Hostos Association Meeting
Thursday, March 2, 2017 | 1:00pm – 2:00pm | C-591

Minutes

In attendance
- Nathaniel Cruz
- Willy Báez
- Joel Avendaño
- Johanna Gómez
- Sosima Vázquez
- Mohamadou Ouaba
- Jerry Rosa
- Isela Herrera

Call to order
- Meeting called to order at 1:09pm. Quorum established.

Review of minutes from last meeting
- Minutes reviewed and approved

Review of Earmark spending plans
- Children’s Center – $20,028
  o Consistent with the breakdown for Fall 2016
  o Biggest allocation goes to Pre-K for All
  o Enrollment has increased steadily
  o Opened a new classroom

- Leadership Development – $5,770
  o Presented by Sakiyna Switzer, Student Ambassador
  o 3 items on plan – Leadership Forums, Leadership Film Series and Passing the Torch Ceremony

- Sports & Recreation – $67,779
  o Planning to add Track & Field
  o Member Isela Herrera congratulates the team (Women’s Basketball), Ms. Dass (Director) and the staff for their success

- Health and Wellness – $4,933
  o Put practically all of the budget into fitness classes (Salsa, Boot Camp and Zumba)
  o Buying reusable water bottles for participants

- Student Activities – $10,000
  o Helping SGA with the SGA Scholarship ($500 contribution)

- SGA Stipends – $32,729
  o Revised spending plan presented
Three members will not receive stipends

Motion to allocate $6,279 from SGA Stipends line to SGA Programming line – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vázquez
  - Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved

Question raised regarding 3 members not receiving stipends
Executive Secretary is a member of USS and opted to receive a stipend from them instead
Dean Gómez – could have a side conversation regarding the other 2 members

- SGA Programming – $40,168 ($33,889 from line + $6,279 from Stipends line)
  - Revised spending plan presented
  - Plan includes projected use of $6,279 transferred from Stipends line

Unused Fall 2016 budgets
- Motion to disencumber $3,771.98 from clubs that did not use their budget last semester – Isela Herrera, Joel Avendaño
  - Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Question: Were these the only funds not used?
  - Jerry Rosa – These were the budgets that were not used at all. There are budgets that still have a small balance and we have a few that still have pending invoices.
  - VP Cruz – Seems like 95% of the funds were effectively used
- Have to assess if we gave out all the funds and if the college community used it effectively
- Used to be a larger percentage of unused funds in prior years
- Need to welcome new VP for Institutional Advancement at the next meeting

Club Assistance line
- Initial budget cap was in the amount of $1,550 per club
- Cap was reduced to $1,500 when the request for budget proposals went out
- Revised budget cap created a balance of $10,488 on Clubs & Organizations line
- Willy Baez – students get creative when you set up a cap; need to be strict about limits
- Dean Gómez – Need some flexibility at times. Club Assistance line could help in second round (supplemental funds).
- Motion to create Club Assistance line in the amount of $10,488 – Sosima Vázquez, Isela Herrera
  - Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved

Pinning Assistance line
- Traditional events every Spring
- Cost of renting theater is pretty high
- Line would be used to help clubs planning this type of event
- Goal is not to provide full budget request, but to help out as much as possible
• Motion to create Pinning Assistance line in the amount of $3,716.22 – Willy Báez, Mohamadou Ouaba
  o Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved

Budget Subcommittee for recurring proposals
• Clubs and organizations that organize recurring events could have funds approved via a subcommittee
• Examples include English Club (Dramatic Reading Contest), Theater Club (trip to see a play) and Hostos Repertory Theater (theater production)
• Motion to create subcommittee for review of recurring event proposals – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vázquez
  o Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved
• Joel Avendaño will replace Sayonara Díaz on the subcommittee

Adjournment
• Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary