Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee
Fact Sheet

ORGANIZATION:

A. Organization Contact Information
   1. Campus Address
      University of Connecticut School of Law
      55 Elizabeth Street
      Hartford, CT 06105
   
   2. Campus Phone number
      860-570-5000
   3. Organization Web address
      Law.uconn.edu

B. History/Mission of Organization
   1. History
      Founded in 1959, the University of Connecticut School of Law Student Bar Association (SBA) is the student government of the University of Connecticut School of Law. Membership consists of students elected annually by the Day, Evening, and L.L.M. Divisions of the Law School. The SBA manages a budget derived from student activities fees to support the Law School’s student organizations, to fund community activities, and to promote the quality of student life. In addition, the SBA selects students to serve on faculty committees, provides feedback to the administration, and is active in a multitude of issues affecting students at the Law School.

   2. Mission Statement
      We, the students of The University of Connecticut School of Law, do hereby establish the Student Bar Association and its governing Board, whose purposes shall include:

      1. The promotion of such activities as may be of interest to the student body;
      2. The promotion of cordial and effective relations among students, faculty, and administration of the Law School, and with the University at large, other law schools and the community; and
      
      3. The expression and representation of student opinion on matters pertaining to the law, to the Law School and to the Student Bar Association.

C. Student Fees – dollar amount students pay per year
   
   $82/Semester
   $164/Academic Year
D. **Eligible Participants — what students may participate in your activities?**

Events that are sponsored in whole or in any part by the SBA are open to all students enrolled at the School of Law. This includes students across any of the Law School’s class years or divisions.

E. **Governance (please identify the governance structure of your organization and identify those who are students and those who are not students)**

1. **Executive Officers**

   President: Glenn Holmes, Student  
   Vice President: Mallory Stone, Student  
   Chief Administrative Officer: Mallori Thompson, Student  
   Chief Financial Officer: Sierra Santana, Student  
   Parliamentarian: Jessica Zaccagnino, Student

2. **Board of Directors**

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3. **Paid Positions** - There are no paid positions on the SBA
Regional Campus Student Activity Fund

Budget Narrative Questions

Please answer the following questions in support of your budget proposal:

1. How are you spending your funds now? Briefly describe the programs and services provided.

The SBA currently uses its funds to support forty-four student organizations as well as events on and off campus. These funds support student organized lectures, competitions, and conferences. Student organizations submit detailed proposals at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters outlining all the events that they anticipate for that semester. These projections include expected attendance, any outside speakers or audience, room reservations, and competitive vendor quotes, among other details. The SBA Budget Committee then meets and allocates available funds appropriately based on our bylaws and guidelines and reviews any supplemental requests that may arise throughout the year.

Some programs provided through our organizations include the Public Interest Law Auction, which raises money for student stipends to engage in summer work that would otherwise be unpaid as well as student group registration fees for tournaments and conferences. We also assist in the funding of all four of our on-campus academic journals (Connecticut Law Review, Connecticut Insurance Law Journal, Connecticut International Law Journal, and the Public Interest Law Journal). We further help fund student organizations to bring leading legal scholars and practitioners to campus to discuss particular issues related to the diverse areas of interest among our student groups.

2. Please explain any significant changes in your budget/spending plan for FY20 (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020) and for FY21 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021) fiscal years.

There are no significant changes in our budget/spending plan for FY20 or FY21 fiscal years. This past year we shifted to funded fall expenditures at the close of the spring semester.

3. Do you anticipate any changes in income from other sources (non-student fee) during the FY20, FY21 and FY22 fiscal years? If so, briefly explain.

No changes are anticipated from non-student fee sources.

4. What are the current and projected levels of your reserves/fund balances? If you have a fund balance, please describe the use/purpose of these resources.

Current as of 10/31/2019
STIF: $10,624.50
Checking: $20,268.84

FY20 G/L
FY20 Year End Estimate
STIF: $10,624.50
Checking: $8,268.84

5. Please describe the organizational priorities in your proposed FY22 budget. Are there any concerns/issues the Committee should be aware of when reviewing your budget?

It is difficult to describe the organizational priorities in our proposed FY22 budget because the board and executive board changes every spring. The SBA budget is impacted dramatically by fluctuations in student enrollment. Over the past few years overall, the board has focused on greater transparency and equity as well as more clearly defined budget guidelines. Moving the fall budget process to the spring and revising our budget guidelines twice this year are examples of that.
Each year the SBA budget committee receives requests for funding of academic and non-academic student events that exceed the SBA's ability to fund. Considering the limitation on resources available the SBA hopes to continue to fund and extend funding to the following types of events: expand interscholastic competitions, updates to Journal processes and infrastructure, increase our student presence at academic conferences, fund additional training opportunities, and finally fund more external speeches and engagements.

6. Are you proposing an increase in your organization fee for FY22? If yes, please provide the rationale for your request (include any information regarding the limits of your organization if the fee increase is not approved). What steps has your organization taken to reduce expenses and/or increase other revenues? What is the dollar increase you are asking per year? On the budget spreadsheet, please complete an additional column for FY22 that outlines how your organization will allocate the additional revenue from the proposed fee increase.

No.

7. Relative to your fund balance (if you have one), what do you anticipate your accounts payable (items to pay for) and accounts receivable (money to collect) will be over the last two months of the fiscal year (May and June)?

Est. Accounts Payable: $16,300
Est. Accounts Receivable: $3,370

8. Please describe how students (number and/or percentage of total student population) utilize your services and/or participate in your programs? Do faculty/staff (number/ percentage) benefit? Do members of the local community (number/percentage) benefit?

Almost all students are at least indirectly benefited by the SBA's programs through attendance at student group meetings and guest speakers, competitions, symposia, participation in a journal, and many more. The majority of the student body is affiliated with at least one student group, with many students taking on an active role in more than one group. SBA activities are broadcast through the University's recently-updated web calendar in order to encourage faculty, staff, and community participation. All SBA-funded events are also broadcast to the student body via email. Noteworthy events this past year include:

   William R. Davis Mock Trial Competition
   Alva P. Loiselle Moot Court Competition
   Diversity Week
   Public Interest Law Group Auction
   Connecticut Law Review Symposium
   Connecticut Insurance Law Journal Symposium
   Connecticut Journal of International Law Symposium
   Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal Symposium

Further, past improvements have been funded with the student activity fee have been a benefit to the student body and law school community as a whole. One example is the contributions to the renovation of the Law Library's 4th Floor Student Organization Center, which included the purchase of furniture for the benefit of students.

Many faculty members and alumni often participate in events funded with the student activity fee, acting as moderators as debates or symposia and acting as coaches for the many Moot Court or Mock Trial competitions that our students enter. This advantageously provides students with invaluable learning and networking opportunities with accomplished professionals.

9. Is there any additional information that the committee should be aware of in reviewing your budget proposal?

No.
Review and Approval of Budget submission

We, the undersigned, confirm we sought input from our constituents and members via an item on a meeting agenda. Further, we attest that this budget packet was presented to, and approved by our organization at an open meeting on the following date: 11/13/19.

Glenn Holmes  
Organization Chief Executive Officer  
Printed Name

Sierra Santana  
Organization Chief Financial Officer  
Printed Name

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Organization Chief Executive Officer  
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