we spent the following —

Barrister's Ball budget \$12,925.00 // spent \$14,639.42

(Jason) Keep in mind that last year we used the Cavalier at a good deal, but it was still more expensive than normal. Traditionally, the Grad banquet was higher priced than Barristers. Since it had not been super well attended in the past (save last year), we took money from that and moved it to Barrister's. I think we can do Barrister's cheaper than last year for sure. We need to discuss what we want both of those events to look like. For example, we may want to think about expanding the grad banquet this year. I know this was pretty rambling, but I wanted to provide some background about the pricing.

(Jason) The Barrister's Ball cost \$8950 in 2017.

(Ryan) The Barrister's Ball should continue to utilize the same amount of funds set aside in the original budget (Bethany's budget from the last email).

(Corrie) Since Barrister's ball is the biggest event we have all year and what we are best known for, I think it's in our best interest to keep the budget and ensure that we use the funds we do allocate wisely. Also, keep in mind that any money that is unused will roll into the next budget. So, appropriation doesn't mean we lose it. It just means it's available for use without another vote to appropriate.

(Mark) If the SBA pays the full price of the TVs and the installation of them, will the law school community have sole control of its content and not the other schools in Robertson Hall?

(Jason) Good point. RSG as well as CAS will have interest in posting announcements on those screens. I think having Law school only screens will probably be frowned upon, so we should probably reach out to those schools. Not sure who to contact on that one.

(Anna) If other schools want information on the TVs, I think we should make them share in the cost. But I don't think there is anything wrong with the Law School having sole-use of the TVs, we certainly have enough announcements for them. We could have an agreement that if RSG or CAS has announcements pertinent to law students that we can put those announcements on, but I do not think that the TVs should be for undergrad announcements.

(Ryan) The undergrads shouldn't touch the TVs. They get their own areas on campus (i.e. dorms/gym). I see no reason to let them take up space on something that we're paying for.

(Corrie) I agree with Anna. While I see nothing wrong with posting generally impactful news (like forums or something law students may be interested in), I don't



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think it should be open season for the TVs. We would need to determine who would have “control” of the messages, and who would approve what went on the screens.

d) Motion to amend budget to allocate \$1,500 from the barrister ball budget for student groups in the fall semester

i) Mark

(1) Good afternoon SBA!

This is the email thread for our discussion of the budget. Please reply all to this email and add your comments to this budget discussion as it goes along. Attached is a google doc to add questions about the budget that anyone can add questions to or respond. Also attached is a google spreadsheet with our vote tallies on motions thus far. The current motion on the table is my motion to postpone budget approval. I WILL WITHDRAW THIS MOTION TO POSTPONE BUDGET APPROVAL ON SUNDAY JULY 22ND AT 5PM. Therefore, unless my motion is denied by then, we can use this time to discuss the budget thoroughly.

ii) Mark

(1) Good morning everyone!

Hope everyone is doing well. I am sorry for this long email. I am trying to anticipate any future questions and answer them now rather than in a long email thread.

So here is my proposal for the budget. I, in good conscious, cannot support a budget that has \$13,000 for a barrister ball when I know it can be done for less and be just as wonderful for our student body. My proposal is to take \$1,500 from the \$13,000 barrister ball budget and making a new line item for student group funding. The \$1,500 will be available to student groups for budget relief for any line item that was denied from their budget for the fall semester by school funding. The max a group can receive from this would be \$300 which would create a minimum a 5 different funding projects for student groups by the SBA. To make sure student groups don't use our funding on dumb things, the SBA will have to pass each funding project proposed by student groups at meetings. Also, the funding is only available for approval through fall break. Any funds remaining from this \$1,500 line-item will then go back to whatever the SBA sees fit.

Therefore, student groups would have to apply for the funding, max of \$300, to the SBA and we would vote on it at a meeting and make sure the funded project isn't irrational or unneeded. The only projects that can be brought to the SBA for funding must be student group projects that were on their proposal budget to the law school for funding for the fall semester and that was denied by the school because of lack of funding for student groups. The proposal by the student group must be passed by the SBA in a meeting by fall break. Whatever funding is still available after fall break will then go to whatever the SBA sees fit.

Why \$1,500 out of barrister ball?

Just two years ago we spent \$8950 on barrister ball. This past year we went over budget to \$14,639 for barrister ball. Taking \$1,500 would still allow a guaranteed of \$11,500 to be spent on barrister ball with the possibility to get money back from the \$1500 into other areas of the budget after fall break. I personally believe, and honestly I know, that the SBA can have a great barrister ball with a budget of \$11,500. I still have not seen a line item of what was spent on the past barrister ball. However, after talking to several students that attended last year, they told me that there were supposedly freshly cut roses at the ball. Small things like fresh flowers seem unneeded for barrister ball and can be cut out of the budget. Without a line item of the cost I am not sure about what else is unnecessary but I would guess that there is still room for trimming the budget for barrister ball. Also, everyone I talked to enjoyed both the \$8950



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barrister ball and the \$14,639 barrister ball. Therefore, I have no doubt that we can have a great barrister ball that students will enjoy with \$11,500 in funding (\$2,550 more in funding than the ball 2 years ago that students enjoyed).

Why send that money to student groups?

Well it should be noticeable to many folks on the SBA that funding for student groups has diminished over the past few years and is a concern among the student body. Student groups want to do more, or even just maintain what they did in the past, for the student population and law school but are limited in what they can do with diminishing budgets provided by the law school. I have heard the reason for cutting in budgets being lack of funding that the law school has to gaining more in cash reserves to encourage more bank bonds for the law school for future capital projects. Whatever the case may be student groups have expressed a need for more funding or even just stable funding. I know, and I am ecstatic, about the fact that we are creating several avenues of financial support for student groups through the proposed budget. We should keep these line items in place. However, most of them will not help student groups till at the earliest late fall/early spring. So these fundraising ideas that we have for student groups, as wonderful as they will be to student groups, will not realistically help the student body for the fall semester. To really help student groups this fall, and really this year, we should provide funding to help student groups achieve their goals and projects immediately. In addition, as a 3L senator, I want to help my classmates now rather than after we graduate.

Why have an application process to SBA for the funding?

To make sure this funding isn't going to useless things. To make sure this funding is going to help student groups achieve their goals for 2018-19, the funding should be available for only projects that student groups proposed for funding in their budgets sent to the law school back in May. Of those projects not funded by the law school, I am sure some of them are not necessary. However, if a student groups was not given funding to for something that would reasonably help or provide an opportunity to the student body, I am sure that the senate can be a good judge as to if it is reasonable and provide those projects funding. Also, limiting funding to projects that were proposed back in May and denied funding will limit the number of possible projects that a \$1,500 budget could realistically handle.

Why have a deadline for funding (by fall break)?

A deadline of fall break for funding would allow student groups time to submit projects that would need funding in the Fall semester and allow us time to put any remaining funds to other items in the budget. This would give an opportunity to student groups for funding and flexibility to the SBA to have remaining funds available for whatever we see fit.

Please let me know what you think. THIS IS NOT A MOTION TO AMEND but a discussion proposal to see what you all think. Fill free to add your thoughts or ideas to this by recommending changes to any of it.

iii) Bethany

(1) Good evening,

I think this proposal strikes a balance of hosting a great Barristers Ball and yet providing immediate financial assistance to the boards and organizations. Is anyone interested in making Mark's idea a motion and voting on it?

Please reply all with your vote!

Thank you all in advance for your consideration and for your vote.



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- iv) **Corrie - Motion**
(1) Good evening Senate,

I move to take \$1,500 from the Barrister's Ball budget and allocate it to the Boards of Regent Law in accordance with Mark's plan as laid out in the email on July 20th.

- v) **Anna - Second**
vi) **Falon - No**
(1) Good morning, Senate!

I have been in London on a study abroad and quite frankly could not keep up with these email threads, we should consider shortening them and maybe waiting for some fall meetings between classes and having a few working lunches...I am sure others are on study abroads now as well and will struggle to grab the needed WiFi to read and respond.

First, I know SBA is the student organization that helps all students, but I don't see why we need budget bailouts for student organizations when they are in charge of their own fundraising and bookkeeping. I understand that the students pay dues for the SBA, however, these dues can only go so far. "No" to student organization budget bailouts, this is how we get ourselves in trouble and disfavored more for bailing out one organization over another, regardless of which organization asks first, especially when we have the power to determine which bailout is more worthy.

Second, If Barrister's cost \$14,639 this past year, then \$13,000 is a powerful budget cut already. Bethany did a beautiful job in organizing it, whereas, I heard the one before, (perhaps your \$8950 Ball?) was a bust. When Mark said, "Also, everyone I talked to enjoyed both the \$8950 barrister ball and the \$14,639 barrister ball." "Enjoyed" does not define how much, and it does not designate if those who enjoyed the cheaper ball were the same people that enjoyed this \$14,639 ball (Perhaps even fewer attended the cheaper one?). Therefore, \$13,000 is a great cut. Therefore, I say, let's see how cheap we can get certain things, not cut the budget yet, but we must keep in mind that the greater portion of the budget is for renting out the venue (Bethany can remind you), and we already will be cutting student ticket prices if we only have a budget of \$13,000. I think cutting it further might be, while a great thought and conservative, too much too soon before we even know where the ball will be.

