

## **2019-2020 SBA Senate Minutes**

**Date: 11/15/2019**

**Location: CR5**

**Commenced: 1:02 PM**

**Adjourned: 2:18 PM**

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### **Agenda:**

1. Proposal for Federal Bar Association Student Chapter
2. Appointment Confirmation
3. 2L Champagne Toast
4. Opting into GSO's (Graduate Student Organization) funding
5. Utilizing SBA's Discretionary Funding

Not Present: David Abitbol, Turner Wong, Hannah Caddle, Brianna Weaver. (All voting by proxy).

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### **1. Proposal for Federal Bar Association Student Chapter**

- Testimony from Eric Robinson on SBA Senate power to recognize student orgs.
  - Options:
    - Senate should pass resolution outlining the proper procedures for recognition of student orgs.
    - Senate Chair Gloria petition the judiciary to issue an opinion
- Tapu: Position of administration is for student orgs to get approval from the Senate.
- Molly: open question exists and inconsistency exists as to constitution and student handbook.
  - Senate should pass resolution to clarify its stance on approving student orgs.
  - Distinction between student org being recognized by the law school, and recognition by the SBA for funding.
- Gloria: Senate must define what recognition for SBA Senate means.
- Senate will issue resolution recognizing FSBA and conditioning future funding on resolution of this issue by the Judiciary
- Gloria will handle petition to judiciary.
- Jackie: What about getting a page on the website.
  - Tapu will give Jackie info.
- RESULT: SBA Senate unanimously recognizes FSBA

### **2. Appointment Confirmation to SBA Judiciary**

- Kristin Fujiyama
- RESULT: Unanimously confirmed.

### 3. 2L Champagne Toast

- 2Ls throw champagne toast for the
- Devon: we'll put this out to the 2L class during con law.
- SBA Senate will not be formally handling logistics of champagne toast, but 2L senators will handle.
- RESULT: Passed.

### 4. Implementation and structure of Food Pantry "CJ's Cubby"

- MJ McDonald (1L):
  - There's a need on campus for food during the day and meals at home.
  - Focus should be healthy and nourishing (less processed)
  - Food can be political, so we shouldn't impose personal values (e.g. vegan)
  - MJ has experience working food pantry during university.
- David Enriquez:
  - Asking SBA Senate for \$150 start up funding
  - Volunteers
  - Firms might be willing to donate.
  - Information campaign starting January 13, 2020.
  - Next semester will be pilot program.
- Kelly Kwan:
  - Talked with Tapu who wants this to become a "legacy" issue.
  - Firms would rather donate specific items than money.
  - We are using personal money and not being reimbursed.
    - Contact Ben to reimbursed
- Jaime Rincon:
  - What are the difficulties with foodbanks?
    - MJ: Underutilization because of stigma.
  - Should we move it somewhere else?
    - MJ: Lounge seems like a good place for it.

### 5. Opting into GSO's (Graduate Student Organization) funding

- Purpose is for law school to have representation in the greater UH Manoa system.
- GSO provides grants for grad students.
- Brian Wild - used to work with GSO
  - Re-integrating with the GSO would have a lot of implications for law student body.
  - Would this kneecap the SBA?
  - GSO has dues.
- Gabby Hollinger: What was your experience working with GSO?
  - Brian: mixed experience.
- Gloria:
  - Opportunities for grant funding
  - We will deal with this next semester, maybe host a town hall.

- David Enriquez:
  - The issue between GSO and SBA is: “are we a grad school? Or a professional school?”
  - Fee and tuition change would be an issue.
- Ariel Ashe-Ramirez:
  - Law school and med school are welcomed to join the GSO.
  - Will reach out to GSO for specifics.
  - RESULT: Tabled until next semester.
- 6. Utilizing SBA’s Discretionary Funding
- Mark Clemente:
  - Historically amount is capped at \$1500 per semester.
  - Currently 16k in the account
  - Proposed uses:
    - New couch
    - Refrigerator
- Kelly Kwan:
  - We need to get rid of bulk stuff in Student Lounge.
- Jaime:
  - Increase amount to \$2500
- RESULT: discretionary funds increased to \$2500