Hostos Association Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 | 12:00pm – 1:00pm | D-210

Minutes

In attendance
• Nathaniel Cruz
• Thierno Diallo
• Doritha Antwi
• Johanna Gómez
• Mauricette Gbenenoui
• Inzamamdeen Kassim
• Jerry Rosa
• Sakiyna Switzer
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• Doritha Antwi
• Inés Alejandro Soriano

Call to order
• Meeting called to order at 12:07pm. Quorum established.

Review of minutes meeting 08/02/17
• Minutes reviewed and approved

Association Board Elections
• Chair – President or designee; usually SDEM Vice President
• Vice Chair – Dean of Students
• Secretary – Director of Student Activities
• SGA President is listed as a member on the Association Bylaws and he/she nominates the other student representatives
• SGA President Thierno Diallo nominates Mauricette Gbenenoui, Sakiyna Switzer, Doritha Antwi, Inzamamdeen Kassim and Inés Alejandro Soriano
• Motion to appoint nominated student representatives: Inzamamdeen Kassim, Sakiyna Switzer
  o Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved
• Motion to appoint VP Cruz as Chair: Sakiyna Switzer, Thierno Diallo
  o Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved
• Motion to appoint Dean Gómez as Vice Chair: Sakiyna Switzer, Doritha Antwi
  o Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved
• Motion to appoint Jerry Rosa as Secretary: Mauricette Gbenenoui, Sakiyna Switzer
  o Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved

Review of line balances
• All line balances reviewed
• Line balances are not final – registration functions and collection of fees are still ongoing
• VP Cruz – the SGA Programming, Stipends and Clubs & Organizations give you the opportunity to make your presence felt
• There was a time when clubs would only get budgets of $150 to $200

Member Inés Alejandro enters meeting at 12:21pm
Discussion about Club Startup Budget Proposal

- Proposal is being presented because there are several days with no classes – tends to cause delays as far as being able to hold the Budget Meeting
- There are clubs that have events planned for late September or early October – proposal would assist these clubs
- Funding contingent on club certification (by SGA)
- Clubs have the option to request the startup funds or follow the standard format and submit a full budget request later on
- If funds are not used, they will be put back into the Clubs & Organizations line
- Motion to approve budget in the amount of $10,300: Inzamamdeen Kassim, Sakiyna Switzer
  - Vote: 8, 0, 0 – motion approved

Discussion about Club Assistance line and Budget Cap

- Concept behind budget cap explained
  - There were some instances in years past when budgets in the range of $3,000 to $5,000 were approved and that left other clubs without funds
  - Cap created to make sure that all clubs have an opportunity to receive a budget
  - Returning clubs that were active are usually awarded a larger budget
  - Revived or new clubs (with no record of productivity for the previous year) are awarded smaller budgets
- VP Cruz – smaller budget not intended to serve a punitive purpose; intent is to protect the students (by getting them accustomed to the event-planning process)
- Thierno Diallo – Can we see the proposals in advance?
  - Jerry Rosa – organizations are asked to submit proposals to Student Activities about a week before the meeting
  - Proposals are scanned and sent in advance to the board members for review
  - Board members can discuss proposals that raise questions with the club leaders before the meeting takes place
- VP Cruz – club leaders should be given latitude (as far as the type of activities that they can organize)
- Motion to approve Club Assistance line ($3,800) and Budget Cap – Doritha Antwi, Mauricette Gbenenoui
  - Vote: 7, 0, 1 – motion approved

Review of Earmark spending plans

- Health & Wellness - $5,500
  - Basically instructor fees
  - Offering Yoga, Meditation, African Dance, Self-Defense and Zumba classes
  - Supplies - $1,000
  - Why is the Zumba instructor paid $100 per class?
• Instructor has been with us for over 4 years, class is very popular, usually have around 25 students per class
  - Meditation starts September 28th – testing out session on Thursday mornings
  - Was the self-defense class offered in the past?
    - Yes, by Public Safety, but it used to be done on Saturdays and was only open to females. This class will be open to all (male and females)

• Sports and Recreation - $68,200
  - Coaching staff for Men’s & Women’s basketball as well as Men’s & Women’s Track and Field
  - Why is the cost of the Pool listed at $5,000?
    - Includes equipment and lifeguard
  - How many staff members for each sport?
    - About 5-6 (roles explained)
  - Staff for Track & Field based on the number of students – about 15 students = about 4-5 staff
  - Other costs associated with the teams are gas, food, hotel costs, tournament fees, etc.
  - Staff also handles stats which have to be entered within 48 hours or the college is penalized
  - Doritha Antwi – would be more helpful if the spending plan was more detailed
  - What about the CUNY AC (Athletic Conference)? Do they offer funding support?
    - Mr. Poole – have to pay to attend their recognition events
  - Tournaments are expected, but are not listed on the spending plan
  - Athletics also does space rentals for upkeep purposes
  - In terms of tournaments, the unit asks Administration and Finance for support
  - What does the event staff do?
    - Set up the space, serve as hosts, supervise lockers during games, etc.
  - Usually asked to serve as a host site for CUNY Tournaments – unit incurs staffing costs

• Children’s Center - $20,550
  - Dean presents on behalf of Children’s Center staff due to a medical emergency at the facility
  - Center has increased enrollment by about 60%
  - VP Cruz – Although on campus, Children’s Center is an enterprise like the Hostos Center
  - Mauricette Gbenenou – would like spending plan to be more detailed
  - Dean Gómez – would be good to provide earmarks with a template to follow

• Leadership Development - $5,298.76
  - Monthly Forums will be held in JFK Room
  - Model U.N. – have to rent a van, college vans are not available
  - Why are only $400 allocated for the Scholarship Orientations?
• Only serving snacks
  o Why doesn’t the college pay for the van (for the Model U.N.)?
    ▪ Administration helps at times
  o Athletics has priority in terms of use of vans
    ▪ Teams are mandated to attend games – to avoid going on conference probation

• Student Activities - $10,000
  o Recreational activities include events like the Hostos Welcome Day
  o Office collaborates with other units that organize events and offers funding support
  o Hardship Assistance funds used based on referrals from staff or programs helping out students who are facing challenging situations (public assistance cancelled, etc.)

**Member Sakiyna Switzer departs meeting at 1:08pm**

• SGA Programming - $34,100
  o About 20 activities, scholarships, supplies and meetings
  o VP Cruz – this is very rich; going to be watching you all
  o Look forward to an activities brochure – have support of our graphic designer
  o Recommend that you collaborate on some activities with our staff (for example: Sexual Harassment)
  o Dean Gómez – give me dates so that I can help recruit facilitators
  o VP Cruz – Can we use the word “Christmas” for the Secret Santa?
    ▪ Dean Gómez – Holiday Celebration sounds more politically-correct

• SGA Stipends - $32,000
  o VP Cruz – Did the Senate vote on the amount of each stipend?
    ▪ Yes

**Adjournment**
• Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary