Hostos Association Budget Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 | 2:00pm – 3:15pm | B-401

Minutes

In attendance
- Johanna Gómez
- Thierno Diallo
- Mauricette Gbenenoui
- Inzamamdeen Kassim
- Inés Alejandro Soriano
- Justin Arzola

Review of club proposals
- Meeting began with an unofficial review of the club proposals because quorum had not been established and the club representatives had to report to class.

- Animation Club
  - Concerns regarding first event – printer, ink and Wacom tablet
  - The school (college) gives students a $50 printing credit
  - IT (Info Tech) does not install or maintain printers for student organizations
  - Question: Why did you include the Wacom tablets?
  - Several of the unit’s (departmental) tablets are damaged
  - Club needs to have access (to tablets)
  - Officers cannot use if they are not in class
  - Board member – tablets should be addressed at departmental level
  - Jerry Rosa – Given that the tablets will be used for student events, Student Activities will purchase them
  - Question: Can you provide clarification regarding the printer?
  - Need a multi-function printer with a scanner
  - Will use to translate physical work into digital work
  - Point of information: Would need to get a wireless scanner (IT will not install)
  - Provisional agreement – budget of $600 will be provided for this event

- Black Student Union
  - Have done this event (trip to Spa Castle) in the past
  - (Club members) feel attacked under the current (federal) administration
  - Trip would be a way to remember and honor former club officer who was recently murdered (and who participated in the trip while at the college)
  - Board member – spas are normally associated with Europe or Asia; feel that you could do another activity that is more Afrocentric
  - Prof. Flores – Europeans and Asians stole the idea from Africa
  - Feel that we need to insert ourselves more into “white” spaces
  - Board member – concerned that the event would only benefit 16 students
  - Prof. Flores – we do not get participation from students or administration when we do events on campus
- Students who would attend are Honors students
- Board member – Why not do a massage day on campus?
- Club president – We are here reaching out to students to help them. Students who attend would benefit because of what they gave (in the form of service) prior to the trip.
- Board member – Would support if there is a student contribution
- Prof. Flores – it is also important to expose our students to things outside The Bronx
- Board member – recommend a $25 allocation per student for admission, $15 for food. More students should participate. Do not support miscellaneous treatments for club advisors.
- Provisional agreement – 3 of 5 members vote in favor of $1,280 budget

- Social Latin Club
  - Proposal discussed and approved by subcommittee the day prior ($1,150)

- Empowering Student Parents Club
  - Tabled – no representative present

- Hostos Dream Team
  - Provisional agreement – budget of $500 will be provided for this event

Call to Order
- Meeting called to order at 2:18pm. Quorum established.

Review of non-student proposals
- Alpha Beta Gamma
  - Board member – concerned about membership fee; other clubs could request in the future
  - Second Board member – support paying membership fee because it could result in amazing networking opportunities for the students
  - Board member – propose paying for 50% of fee; students should contribute matching funds. Invitation should be open to be more students.
  - Clarifications – membership is based on academic performance; have to meet GPA requirements; full budget has been approved prior semesters
  - Provisional agreement – 3 of 5 members vote in favor of $1,500 budget

- Hostos Repertory Theater
  - Funds for “Gender of Attraction” play
  - There will be 6 performances – open to all students
  - Play also involves interdisciplinary activities – students attend and write an essay
  - Provisional agreement – 5 of 5 members vote in favor of $2,000 budget
• CD Recognition Ceremony
  o College Discovery Program budget cut massively by the state
  o 56 students are graduating; 37 are high-achievers
  o Want to invite graduating and current students
  o Question: How will you get to 100 participants (if only 56 are graduating)?
  o Will also invite parents/relatives of high-achievers
  o Provisional agreement – 5 of 5 members vote in favor of $1,500 budget

• Scotland Theater Festival
  o Second time in history that Hostos participates (went 5 years ago)
  o Event is a transformative experience for students
  o College will fundraise at Gala
  o Very costly program ($60,000+)
  o Thierno Diallo – SGA approved $500 to support initiative
  o Motion to approve budget of $1,500 – Justin Arzola, Inzamamdeen Kassim
  o Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved

• My Path (student play)
  o Student who submitted the proposal is producing and directing the play
  o Implementing Black Studies knowledge and theater expertise
  o Price of costumes is actually $250
  o Student and staff are making additional costumes donations
  o Question: How are you planning to buy costumes for only $250?
  o Did research to find affordable costumes
  o Proposal modified – pizza, gift cards and soda removed; price of costumes changed to $250; new balance is $345
  o Costumes will be donated to Theater Department and Black Studies Unit (for future use)
  o Question: What is the hidden talent show? Open mic component of the play
  o Motion to approve budget of $345 – Inzamamdeen Kassim, Mauricette Gbenenoui
  o Vote: 4, 1, 0 – motion approved

Approval of Budget Subcommittee actions
• Motion to approve five (5) non-student proposals in the amount of $3,332.53 (with a retroactive approval date of 02/22/18) – Inzamamdeen Kassim, Thierno Diallo
  o Vote: 4, 1, 0 – motion approved
  o The five non-student proposals approved were:
    ▪ Kennedy Center Theater Festival - $569.25
    ▪ Media Design Programs - $138.28
    ▪ ADEA Poster Presentation - $500.00
    ▪ Earth Day Celebration - $625.00
    ▪ Dual Degree Program - $1,500.00
• Motion to approve the club/organization proposals that were fully and partially approved by the Budget Subcommittee (with a retroactive approval date of 03/13/18) – Justin Arzola, Mauricette Gbenenoui
  o Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved
  o The budgets approved during that meeting were:
    ▪ English Club - $1,500.00
    ▪ Theater Club - $1,500.00
    ▪ Video Game Club - $1,210.19 ($999.63 + 210.56)
    ▪ Community Health Club - $1,528.00
    ▪ College Discovery Club - $1,500.47
    ▪ Nursing Club - $2,000.00
    ▪ Pre-Allied Health Club - $2,000.00
    ▪ Animation Club - $650.00
    ▪ Honors Club - $1,500.00
    ▪ Capoeira Club - $1,500.00
    ▪ Black Student Union - $50.00
    ▪ CCSD at Hostos - $1,800.00
    ▪ ALMA Club - $1,475.00
    ▪ Hostos Common Ground - $1,450.00
    ▪ Free To Be Me - $1,491.69
    ▪ Public Administration Club - $1,428.91
    ▪ Food Studies Club – $1,500.00
    ▪ Teachers of the Future - $762.93
    ▪ Aging & Health Club - $1,500.20
    ▪ ASAP Club - $1,372.75
    ▪ African Club - $1,038.99
    ▪ Dental Hygiene Club - $2,000.00
    ▪ Media Production Club - $1,310.00
    ▪ Strive Club - $1,364.89
    ▪ X-Ray Club - $2,000.00
    ▪ Game Design Club - $1,286.32
    ▪ Puerto Rican Student Organization - $1,475.00
    ▪ Latin Dance Club - $1,500.00
    ▪ Modern Languages Club – $1,410.00
    ▪ A Cappella Club - $1,492.25
    ▪ Phi Theta Kappa - $1,501.00
    ▪ STEM Research Club - $860.00
    ▪ Engineering Club - $750.00
    ▪ Muslim Club - $1,475.00
    ▪ Law & Social Justice Club - $1,500.00
    ▪ Robotics Club - $1,455.00
    ▪ Physics Club - $1,500
    ▪ Math Committee - $500.00
    ▪ Comic Book Club - $1,358.64
- Veterans Club - $1,656.00
- Christian Messengers - $1,195.00
- New Hope & Success - $1,195.00

- Motion to approve the budget proposals reviewed today and provisionally approved prior to calling the meeting to order – Inzamamdeen Kassim, Inés Alejandro Soriano
  - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved

- Motion to refer the budget proposals that were not voted on today to the Budget Subcommittee – Inzamamdeen Kassim, Thierno Diallo
  - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved
  - The subcommittee approved the following proposals on 03/30/18
    - Playwriting Club – $500
    - Empowering Student Parents Club – $1,500
  - The subcommittee approved the following proposals on 04/10/18
    - Bronx Neighborhoods Reception - $500.00
    - Nursing Exam Prep - $3,075.00
    - Championship Jackets – $3,735

Adjournment
- Meeting adjourned at 3:09pm

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary