Hostos Association Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | C-391

Minutes

In attendance
- Nathaniel Cruz
- Jerry Rosa
- Cintya Jiménez
- Ken Acquah
- Willy Baez
- Sayonara Diaz
- Johanna Gómez
- Isela Herrera

Call to order
- Meeting called to order at 3:44pm. Quorum established.

Review of minutes
- Need to change call to order time to 12:30PM (instead of AM)
- Minutes reviewed and approved with change noted

Association Board elections
- All student members certified as being registered for the Fall 2016 semester
- Hostos Association Board
  - Chair – President or designee, which is VP Cruz
  - Vice Chair – traditionally the Dean of Students
  - Motion to appoint Dean Gómez as Vice Chair – Isela Herrera, Willy Baez
    - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
  - Secretary – traditionally the Director of Student Activities
  - Motion to appoint Jerry Rosa as Secretary – Willy Baez, Isela Herrera
    - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
  - Treasurer – automatically filled by Budget Manager of the College (SVP Rodríguez-Chardavoyne)
  - Student representatives – traditionally filled by SGA President and 5 other SGA members
    - SGA President Willy Baez nominates Isela Herrera, Sosima Vazquez, Sayonara Diaz, Cintya Jimenez and Rokia Diabi
    - Motion to appoint aforementioned SGA members as student representatives – Willy Baez, Isela Herrera
      - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
  - We have three (3) faculty vacancies – VP Cruz will discuss with the Provost
- Nominations for Budget Committee
  - Chair of Association (VP Cruz) and Budget Manager (SVP Rodríguez-Chardavoyne) are automatic members. SGA President is also an automatic member.
  - SGA President Willy Baez nominates Isela Herrera, Sosima Vazquez and Sayonara Diaz.
  - Motion to appoint aforementioned SGA members as student representatives – Willy Baez, Isela Herrera
- Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved

Review of line balances
- Ken Acquah reviews balances for each earmark

*Member Cintya Jiménez enters meeting at 3:55pm*

Review of Earmark spending plans
- Children’s Center – $20,550.00
  - Presented by Denise Santiago
  - Question: How long have you worked there? 12 years
  - Question: Have services been expanded? Number of parents has expanded and more services are offered
  - Question: Will there be opportunities for SGA to collaborate with the Children’s Center in the months of November and December? Yes
  - Question: Are some of our students working there? Yes, some Early Childhood Education majors

- Leadership Development (Leadership Academy) – $5,197.00
  - Question: What were your participation numbers for last year? About 210 members, 200-300 students for Winter Workshops and Scholarship Orientations and about 150 students for Volunteer Corps
  - Question: Could you elaborate on the work of the Information Center? This semester operating at partial capacity; last semester operated at full capacity. Hoping to pair up each student with a unit (i.e., Counseling Center) to have the latest information materials available.
  - Question: Are students recognized for acquiring leadership competencies? Yes, they are recognized at our annual awards ceremony and they receive training. Some SGA Counter attendants became members of the academy.

- Sports & Recreation (Athletics) – $68,200
  - Presented by Marquee Poole
  - Operational programs are now in place
  - Question: Could you explain your title and what you do when you are not coaching? Student Athletic Programs Coordinator. Manage Edinburg Program, involve athletes in community service activities, help with transfer paperwork and manage accreditation paperwork.

- Student Health Services (Health & Wellness) – $5,500
  - Presented by Ursula Sanders
  - Question: What is the Cize class? A new class. Zumba has more erotic movements; Cize is more Hip-Hop and House.
  - Question: Could you elaborate on all other activities that the unit manages? Handle immunization and health education workshops (i.e., nutrition). The ESP Program
works with student parents; provide services, workshops and emergency assistance. Partner with CBOs to provide health-related information services.

- Question: Would your help students organize health-related events? Yes.
- We also provide pregnancy testing, condoms, Nurse services and DOVE Program for domestic violence issues.
- Question: Are these 1-hour classes and when do they run? One-hour and they take place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

- Student Activities – $10,000
  - Presented by Danielle Butler

- SGA Stipends – $32,180
  - Presented by Cintya Jimenez
  - Remainder of Stipends Line ($20) will move to Programming Line

- SGA Programming – $34,100
  - Budget being presented is an estimate
  - Have a balance of $16,212.97 that needs to be allocated

**Assessment**

- Club Assistance Line and budget cap discussed
- Question: Do we address supplemental requests at the time of the meeting? Normally do so if they are in the neighborhood of $100 - $200. Requests that are around $700 and above are usually postponed.
- Question: Do we anticipate discussing all proposals at once? Yes. We will take advantage of days with no classes to hold meetings.
- Question: What happens if approved funds are not used? Need to set a deadline to disencumber.
- Question: What happens if only 43 clubs (of the 53 that are eligible) submit proposals? Could review all the initial proposals, set aside remaining funds on a separate budget and refer the review to a subcommittee.
- Question: Can clubs be penalized for submitting their proposal late? Yes. Would need establish penalty rate (10%, 20%, $200, etc.)
- Motion to create Club Assistance Line in the amount of $7,200 – Isela Herrera, Sayonara Diaz
  - Vote: 7, 0, 0 – Motion approved

**Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary