

# Hostos Association Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 | 12:00pm – 1:00pm | D-210

## Minutes

### In attendance

- Nathaniel Cruz
- Thierno Diallo
- Doritha Antwi
- Johanna Gómez
- Mauricette Gbenenoui
- Inzamamdeen Kassim
- Jerry Rosa
- Sakiyna Switzer
- Inés Alejandro Soriano

### Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 12:07pm. Quorum established.

### Review of minutes meeting 08/02/17

- Minutes reviewed and approved

### Association Board Elections

- Chair – President or designee; usually SDEM Vice President
- Vice Chair – Dean of Students
- Secretary – Director of Student Activities
- SGA President is listed as a member on the Association Bylaws and he/she nominates the other student representatives
- SGA President Thierno Diallo nominates Mauricette Gbenenoui, Sakiyna Switzer, Doritha Antwi, Inzamamdeen Kassim and Inés Alejandro Soriano
- Motion to appoint nominated student representatives: Inzamamdeen Kassim, Sakiyna Switzer
  - Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Motion to appoint VP Cruz as Chair: Sakiyna Switzer, Thierno Diallo
  - Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Motion to appoint Dean Gómez as Vice Chair: Sakiyna Switzer, Doritha Antwi
  - Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Motion to appoint Jerry Rosa as Secretary: Mauricette Gbenenoui, Sakiyna Switzer
  - Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved

### Review of line balances

- All line balances reviewed
- Line balances are not final – registration functions and collection of fees are still ongoing
- VP Cruz – the SGA Programming, Stipends and Clubs & Organizations give you the opportunity to make your presence felt
- There was a time when clubs would only get budgets of \$150 to \$200

*Member Inés Alejandro enters meeting at 12:21pm*

### Discussion about Club Startup Budget Proposal

- Proposal is being presented because there are several days with no classes – tends to cause delays as far as being able to hold the Budget Meeting
- There are clubs that have events planned for late September or early October – proposal would assist these clubs
- Funding contingent on club certification (by SGA)
- Clubs have the option to request the startup funds or follow the standard format and submit a full budget request later on
- If funds are not used, they will be put back into the Clubs & Organizations line
- Motion to approve budget in the amount of \$10,300: Inzamamdeen Kassim, Sakiyna Switzer
  - Vote: 8, 0, 0 – motion approved

### Discussion about Club Assistance line and Budget Cap

- Concept behind budget cap explained
  - There were some instances in years past when budgets in the range of \$3,000 to \$5,000 were approved and that left other clubs without funds
  - Cap created to make sure that all clubs have an opportunity to receive a budget
  - Returning clubs that were active are usually awarded a larger budget
  - Revived or new clubs (with no record of productivity for the previous year) are awarded smaller budgets
- VP Cruz – smaller budget not intended to serve a punitive purpose; intent is to protect the students (by getting them accustomed to the event-planning process)
- Thierno Diallo – Can we see the proposals in advance?
  - Jerry Rosa – organizations are asked to submit proposals to Student Activities about a week before the meeting
  - Proposals are scanned and sent in advance to the board members for review
  - Board members can discuss proposals that raise questions with the club leaders before the meeting takes place
- VP Cruz – club leaders should be given latitude (as far as the type of activities that they can organize)
- Motion to approve Club Assistance line (\$3,800) and Budget Cap – Doritha Antwi, Mauricette Gbenenoui
  - Vote: 7, 0, 1 – motion approved

### Review of Earmark spending plans

- Health & Wellness - \$5,500
  - Basically instructor fees
  - Offering Yoga, Meditation, African Dance, Self-Defense and Zumba classes
  - Supplies - \$1,000
  - Why is the Zumba instructor paid \$100 per class?



- Only serving snacks
  - Why doesn't the college pay for the van (for the Model U.N.)?
    - Administration helps at times
  - Athletics has priority in terms of use of vans
    - Teams are mandated to attend games – to avoid going on conference probation
- Student Activities - \$10,000
  - Recreational activities include events like the Hostos Welcome Day
  - Office collaborates with other units that organize events and offers funding support
  - Hardship Assistance funds used based on referrals from staff or programs helping out students who are facing challenging situations (public assistance cancelled, etc.)

*Member Sakiyna Switzer departs meeting at 1:08pm*

- SGA Programming - \$34,100
  - About 20 activities, scholarships, supplies and meetings
  - VP Cruz – this is very rich; going to be watching you all
  - Look forward to an activities brochure – have support of our graphic designer
  - Recommend that you collaborate on some activities with our staff (for example: Sexual Harassment)
  - Dean Gómez – give me dates so that I can help recruit facilitators
  - VP Cruz – Can we use the word “Christmas” for the Secret Santa?
    - Dean Gómez – Holiday Celebration sounds more politically-correct
- SGA Stipends - \$32,000
  - VP Cruz – Did the Senate vote on the amount of each stipend?
    - Yes

### Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary