



Albany Law School  
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION  
**Budget Meeting Agenda**

Date: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Room: 200

Time: 8:00 AM – 11:56 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Welcome/Introduction
  - i. **DISCLAIMER:** *notes have been taken to the best of ability as to reflect subject matter being discussed, any dispute should be brought to the attention of the executive board.*
- b. Roll Call for Quorum: Set at **21**.
  - i. **President is always abstained and not reflected in the record of vote distribution unless otherwise noted.**
  - ii. 24/24 Members Present
    1. Meg Tylanda (Attend)
    2. Max Sevor (Attend)
    3. Noah Jacobs (Attend)
    4. Ashlyn Henrichs (Attend)
    5. Alex Hollocher (Attend)
    6. Olivia Vecchio (Attend)
    7. Stephen Giorgianni (Attend)
    8. Chloe Kangarlu (Attend)
    9. Taylor Alimari (Attend)
    10. Frank Pacella (Attend)
    11. Jonothan Stein (Attend)
    12. Jack Rainey (Attend)
    13. Veronica Esteves (Attend)
    14. Mitch Spaulding (Attend)
    15. Ben Jacobs (Attend)
    16. Katie Pedlow (Attend)
    17. Colin Baker (Attend)
    18. Natalie Turney (Attend)
    19. Mitch Whittaker (Attend)
    20. Micheal Wood (Attend)
    21. Julia James (Attend)
    22. Madeleine Jones (Attend)
    23. Dean Kaknis (Attend)
    24. Azad Kurd (Attend)

**II. OPEN FORUM**

- i. Nothing to Note.

**III. BUDGET PRESENTATIONS BEGIN AT 8 AM**

**a. PAD**

- i. Requesting funds for welcome back trivia that was held at the end of 1Ls orientation, striking Pie PAD event from requests in an effort to save fund and have other things funded, and PAD Trick or treat street is a big event to help have an area for community members to bring kids to trick or treat in a safe place.

**b. IALSA**

- i. The organization would like to request a coffee machine because K Cups are expensive and wasteful, in the long run the cost would be better since coffee is used for a lot of socials like the cannoli social. This could be available for the student body to use. Multicultural potluck would be the one they would let go of if they had to.

**c. LALSA**

- i. Requesting GIM, a display for heritage month with flags and candy with a different display every week, Day of the Dead event- a celebration of the people who have passed, interest increased from 80-130 which is why there is a substantive increase in the budget request this year.

**d. Bell Collective**

- i. Requesting funding for a GIM, day with judges panel, and also a career panel and networking event (Co-sponsored by BALSAs). Total for co-sponsored event with BALSAs totals \$630, so Bell Collective would ask \$315 in their budget.

**e. BLSA**

- i. GIM, welcome back BBQ (\$640 instead of requested amount), and the other half of the Bell Collective CO sponsored event. The BALSAs Study Hall is being requested; this is always a good event for students. Mental Health Event with APALSAs for the end of semester. BLSA takes dues \$40 for the year or \$25 for each semester with around 40 members, but dues are not required.

**f. APALSAs**

- i. GIM, Autumn Moon festival, cosponsored event with BALSAs, Diwali, and Chai Talks. If they had to cut, they can cut the number of times they do the Chai Chat.

**g. MLSAs**

- i. GIM, general body meeting, Conference tickets for the national MLSAs convention in Washington DC, Moot Court Boot camp is requested as well. GIM is interested in joining and general body meeting is going to be at the end of the semester.

**h. ALGAE**

- i. GIM, Bi-weekly game nights and requesting food (pizza and sodas for the members that attend the meetings), and then end of semester board game extravaganza to destress before finals start. Asking for money to buy more

board games (8 games) to build the collection housed in the library- these new board games will also be housed in the library so that all students would be able to check out.

**9:00 MOTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 21 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**9:19 MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXEC SESSION, 21 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL 9:30, SECONDED, 21 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**i. Men's Rugby**

i. Welcome back bbq, alumni weekend (a great networking opportunity) where there will be food and drinks and then a social after for all students who attend/ watch the game, kickball game to partner maybe with the Colby Fellows, and the Halloween game for the entry fee.

**j. Women's Rugby**

i. Alumni weekend and game- one of the biggest games of the season (networking) with breakfast food, drinks, and helping with the alumni weekend, GIM, game with Oswego home host and Barracks home hosted game- when hosted they have a social event after and anyone who wants to come from student body is welcome to the food and drink. Then additional funding for photographers for games (not a necessity and could be cut) and refs for the games. If had to cut the misc.- those are things they do not have to have.

**MOTION TO RECESS 10-10:15, SECONDED 22 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**k. Disabled Lawyers Coalition**

i. Organization fair tabling and GIM requested.

**l. OUTLaw**

i. GIM, LGBT History month, national coming out week tabling, and trans visibility week.

**m. National Lawyers' Guild**

i. GIM, tabling event, Narcan training, and public defender panel event.

**n. Criminal Law Society**

i. Requesting jeopardy night and a networking event. This is a different networking event- also expects more students to come, in the past around 115 between the attorneys and students.

**o. Catholic Law Students Association**

i. Requesting for a networking event and an introductory meeting and meditation day.

**p. Federalist Society**

i. Requesting for only the Supreme Court Review Event.

**q. Dems**

i. GIM, data/AI event co-sponsor, and a voter registration/ absentee ballot tabling making sure people are getting their votes in.

r. **International Law Society**

- i. Requesting funding for GIM, discussion with diplomat Kenneth Jarret, and AI/Data privacy panel that has co-sponsors with various other orgs.

**MOTION TO RECESS 10:45-10:55, SECONDED, 22 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**10:55- MOTION TO ADVANCE SCHEDULE (REVIEW THE GOLF, T&E, NY COURTS, AND FAMILY, UNTIL NEXT PORTION OF PRESENTERS ARRIVE), SECONDED 22 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**11:15- MOTION TO RETURN TO SCHEDULE, SECONDED 22 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

s. **Women's Law Caucus**

- i. Requesting tabling at the student org fair and the domestic violence vigil that is hosted by the org. Domestic violence vigil expected to have 30 students again but hoping for more.

t. **Environmental Law Society**

- i. GIM, nature walk, environmental law alumni panel and tea/hot chocolate for a fireside chat.

u. **Health Law Society**

- i. GIM, medical malpractice/ personal injury panel, and a mindfulness and wellness event (flower arranging event with a guest speaking to how to meditate and relax).

v. **Immigration Law Society**

- i. GIM, lexis/ICE information session (lexis is being used by ICE to gather information), and a movie night maybe a documentary about the challenges immigrants face coming over.

w. **IP Law**

- i. GIM, organization fair and prizes for the semester, patent drafting workshop, copyright registration workshop, and a networking event.

x. **Chess Club**

- i. GIM and chess tournament- the clocks will be left in the library for all to use if bought.

y. **Fine Arts Club**

- i. GIM, paint and sip, trip to a show, trip to a museum, cabaret, dance barre, and art supplies are being requested.

z. **Business Law**

- i. GIM, co-sponsored kickball with PAD, and a panel event.

**MOTION TO ADJUST SCHEDULE, SECONDED, 22 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

aa. **Hockey Club**

- i. GIM, floor hockey event (and materials), funding for ice time and games for the season.

**bb. Golf Club**

- i. 78.64 spent for the golf range, requesting golf simulator event, pre-outing range session, and then large golf outing.

**cc. T & E**

- i. GIM and a panel/ networking event with T&E attorneys and firms in the area.

**dd. NY Courts**

- i. GIM, event explaining and working through NY courts (mainly geared towards 1Ls), and a panel event/ breakfast with judges in the area.

**ee. Family Law**

- i. GIM, family law panel/mixer, trivia and cookies for finals.

**MOTION TO RECESS 12-12:15 PM, SECONDED, 23 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**ff. NLSA**

- i. Professional development lunch, mix and mingle event, and end of semester mix and mingle event.

**gg. Cardozo**

- i. GIM, simchas torah party, and a Hanukkah sufganiyot for finals.

**hh. SBA:**

**i. 3L Senate:**

1. Earmarking funds for the farewell party in the spring, mentorship program mixer for mentors and mentees, 3L class tabling, 3L Class cruise, and disposable chafing tray. The money for the cruise is a deposit and would be opened to 2L and 1L after 3L sign ups. The chafing tray is the thing that keeps food warm and could stay with SBA to be used for other events/ other orgs having food.

**ii. 2L Senate:**

1. Earmarking for barristers, coffee talks to be available to the class for discussion, pre final fuel up day, dog therapy day, hosting a dodgeball event, and Scarristers funding request.

**iii. 1L Senate:**

1. The budget for 1L is requested on behalf of the senate and earmarked due to being newly elected- spring will provide a budget request from the senate.

**iv. SBA Entity:**

1. Welcome BBQ, SBA transition committee/orientation, SBA budget meeting, Misc., Events committee, philanthropy committee, and alumni committee funds.

**v. Diversity Committee**

1. Requesting funding for pizza tasting to break the ice and get people talking/ comfortable starting discussions with diversity committee.

**MOTION TO BREAK 1:15- 1:30, SECONDED, 23 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**1:34 PM- MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 22 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**MOTION TO IMPOSE 30 SECOND SPEAKING LIMITATIONS PER TURN, SECONDED, 22 YES, 1 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO SMALL UNMODERATED CAUCUS 2:00-2:15, SECONDED, 23 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**MOTION TO MOVE EXTEND SMALL UNMODERATED CAUCUS 2:15-2:20, SECONDED, 21 YES, 2 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

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**IV. \*EXECUTIVE SESSION\***

- a. **Budget Discussion and Voting**; DISCLAIMER: Voting Numbers will reflect members present at the time of voting, not absent votes. The first number is yes, second no, and third is an abstention: *yes-no-abstention*.
  - a. **PAD**
    - a. Motion to fund: welcome back trivia night to be funded in full, trick or treat street to be funded in full; not funding coffee hour and holiday cookies and cards and the kahoot finals game.
      - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
      - b. Count: 14-6-1
    - b. Justification for: welcome back trivia is for orientation/ promoted by the school. Trick or treat street is for the community so it should be protected as well and cut elsewhere (the other planned events).
    - c. Justification against: trivia presented as a GIM and should not have been funded and trick or treat street should have cuts in general as well.

**MOTION TO REFRAIN FROM OPENING GROUPME TO SEE THE POLL IF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DUE TO VOTING, SECONDED, 23 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained.**

**b. IALSA**

- a. Motion to fund: funding in full **except** remove pasta making and the gelato; then 500 to be funded for the speaker event, 340 for cannoli event (a coffee machine cannot be bought with the money for this event).
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 21-2-0

- b. Justification for: too much for food events so those should be cut in cost. Logistically, the pasta event could be difficult to host as well. Many people are having speaker events so the cost should be cut to allow for all to have funding. Should fully fund the multicultural holiday potluck in order to promote diversity efforts.
  - c. Justification against: these events are great but should be presented to the budget in the spring and spread out more with the budget if wanted all event for the year.
- c. LALSA**
- a. Motion to fund: fully funding budget except empanadas to be funded at 200, alter to be funded at 20, and to fund Day of the Dead at 2k.
    - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
    - b. Count: 19-3-0
  - b. Justification for: empanadas to be cut for finals. Increasing Day of Dead by 500 instead of a 1k from last year, which was the original ask. Reusable decorations funded last year, should just use these for now.
  - c. Justification against: There should be a funded alter fund, at least in some capacity.
- d. Bell Collective**
- a. Motion to fund: in full except cutlery
    - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
    - b. Count: 19-2-1
  - b. Justification for: -
  - c. Justification against: -

**MOTION TO CREATE A TEMPORARY RULE TO USE ELECTRONIC VOTING FOR PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTATIVE VOTES, SECONDED, 2-21-0- FAILS**

- e. BLSA**
- a. Motion to fund: fund in full except end of semester wellness event and the networking event.
    - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
    - b. Count: 21-2-0
  - b. Justification for: a lot of lacking information for wellness and a lot of similar events. The networking event has been requested by the co-sponsor Bell Collective in full, so adjusting budget accordingly.
  - c. Justification against:
- b. MOTION TO RECONSIDER BBQ, SECONDED, FAILS**

**MOTION TO GIVE CLUBS NOTICE FOR A POINT OF INQUIRY AND AFTER A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME, MOVE FORWARD WITH THE MEETING AND WILL PROCEED AS BEST ABLE WITHOUT THE INFORMATION, SECONDED, 21-1-0, PASSES.**

**MOTION TO RECESS 4:12-4:17 PM, SECONDED, 23-0-0, PASSES**

**f. APALSA**

- a. Motion to fund: full except autumn moon festival 500, remove wellness, 100 for chai talks, and snacks at 75.
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 20-1-1
- b. Justification for: wellness doesn't have enough info and other clubs hosting. Autumn moon festival is new, so taking funding off there.
- c. Justification against: -

**g. MLSA**

- a. Motion to fund: full except for the general body meeting, not funding moot court, and funding 400 for conference with stipulation that max \$50 is spent per person.
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 18-4-1
- b. Justification for: there is concern over the conference tickets and accessibility for the student body given the price. \$100 per student is greater than any student pays per student activity fee. The moot court should be docked due to interest concerns and the GIM is a onetime event and not two. Funding conferences could set a precedent of funding conferences in the future.
- c. Justification against: would love to see events on campus, so by upping the Moot Court Board there could be a better event for the club and further growth. The conference should be funded, it allows for the affinity group to grow and cutting the majority of the budget is unfair- budget could be cut to offer a discount for across the tickets. Should be trying to facilitate and create safe spaces and growth environments.

**MOTION TO RECESS, SECONDED, 5:30-35, 15-6-0, PASSES**

**h. ALGAE**

- a. Motion to fund: in full except pizza night at 25 but the first game night will be reimbursed at 50 (150 total), 215 for games, extravaganza at 75
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**



- b. Count: 21-1-0
  - b. Justification for: pizza once a month but the events can happen without pizza- getting games should be priority. End of year extravaganza will likely be members
  - c. Justification against: games should be funded in full because that's what the club is
- b. MOTION TO RECONSIDER BUDGET, SECONDED, FAILED**
- i. Men's Rugby**
- a. Motion to fund: in full except funding 66.67 for dodgeball/ kickball tournament (2Ls Bus. Law and Rugby stipulated must work together), 1400 for alumni game.
    - a. Status: **PASSES**
    - b. Count: 18-4-1
  - b. Justification for: important to decrease reliance on alumni and nice itemization
  - c. Justification against:
  - d. Motion to Reconsider:**
    - a. Status: **FAILS**
    - b. Count: 9-12-1
  - e. **Motion to reconsider** – fund alumni at 1574.62 to bring total to \$1800
    - a. Status: **FAILS**
    - b. Count: 10-11-1
  - f. **Motion to reconsider** – fund alumni 1574.62 to bring total to \$1800
    - a. Status: **PASSES**
    - b. Count: 17-2-1
- k. Women's Rugby**
- a. Motion to fund: fund in full except the first social event at 100 and must be for food, second social at \$175 for food and the field rental as a stipulation, alumni game at \$1,000, and take misc. items to 500 for necessary medics and refs
    - a. Status: **PASSES**
    - b. Count: 19-3-1
    - b. Justification for: people for safety necessary, need itemization
    - c. Justification against: lots of drinking, photographer not as necessary
  - b. **MOTION TO RECONSIDER**- 500 for alumni, GIM 65, 50 for Oswego, barracks for 125, 500 for refs/emts
    - a. Status: **PASSES**
    - b. Count: 20-1-1

**l. Disabled Lawyers Coalition**

- a. Motion to fund: in full
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 21-0-0
- b. Justification for: -
- c. Justification against: -

**l. OUTLaw**

- a. Motion to fund: in full
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 21-0-0
- b. Justification for: -
- c. Justification against: -

**m. National Lawyers' Guild**

- a. Motion to fund: in full
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 21-0-0
- b. Justification for: -
- c. Justification against: -

**n. Criminal Law Society**

- a. Motion to fund: fund jeopardy at 65 and networking event at 900.
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 19-1-0
- b. Justification for: funding 65 due to the reasoning that it presents as a GIM and should be funded as such.
- c. Justification against: -

**o. Catholic Law Students Association**

- a. Motion to fund: in full
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 20-0-0
- b. Justification for: -
- c. Justification against: -

**p. Federalist Society**

- a. Motion to fund: in full
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 22-1-0
- b. Justification for: -
- c. Justification against: -

**q. Dems**

- a. Motion to fund: full except remove AI event and voter registration to 150.

- a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 21-0-0
  - b. Justification for: ILS is funding the amount for AI
  - c. Justification against: -
- r. ILS**
- a. Motion to fund: full except 40 for China business chat and 750 for the AI event.
    - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
    - b. Count: 22-0-0
  - b. Justification for: cut the discussion because of the hybrid event and cutting the AI event down for food and paper products.
  - c. Justification against: -

**MOTION TO STIPULATE FOR ALL BUDGETS THAT PAPERWEAR, PLASTIC WEAR, AND CHAFFING WILL NOT BE APPROVED AS A BUDGET EXPENSE (SBA WOULD BUY TO USE ACROSS THE ORGS), SECONDED, 22 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

- s. Women's Law Caucus**
- a. Motion to fund: in full
    - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
    - b. Count: 17-0-1
  - b. Justification for: -
  - c. Justification against: -
- t. Environmental Law Society**
- a. Motion to fund: in full except paper cups.
    - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
    - b. Count: 22-0-0
  - b. Justification for: -
  - c. Justification against: -
- u. Health Law Society**
- a. Motion to fund: in full, except remove the panel.
    - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
    - b. Count: 14-5-1
  - b. Justification for: they mentioned that they were okay with panel being removed.
  - c. Justification against: the wellness event is too expensive and should be cut.
- b. MOTION TO RECONSIDER BUDGET, SECONDED, FAILED**

**v. Immigration Law Society**

- a. Motion to fund: in full
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 20-0-0
- b. Justification for: -
- c. Justification against: -

**w. IP Law**

- a. Motion to fund: full except 90 for both patent drafting and copyright
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 22-0-0
- b. Justification for: removing money for paper products which will be gotten through SBA
- c. Justification against:-

**x. Chess Club**

- a. Motion to fund: in full
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 20-0-0
- b. Justification for: -
- c. Justification against: -

**y. Fine Arts Club**

- a. Motion to fund: full except no funding for trips, cabaret at 125, 100 for a dance bar, paint and sip in full tho (stipulated the name needs to be changed due to policy), and art supplies at 50.
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 18-1-0
- b. Justification for: museums and trips should be/ are free so should be subtracted, and adjusting budget where available
- c. Justification against: a lot of what is being requested is relatively inexpensive- art supplies also factors into paint and sip.

**aa. Business Law**

- a. Motion to fund: to fund in full except funding 66.67 for dodgeball/ kickball tournament (2Ls Bus. Law and Rugby stipulated must work together), and panel event 300.
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 19-1-0
- b. Justification for: want to give a panel event but there is not a lot outlined or planned so cutting the budget down
- c. Justification against: -

**bb. NLSA**

- a. Motion to fund: in full, mix and mingle 225, and exclude end of semester mix and mingle.

- a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
- b. Count: 15-5-0
- b. Justification for: the two mix and mingles are the same event so we should fund just one of them. Wellington is expensive and cheaper options should be looked into
- c. Justification against: -

**bb. Hockey Club**

- a. Motion to fund: in full except 400 for ice time and 75 for floor hockey
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 19-1-0
- b. Justification for: per agreement with club cutting the budget in regards to floor hockey since the equipment cannot be used on ice
- c. Justification against: -

**cc. Golf Club**

- a. Motion to fund: in full, minus golf simulator is cut and the pre outing is cut and the outing is set at \$1,200.
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 19-2-0
  - b. Justification for: pre outing and simulator willing to be given up if fully funded outing.
  - c. Justification against: golf is expensive and price cuts need to be made
- b. **MOTION TO RECONSIDER BUDGET, SECONDED, 1-20-0 FAILS**

**dd. T & E**

- a. Motion to fund: in full, minus the paper products in the panel and bring panel down to \$315
  - a. The
    - a. Status: **PASSES**
    - b. Count: 18-0-0
  - b. Justification for: new club
  - c. Justification against: not itemized enough, not sure about turn out

**dd. NY Courts**

- a. Motion to fund: fund in full but decrease lunch with judges to 550
  - a. The
    - a. Status: **PASSES**
    - b. Count: 17-2-1
  - b. Justification for: been funding about 10/head
  - c. Justification against: might not be enough for lunch

**ee. Family Law**

- a. Motion to fund: fully fund except mixer 250 and remove trivia

- a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
- b. Count: 15-1-0
- b. Justification for: -
- c. Justification against: -

**ff. Cardozo**

- a. Motion to fund: in full
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 21-0-0
- b. Justification for: -
- c. Justification against: -

**gg. 3L**

- a. Motion to fund: in full except for the class cruise.
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 10-5-2
- b. Justification for: the class cruise should not be funded as it would still be asking \$80 per student and is an overall expensive event.
- c. Justification against:
- d. **MOTION TO RECONSIDER, SECONDED, PASSES-**
- e. Motion to fund: in full except for the class cruise.
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 14-2-2
- f. Justification for: a level of harshness should be held to SBA with how budgets are being cut, making sure the same scrutiny is held in SBA as with other orgs.
- g. Justification against: -

**hh. 2L**

- a. Motion to fund: in full except exclude coffee talk, exclude pre final fuel up, funding 66.67 for dodgeball/ kickball tournament (2Ls Bus. Law and Rugby stipulated must work together), and 18k earmark for barristers.
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 16-1-0
- b. Justification for: fund full therapy dogs because it was very popular but the coffee talks and fuel ups do not seem like they will impact as much as others. Funding just the dodgeball only in hopes there will be collaboration for food on events with the kickball tournament.
- c. Justification against: half-dog therapy day hoping 1L senate and Colby fellows will pick it up and make a joint event. 15k for earmark as some will roll over anyways and 10k was what was requested last year.

**ii. 1L**

- a. Motion to fund: fund in full
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 16-1-0

- b. Justification for: -
- c. Justification against: -

**MOTION TO RECESS FROM 7:15- 7:30, SECONDED, 23 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**jj. SBA Entity**

- a. Motion to fund: in full
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 23-0-0
- b. Justification for: -
- c. Justification against: -

**kk. Diversity Committee**

- a. Motion to fund: in full
  - a. Status: seconded, **PASSES**
  - b. Count: 17-0-0
- b. Justification for: seems like a great event to bring people together and talking.
- c. Justification against: it seems like it could be a little expensive for pizza, but it is for a lot of people.

**MOTION TO UNMONITORED CAUCUS 10:45-10:50, SECONDED, 23 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXEC SESSION, SECONDED, 23 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**MOTION FOR MODERATED CAUCUS, SECONDED, 15 YES, 6 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**

**Moderated Caucus Notes:** *notes taken to best of ability as to reflect subject matter being discussed.*

- **Taylor A.**
  - The IALSA and LALSA budgets need to be decreased like other clubs have been, they need to be subjected to the same drastic budget cuts other organizations received.
- **Alex H.**
  - Unfortunately, we ended up running out of time and need to move forward with the budget to get it finalized.
- **Olivia V.**
  - Not about the time, it (the budget) is as good as it will get without defunding more clubs, which should not be where we move next.
- **Stephen G.**
  - We did it together, so that is something to keep in mind.
- **Madeleine J.**
  - We have thought of this since the beginning, plenty of thought has been put into this since the beginning as we are on hour 15.
- **Ben J.**

- It really feels like we were rewarding clubs that put in a request for a lot of money and were harmful in our decisions to smaller clubs that did not request as much – it is a big problem for the day that should be addressed.
- **Dean K.**
  - As a result of that (Ben’s comment) we are leaving ourselves in a worse position for spring with funding.
- **Natalie T.**
  - Agrees with Ben J. and Dean K.- with SBA trying to be more equitable we need to stress the need to acquire data as to where this funding is going and who it is going to.
- **Alex H.**
  - Early times, a lot of funding was given, and we did not cut as much but later into the evening no one wanted to reconsider clubs. Mistakes were made, this late/ long of a meeting should never happen again moving forward.
- **Frank P.**
  - The bylaws should be edited, and he would be willing to present and work through this with the committee with enthusiasm; the student activity fee needs to be looked into to be increased as well.
- **Julia J.**
  - Agree with a lot that has been said, beginning of the budget was discussion of affinity groups and a lot was cut out there too- not just end of the night, but rather there were similar cuts throughout the day.
- **Veronica E.**
  - Support to Julia, working towards making sure there was enough money covering per person that is coming in was a highlight- making sure the money wasn’t going towards just a few people in the law school community.
- **Azad K.**
  - Went back and forth taking care of budget, didn’t go in order but that it was equitable to pick and choose battles with bigger budgets- feels like that was a great thing that we did.
- **Mitch W**
  - Things got a little dramatic, we have enough money but need to be cognizant for next semester with funding and work with what we have.
- **Madeleine J.**
  - Motion to move to executive session on the basis that this could be better discussed in executive session to move more quickly and efficiently.
  - Objection by **Frank P.**- Notes that the NY Legislature is transparent in all, even in matters of life and death and little parties and events like this should be transparent in this meeting in its entirety and objects to moving into executive session for discussion.
  - Chair calls **Point of Order**: vote to move into executive session.

**POINT OF ORDER, MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 16 YES, 5 NO, 2 ABSTAINED, PASSES**



**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 23 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED, PASSES**

**b. Bill No. 013 – Fall 2023 Budget Bill**

- i. Motion to approve the budget, seconded: **18-5-0 PASSES**
- ii. **ROLL CALL & STATEMENTS**; *optional explanations capped at 30 seconds; notes taken to best of ability as to reflect subject matter being discussed.*
  1. **Max Sevor:**
    - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **no vote**
    - b. **Justification:** - *chair must abstain* but thanks everyone for their hard work and efforts today.
  2. **Meg Tylenda:**
    - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
    - b. **Justification:** we did a great job cutting the budget down from overspending and thinks that we will be okay. She thanks all of the senate and orgs that went through the process for their patience and time.
  3. **Noah Jacobs:**
    - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
    - b. **Justification:** Thanks to everyone involved.
  4. **Ashlyn Henrichs:**
    - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
    - b. **Justification:** would like to echo Ben J. and Natalie T. about equity, but also notes that it is difficult to make decisions to cut so much funding given the student activity fee- it should be looked into to have it raised. Appreciates everyone's hard work.
  5. **Alex Hollocher:**
    - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **NO**
    - b. **Justification:** Thinks that the best was done with the time had but it was an imperfect budget that overspent that will make the 1Ls will suffer and votes no.
  6. **Olivia Vecchio:**
    - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
    - b. **Justification:** this has served as an example to have students question the process and moves to be more transparent.
  7. **Stephen Giorgianni:**
    - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
    - b. **Justification:** everyone had a voice as far as representation goes, hopefully we can get more money to distribute in the future; to senators and student orgs- we did this process together and are going through law school together so we

should continue to support each other because are in this together.

8. **Chloe Kangarlu:**
  - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
  - b. **Justification:** no comment
9. **Taylor Alimari:**
  - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **NO**
  - b. **Justification:** comments on a great job today, but votes no as next semester will be difficult due to the state of budget and greatly echoes Ben J.
10. **Frank Pacella:**
  - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
  - b. **Justification:** while voting yes on the budget, wants to highlight the need for top to bottom rewriting of bylaws, increase of student activity fee and funding, and growth of transparency values moving forward.
11. **Jonothan Stein:**
  - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
  - b. **Justification:** recommends orgs to make the request contesting funds if they feel strongly about it and highlights that it needs to be equitable/ keep working towards providing equitable solutions to these budgeting issues.
12. **Jack Rainey:**
  - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
  - b. **Justification:** thanks to everyone, did a great job for a long day.
13. **Veronica Esteves:**
  - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
  - b. **Justification:** believes that while not everyone is happy, it truly shows that the democratic process is working. We sat here and took it seriously; we conversed for 16 hours to work towards the decisions.
14. **Mitch Spaulding:**
  - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
  - b. **Justification:** we came in tonight to make tough calls and the right decisions- he stands by these decisions because everyone will never be on the same page with the budget.
15. **Ben Jacobs:**
  - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **NO**
  - b. **Justification:** it felt like we were rewarding clubs that asked for a lot and punishing clubs who didn't ask for as much or were trying to save money. Worries that this be problematic- especially in instances where there was a lot of funding for few people/ small scale events.
16. **Katie Pedlow:**
  - a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**

- b. **Justification:** while voting yes, would like to second and highlight everything Ben J. has noted.

17. **Colin Baker:**

- a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
- b. **Justification:** notes that SBA charter orgs should give better itemized lists, explain priorities for inevitable funding cuts, and keep tabs on their numbers and interest in the people who attend the events so that better decisions can be made.

18. **Natalie Turney:**

- a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **NO**
- b. **Justification:** notes that things were overspent and could have been cut and it is setting us up for rough spring semester. Notes the need to work together to become more equitable and transparent with the process and discussions.

19. **Mitch Whittaker:**

- a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
- b. **Justification:** everything is wrong thinking people it is what we have and worked out as well as could be planned and in spring have to get more serious.

20. **Micheal Wood:**

- a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
- b. **Justification:** yes but this budget meeting has highlighted the need for bylaws reform.

21. **Julia James:**

- a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
- b. **Justification:** no comment

22. **Madeleine Jones:**

- a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
- b. **Justification:** notes that we did not have the finances to fund in full each group's request; we did the best we could to allocate the budget and votes yes.

23. **Dean Kaknis:**

- a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **NO**
- b. **Justification:** great energy and effort in trying to encourage diversity, but in select cases that the energy was not used in the best way and as a result we overspent on the budget.

24. **Azad Kurd:**

- a. Official Vote on Overall Budget: **YES**
- b. **Justification:** thanks the group and notes that great work was done here- everyone had to take budget cuts and highlights the need to have the student activity fee increased.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Bill No. 014 – Fall 2023 SBA Committees**

- i. MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEES, SECONDED, 22 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED- PASSES.

**VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- a. Next SBA Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Room 200. This will commence the regularly planned biweekly meetings.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**11:56 PM MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED, 23 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED**