Hostos Association Budget Meeting

Monday, October 31, 2016 | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | C-391

Minutes

In attendance
- Nathaniel Cruz
- Isela Herrera
- Ken Acquah
- Sosima Vázquez
- Willy Báez
- Sayonara Díaz

Call to order
- Meeting called to order at 3:33 pm. Quorum established.

Review of minutes from last meeting
- Minutes reviewed and approved

Review of Clubs & Organizations line balance
- C & O line has a balance of $XXX

Notes about Association audit
- Auditors recommended that the Association establish two (2) funds:
  - Contingency fund of up to $50,000
  - Reserve fund of up to $100,000

Review of Budget Proposals Summary
- About $18,000 being requested by clubs and $1,665 by non-student organizations
- Total funds being requested equal $19,601.37

Proposal presentation guidelines
- Guidelines reviewed

Review of club proposals
- Health and Nutrition Club
  - Question: What kind of foods? Juices and sodas; natural vs. processed food
  - Motion to award budget of $1,500 – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vázquez
  - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved

- Honors Club
  - Part of Honors contract is to go visit a secondary college
  - Motion to award budget of $1,500 – Sosima Vázquez, Isela Herrera
  - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved
• **Veterans Club**
  - Proposal has been edited – removed band and Metrocards from event # 3
  - Motion to award budget of $1,500 – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vázquez
  - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved

• **Public Administration Club**
  - Question: How will you recruit 40 students? Will promote event in classes
  - Question: Is the event open to other majors? Yes
  - Motion to award budget of $1,500 – Sosima Vázquez, Isela Herrera
  - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved

• **Comic Book Club**
  - Tabled – no representative present

• **Black Student Union (BSU)**
  - Question: What other club are you organizing your event with? Caribbean Students Association
  - Suggestion: Might want to hold first event in a more open space – Club will recruit on The Bridge the day before
  - Motion to award budget of $1,500 – Sosima Vázquez, Isela Herrera
  - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved

• **Caribbean Students Association (CSA)**
  - Motion to award budget of $600 – Isela Herrera, Sayonara Díaz
  - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved

• **Digital Collective**
  - Tabled – no representative present

• **Puerto Rican Student Organization (Puerto Rican Club)**
  - Book presentation will take place twice
  - Motion to award budget of $1,500 – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vázquez
  - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved

• **Art & Architecture Club**
  - Trip – about 10-14 students interested so far
  - Question: Are the funds requested for museum admission or special exhibit? Admission. Will need to check if admission is free for students.
  - If free, try to bring more students
  - Motion to award budget of $600 – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vázquez
  - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved
• Aging and Health Club
  o Already participated in two (2) activities
  o Also want to hold event on campus
  o Concern: $375 for 4 people (to attend conference). Can you fundraise to attend the conference?
  o Motion to award budget of $1,100 with the condition that the trip be made open to more students – Isela Herrera, Sayonara Díaz
  o Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved

• Business Startup Club
  o VP Cruz – Can you put together a 3-minute video to promote the entrepreneur projects? We can promote it on the monitors if you do
  o Motion to award budget of $1,100 – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vázquez
  o Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved

• Engineering Club
  o Motion to award budget of $1,000 – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vázquez
  o Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved

• Law and Social Justice Club
  o Tabled – no representative present

• Dual Degree Programs
  o Motion to award budget of $1,400 – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vázquez
  o Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved

• Forensic Science Initiative
  o Question: How many people in the program (Forensic Science)? Not sure
  o Motion to award budget of $265 – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vázquez
  o Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved

• Comic Book Club
  o Question: What is the Pokemon Booster Box? It’s a prize. It might seem expensive, but that is the cheapest one we could find.
  o Motion to award budget of $1,110.87 – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vázquez
  o Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved

Second review of proposals
• Nursing Club
  o Requesting an additional $656.00 to pay for Security and the pins
  o Board elected not to approve any additional funds
• Business Startup Club
  o Our club was eligible for the $1,500 cap, but was penalized for submitting the proposal late
  o Can the $400 not assigned to the club be allocated to the Nursing Club (for the Pinning Ceremony)?
  o Board decides that the funds will not be allocated

Assessment
• About 7-8 clubs that already held events – they seemed satisfied with the results
• Student Activities will send out survey to assess coordinators’ experience
• Have to determine what they learned
• Ken Acquah – Very impressed with how efficiently the (budget proposal) process runs now
• Jerry Rosa – Will the tabled proposals be referred to a subcommittee?
• VP Cruz – Subcommittee is not part of the bylaws, so we need a motion to approve its use
• Motion to approve use of subcommittee – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vázquez
• Vote: 5, 0, 0 – Motion approved

Adjournment
• Meeting adjourned at 4:23pm

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary