

## 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
  - Consistent with the breakdown for Fall 2016
  - Biggest allocation goes to Pre-K for All
  - Enrollment has increased steadily
  - Opened a new classroom
- Leadership Development – \$5,770
  - Presented by Sakiyna Switzer, Student Ambassador
  - 3 items on plan – Leadership Forums, Leadership Film Series and Passing the Torch Ceremony
- Sports & Recreation – \$67,779
  - Planning to add Track & Field
  - Member Isela Herrera congratulates the team (Women's Basketball), Ms. Dass (Director) and the staff for their success
- Health and Wellness – \$4,933
  - Put practically all of the budget into fitness classes (Salsa, Boot Camp and Zumba)
  - Buying reusable water bottles for participants
- Student Activities – \$10,000
  - Helping SGA with the SGA Scholarship (\$500 contribution)
- SGA Stipends – \$32,729
  - 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 Programing – \$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
  - 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
  - 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