- vii) **Wesley - Yes**
(1) I vote yes on the budget bailout. After participating in a couple organizations I can already see how difficult it is to receive funding. It's time to put money back into the people's hands! FREEDOM.
- viii) **Hannah - Yes**
(1) I also vote yes on the budget changes. I think that having funds spread out over the year would offer a greater student experience throughout. And I am sure that we can be innovative with the funds for the Barrister's ball and still make it wonderful!
- ix) **Mark - Yes**
(1) I vote yes to the budget amendment. To do what I can to make sure Barrister Ball is a blast for everyone, I am willing to help out in anyway with Barrister Ball.
- x) **Beatriz - No**
(1) I vote no on the removing \$1,500 from Barrister's Ball for a student bailout.

As is, if we cut the budget down to \$13,000, we will already have to cut \$1,639 from last year's budget. Cutting out another \$1,500 would drastically change the caliber of the event. The needed expenses (venue, food, and entertainment) for the ball are where almost all of the budget will go to. Last year's decor or "unnecessary" additions did not sum up to \$3,000. Barrister's Ball is a nationwide tradition at most law schools, and with the previous year as a precedent, we should continue to produce a ball of a similar caliber.

- xi) **Corrie**



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- (1) Good afternoon Senate,

I appreciate the discussion on this issue and respect all points presented. I would like to remind all Senators that the ball we hosted last year came at the cost it did due to primarily our venue (The Cavalier). Although I have not discussed with Beatriz her ideas for the ball in depth, I imagine with all of the talk of respecting student funds and ensuring we are responsible with the dues we receive we will not host a ball that costs quite as much as last year's.

Additionally, I would like to remind everyone that in the event we do choose to select a more expensive venue, we can always allocate further funds to Barrister's Ball once presented with the proposal by our Chairwoman. Although Bethany may budget \$11,500, we are not bound to this allocation and may move to allocate funds as funds are needed.

- xii) Jason - Yes

- (1) I vote yes to remove \$1500 from the budget for the purpose of funding student orgs. I wish there was a way to better split up the money. Ie. giving a huge chunk to an org who needed it for an important activity such as another competition. As this is not feasible, the \$300 plan works to give the student orgs a boost for small projects. SBA should work to help the other organizations where possible. This accomplishes that goal without sacrificing important events that SBA offers. Last year's Barrister Ball was a one time event, we knew so then. It was fun to have Barristers in the Cavalier, but the event can still be successful in a cheaper venue.

- xiii) Ryan - No

- xiv) VOTE: 6-3-1 PASSED (see exact vote outcome below)

e) SBA Fundraising Discussion

- i) Ryan

- (1) Dear SBA Members,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. Please read and respond to this email promptly as this is a time-sensitive issue. I hope to take action on this within the next two weeks.

Last year, SBA successfully ran a fundraiser where we sold Regent University School of Law sweatshirts. This year, I would like to raise money for student organizations by procuring and selling customized Regent University School of Law leather padfolios. The logo (see below) will be embossed into the leather on the front of the padfolio giving it a crisp professional look. I believe this product is something that will be extremely popular and can raise a significant amount of money that we can use to help the student organizations on campus.

Over the past few weeks, I have spent a good amount of time and energy researching various options and have procured samples of multiple products from different sources to ensure quality. I have finally settled on one product. Use this link to view the Renaissance Leather Writing Pad (note that the price quote below is based on an email exchange I am having with an agent of the company I will attach the quote below for you to review if you desire). If you are in Virginia Beach and would like to see the product in person, I would be happy to make it available later this week or early next week.

I hereby motion to procure \$2,570.11 for a fundraiser that I believe will resolve the budgetary issues that student organizations are facing. As you can see from the screenshot below, I plan on returning the initial cost of \$2,570.11 to our budget and, therefore, only giving the profits to the student groups.

A few things to consider regarding the above table.



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First, note that the Profit is in regard to the respective Price Tier (the amount \$ we would sell the product at).

Second, please take note of the Break Even column. This is the number of padfolios we would need to sell to gain the initial investment back (round up to 65, 52, and 43).

Third, please note that I have included three Price Tiers. Although \$40 would be the most popular option, I believe that this product will likely sell out at all of the above tiers. If you support this motion, please include a subsequent vote regarding which Price Tier you support. Contingent upon this motion passing, the Price Tier with the most support will be the price that we go with.

In regard to distributing the funds, I believe that we should have an in-person discussion and subsequent vote during our first meeting.

ii) Bethany

(1) I am asking that we table all budget discussions until we are able to meet in person.

I love our discussions on the budget, but believe that an in person conversation will be quicker and more efficient! Since this proposal is different from the proposal in the proposed budget, for the sake of efficiency and unity, let's meet as quickly as possible when everyone returns to Virginia Beach to discuss and finalize this and the overall budget in person. Thank you for your work on this project, Ryan!

iii) Ryan

(1) Dear SBA Members,

Please be advised that your attention to my last email is not presently necessary. We will discuss this project during the first in-person meeting.

I will bring in the sample for all of you to view in person.

3) SBA Softball at William & Mary

a) Discussion

i) Bethany

(1) Good Morning,

An opportunity popped up that required me to send one more business email because of the time sensitivity attached to it.

William and Mary is hosting a fall co-ed softball tournament. The person organizing the event needs to know if Regent would like to send a team by September 1st. The entry fee is going to be \$250 for one team. The tournament will be October 5-7 at Quarterpath Park in Williamsburg. W&M is anticipating around 20 teams with pools of 5 teams each. This will guarantee every team 4 games. Sixteen teams will advance to the playoff round on Sunday. This is the first year that W&M has hosted this tournament.

I'm emailing to ask whether SBA would like to send a team from Regent and thus would like to appropriate the \$250 entry fee. If so, we will need to advertise this and recruit players immediately. We would need to recruit a minimum of 10 people (4 must be women per the co-ed rules). If we choose to send a team, we would need to look into purchasing t-shirts for the team. Thus, in your vote, you will also be voting to set aside about \$200 for shirts for the team. Here is a link for t-shirts we can purchase for about \$10 each.



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ii) Wesley - Yes
Please reply all with your vote on whether to appropriate the funds and send a team!

(1) I vote yes to send a team. Sounds fun and cost isn't crazy.

iii) Hannah - Yes

(1) I vote yes! I have spoken with the representative from William and Mary and it sounds like a really fun event, and would be great for Regent's involvement with local law schools.

iv) Mark - Yes

(1) vote yes. Softball seems like a good networking opportunity for law students. I am just curious if we will pay on September 1st to make sure we have 10 people willing to play and not be out \$250 if we don't have a team.

v) Corrie

(1) Good afternoon Senate,

I am curious if there is a way to appropriate the funds pending a sign up of the required number of players. I agree that the activity would be a great networking opportunity, a lot of fun, and would encourage our participation with other schools, but would be wary of paying the \$250 until we have a commitment from the required number of players.

Perhaps our Student Activities Chair, Mr. Ryan Heath, could advertise in the law groups and during the first week of classes about the softball tournament, and we vote to appropriate the funds pending the sign up.

vi) Bethany

(1) That's a great point — I'll reach out to the representative and will email back with the information.

vii) Ryan

(1) I support Corrie's idea and would be happy to advertise the tournament/get a roster together during the first week of classes.

viii) Falon - No

(1) Good afternoon!

I vote no on the Softball tournament. I thought we had a sports event come spring semester and I am thinking it was Softball too?

I think it is good for Regent to be involved in local games, however, if we keep allocating small amounts of money here and there, we will run out before we even finalize the budget.

Additionally, this is incredibly short notice and I think we need to wait for the Spring semester events when we have more of an idea of what we have left to spend rather than spend all SBA money up front as we must be careful not to do. Hundreds add up.

ix) Will

(1) Is this tournament separate from the UVA tournament? If not we should see which one has a better appeal and only choose 1.

x) Bethany

(1) Hi All,

We would need to tell the representative whether Regent will be sending a team by September 1st. While we can pay for the team by September 21, in order to not inconvenience him and be respectful for the the planning of this event, we'd need to be able to recruit a team and give him a definite answer by September 1st.

Here is the status of the motion at this point:

Wes – first motion



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Hannah – second motion

Mark – yes

Falon – no

This motion needs 5 yes votes to pass. Failure to email a vote by Friday August 10th at midnight will be recorded as an abstention.

xi) Jason - Yes

(1) I agree that this would be a good networking opportunity for the school. The UVA tournament is massive, but this one would present a unique opportunity in a smaller setting. I vote yes.

On a similar note, what would people think about re-using the t-shirts for the UVA shirts in the spring? Any thoughts?

xii) Anna - Yes

(1) I vote yes, as long as we get enough committed players!

xiii) Corrie - No

(1) Good morning Senate,

After much consideration, I respectfully vote no on the motion to allocate \$250 to the softball tournament. Below is my reasoning.

I agree wholeheartedly that activities in the community are a wonderful opportunity for Regent Law to engage with other schools and for students to network. However, these activities should not be limited to participating in sports events. Rather, we should encourage students to get involved in sports, but also to seek out individual service opportunities, school service opportunities (such as the Annual Service Day), and traditional networking events that are hosted by various organizations in the community. While SBA should certainly create an environment where this is encouraged and supported, we are not responsible to allocate funds to ensure it occurs.

Furthermore, we are on a very short timeline to get a team together. In the past SBA has been publicly criticized for giving short notice to students about activities and we do not want to give the appearance that this is still an issue. Yes, we were informed of the opportunity on short notice, but as representatives of the body it is our duty to strategically select what we support and the timeline with which we advertise events. If the timeline is too short, as fiduciaries of student funds, it's our duty to intelligently pursue other alternatives. We simply don't have the time or resources to make this successful at this point.

Third, while I believe that Ryan would do a great job rounding a team up, I simply think it's unfair to ask him to do so on such short notice.

Lastly, with so much concern over the funds we allocate, I believe it's advantageous to sponsor perhaps one major sports event per semester. This simply would not be a major event for the school, and not enough students would be able to participate to render it appropriate to allocate the funds. Rather, I would support perhaps a flag football team sponsored by SBA, and this timeline would give Ryan ample time to gather a dedicated team.

Of course, if the funds are allocated I will support the decision of the body and encourage students to sign up and participate. As always, I appreciate the thoughtful discussion of this issue.

xiv) Ryan - No



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(1) I vote no in support of Corrie's position.

I believe that this event is something SBA should consider at the beginning of next summer so that we have ample time to plan accordingly.

xv) Vote: 5-3-2 FAILED

xvi)

4) Vote Totals

SENATE MEMBERS ->	Hannah	Beatriz	Wesley	Corrie	Ryan	Will	Falon	Anna	Mark	Jason
MOTION										
Condolence Appropriation		Second	No Vote	Motion		No Vote			No Vote	No Vote
1L Election appropriation		Motion		AB.				Second		
1L Lunch appropriation		Second		Motion						
ABA Conference appropriation		Motion		AB.		No Vote		Second		
Budget		Second	No Vote	Motion	No Vote	No Vote	No Vote	No Vote		No Vote
- Budget: Amendment to take \$300 from mentorship to fundraising (subsidiary Motion)	No Vote	No Vote	No Vote	No Vote	Motion		No Vote	No Vote	No Vote	No Vote
- Budget: Postpone vote (subsidiary motion)	No Vote	No Vote					No Vote	Second	Motion	
- Budget: Motion for Mark's proposal (subsidiary motion) **Carried on 7/25				Motion		No Vote		Second		
Softball: William & Mary		No Vote				No Vote				

5) Original Budget Proposal

INCOME			EXPENSES						
ITEM	EXPEC TED	AM OU NT	DIFFERENCE	ITEM	DATE	BUDGET	AMO UNT	DIFFERENCE	NOTES
Fall Semester Dues	\$18,400.00	\$0.00	-\$18,400.00	Miscel laneo	Ongoi ng	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	



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Spring Semester Dues	\$16,800.00	\$0.00	-\$16,800.00	Barrister's Ball		\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	
Ticket Sales: Grad Banquet	\$1,725.00	\$2,250.00	\$525.00	Grad. Banquet		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	
Ticket Sales: Barrister's Ball	\$4,025.00	\$3,920.00	-\$105.00	Christmas Party		\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	
Incoming Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Class Gift		\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
SUBTOTALS	\$40,950.00	\$6,170.00	-\$34,780.00	Softball Tournament		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$100 voucher for next year's order because of day late delivery (CustomInk)
				Composite Photos		\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	
				Fundraiser		\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	
				External Funding Support		\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	
SAVINGS				Law Chapel (fall)		\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	



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DATE	AMOUNT							
				Law Chapel (spring)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
7/28/2016	\$11,566.87			Student Org. Fair	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	
				1L Orientation Lunch	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	
				Superlatives	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	
				Mentorship Program	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	
				Spring Election	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	
				1L Election	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	
				March Madness	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	Last FY: Not spent
				Announcement TVs	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	Includes installation costs
				Food Frenzy Donation	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	



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				Chapel Lunch Help (Spring)		\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00		
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				Class Sweat shirts		\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00		
				SUBTOTALS		\$37,650.00	\$0.00	\$37,650.00		