

Organizational Moot Court and Trial Teams Funding Policy

The Syracuse University College of Law Student Senate announces a new policy regarding the funding of Organizational Moot Court and Trial Teams. The Senate recognizes the value and prestige that effective and well-trained competitive moot court and trial teams bring to our school. In an effort to enhance and clarify the existing policy and procedures pertaining to said funding, the Senate Affairs Committee in conjunction with the Moot Court Honor Society and the Dean of Student Affairs have created the following guidelines.

Article 1. Senate Powers and Obligations Pertaining to Disbursement of Funds for Organizational Moot Courts:

- 1.1. The Senate maintains the right to reduce or deny funding for any reason.
- 1.2. All decisions regarding the disbursement of funds to Organizational Moot Court and Trial Teams will be resolved by the Senate according to the Constitution and Bylaws that are effective at time of the petition for funding.
- 1.3. Senate shall promulgate Senate policies and procedures regarding Organizational Moot Court and Trial Teams to an executive member of all organizations.

Article 2. Obligations of Student Organizations

- 2.1. Submit a funding proposal no later than October 1st.
 - 2.1.1. Organizations are required to use the funding proposal form which has been created for this purpose, which may be obtained at any of the following locations:
 - 2.1.1.1. Organizational mailbox
 - 2.1.1.2. Senate Office
 - 2.1.1.3. Moot Court Honor Society Office
 - 2.1.1.4. Office of Student Services
 - 2.1.1.5. Upon request to any member of Student Senate
 - 2.1.2. Late submissions will be subject to limited funding and possible denial of funds.
 - 2.1.3. Organizations that were unable to meet the above stated deadline, for any reasons, will rely on the discretion of the Senate if submitting a late proposal.
- 2.2. Present a budget outline that includes last year's income and expenditures, which has been certified by the Dean of Student Services, from whom this information is available;
- 2.3. Plans to augment the budget through fundraising and alternative sources of funding;
- 2.4. Present to the Senate an itemized plan pertaining to the proposed expenditures to include:
 - 2.4.1. Hotel;
 - 2.4.2. Airfare;
 - 2.4.3. Subsequent transportation; (i.e. taxi, bus, shuttle or metro)
 - 2.4.4. Registration Fee(s);

- 2.4.5. Any other expenses for which funding is requested.
- 2.5. Funding for an Organizational Moot court is a one-time disbursement of funds meant to aid teams in travel and lodging for regional competitions.
 - 2.5.1. All funding for advancing teams must be arranged through the Office of Student Affairs.
 - 2.5.2. Only in the event that the Office of Student Affairs is unable to provide funding for a team which has advanced beyond regional competition, then the team may petition Senate for additional funding. The contents of this subsequent request must comply with this policy.
- 2.6. Qualify their team according the Moot Court Honor Society specifications including:
 - 2.6.1. Tryouts that are publicized;
 - 2.6.2. Open to all law students irrespective of race, gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.
 - 2.6.3. And all other policies of the Moot Court Honor Society.
- 2.7. Demonstrate that they have fulfilled their obligation described in Article 2.6 by obtaining certification from the Director of the Moot Court Honor Society.
- 2.8. Teams that originate from organizations that maintain their own budgets are not eligible for Senate funding.

Article 3. Obligations of the Moot Court Honor Society

- 3.1. Publish requirements for Moot Court qualification
- 3.2. Disseminate said requirements yearly to all recognized organizations at the end of the spring semester.
- 3.3. Provide information and procedures for Moot Court qualification to the Senate annually.
- 3.4. Aid Organizational Moot Courts in meeting published requirements.