Minutes 2/5/20

* Chair Ali summarizes the budget, we have a lot left.
* Co-chair Norko welcomes Senator Joseph Foley.
* Co-chair explains the allocation changes that will face the finance committee next year.
* Co-chair updates committee on status of business card program.
  + Program will not be funded this semester due to budget uncertainty and manpower issues in CIC.
  + Could look for alternative avenues next year, but we can return to this in future months.
* Reminded committee that we have to plan Blue Bee Challenge
  + Decided that the challenge will be the week after Spring break
  + Co-chair Norko will send out emails
  + Will hold a joint-committee meeting with Campus Life to plan event
* Introduced new event, Make the Merch
  + Envisioned by former member Ben Kahn, and carried on by Chief Bah.
  + Estimated cost ~1750.
* Revisited old event, Mental Health
  + Estimated cost ~$2000
  + Chair Woods will present us a breakdown of expenses before next general meeting
* Discussed upcoming expenditure; History Club
  + Since HC can’t pay for events and therefore match funds with SGA, required to do co-sponsorship, money will come from Senate Discretionary.
  + HC President hasn’t gotten back to Senator Martinez, who will sponsor the bill. If Jose gets the bill to FC before Monday, we can vote on it through email.
* Introduced a reallocation bill moving $3000 from co sponsorships to the Senate Discretionary funds.
  + By-laws limit co-sponsorships to $7000, so $2000 is overallocated.
  + Another $1000 for History Club co-sponsorship, since they can’t go through co-sponsorship line items.
* Introduced a reallocation bill moving $1077.5 from stipends to Senate Discretionary
  + Extra money from vacant positions, cut stipends, and overallocation to stipend line item.
  + Chair Ali reminds us that we could always reallocate back if we make a mistake.
* Introducing the SGA Textbook Savings Initiative by Hugh Norko and Jose Martinez
  + A multi-pronged plan to save students money by advocating for Professors to use the library’s services and strategically buy textbooks and ebooks for some courses.
  + Norko forgot to print the project proposal, and will send over email later.
* Introducing the Bus Pass subsidy for Court Navigator Internship.
  + Would try to subsidize transportation expenses for those taking the internship, since downtown parking is expensive.
  + Secretary Brianna King mentions that we have idea to use shuttle
    - Co-chair says this inquiry is plan B if shuttle plan doesn’t work out
  + Senator Foley points out that Baltimore already has free transportation, the Baltimore Circulator.
    - Co-chair points out that Circulator is notoriously unreliable and its future uncertain.
  + Foly mentions that the University has bus passes, but they are not cost-effective, being around ~$55 dollars per student for a month.
    - Norko proposes that instead of a bus pass, we can buy prepaid cards with the exact amount needed for the internship, allowing the initiative to be much more cost effective.
  + Introduced LSAT Grant proposal
    - Based on Travel grant
    - Details still in works, will send out a policy proposal in two weeks.
  + Adjourned meeting.
  + Forgot to mention Campus Pantry, will send out a bill to FC through email for approval.