Hostos Association Budget Meeting
Thursday, March 23, 2017 | 1:00pm – 1:50pm | C-534

Minutes

In attendance
- Ken Acquah (alternate for Senior VP)
- Nathaniel Cruz
- Sosima Vazquez
- Isela Herrera
- Willy Baez Lara
- Joel Avendaño

Call to order
- Meeting called to order at 1:00pm. Quorum established.

Review of minutes from last meeting
- Minutes reviewed and approved

Review of Clubs & Organizations line balance
- Line balance revised – now $90,000 (instead of $85,488)
- Club Assistance line – balance of $10,488
- Pinning Assistance line – balance of $3,716.22

Review of Budget Proposals Summary
- 52 proposals submitted (48 clubs, 4 non-student)

Report by Budget Subcommittee
- Committee reviewed and pre-approved 40 club proposals and 3 non-student proposals
- VP Cruz commends subcommittee; work done is reflective of use of critical skills
- Pre-approved closed to 80% of the proposal submitted
- Motion to approve budget of $54,971 for pre-approved club proposals – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vazquez
  o Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Motion to approve budget of $4,490 for pre-approved non-student proposals – Isela Herrera, Joel Avendaño
  o Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved

Review of proposals
- Nursing Club
  o Professor King (advisor) – I know that it is a lot of money (the proposal), but consider that the average Nursing student is here for 7 semesters and pays Student Activity Fees every semester and that money adds up
  o Requesting $4,970, but could do ceremony for $3,000
  o Isela Herrera – willing to approve $2,500
  o VP Cruz – could approve $2,500 with consideration for a second review
- Motion to approve budget of $2,500 ($1,500 C&O + $1,000 Pinning Assistance) with consideration for a second review – Isela Herrera, Joel Avendaño
  - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved

- Pre-Allied Health Club
  - Department able to raise standardized testing scores
  - Requesting funds to offer scholarships to students who need extra assistance preparing for exams
  - Would allocate as needed for online workshop
  - Sosima Vazquez – request seems to be coming from department; would like student perspective
  - Can students contribute $25 (with the Association contributing $75 per student)?
  - Motion to approve budget of $3,000 ($1,500 C&O + $1,500 Club Assistance) with the condition that students contribute $25 of the cost – Sosima Vazquez, Isela Herrera
    - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved

- Veterans Club
  - Planning four (4) events – to help build comradery
  - Willy Baez – not supportive of the idea of the Yankee game and Bronx Zoo trip
  - Reasons: Only 20 students per event; encouraging students to do events that benefit more students at the college
  - Club officer – wanted to continue Yankee game tradition (went last couple of years)
  - Motion to approve budget of $1,700 – Willy Baez, Sosima Vazquez
    - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved

- Physics Club, Science Club, Robotics Club and STEM Research Club
  - Organizing 3 strong events
  - T-shirts show unity – in unity, there is strength
  - Motion to award budget of $1,600 to each club – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vazquez
    - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved

- X-Ray Club
  - Proposal revised – forgot to include awards which increases budget to $2,600
  - Motion to approve budget of $2,500 ($1,500 C&O + $1,000 Pinning Assistance) – Isela Herrera, Willy Baez
    - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved

- Dental Hygiene Club
  - Motion to approve budget of $2,372 ($1,500 C&O + $872 Pinning Assistance) – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vazquez
    - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved
Assessment

- 48 of 49 clubs submitted proposals and were approved (around 95%)
- VP Cruz – Do you consider that the funds that you approved were a good investment?
  - Isela Herrera – Attended many of the activities; many of them were worth it. No feedback in terms of trips (did not attend).
- Pinning Assistance line helped avoid funds being consumed by Allied Health clubs
- Subcommittee saved a lot of time (by reviewing proposals in advanced)
- VP Cruz – hoping that the clubs could have mini retreats to help things run more smoothly
  - Willy Baez – thought about doing a camp; open to all students, not just club leaders

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm
Hostos Association Meeting
Thursday, March 23, 2017 | 1:50pm – 2:00pm | C-534

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In attendance

- Ken Acquah (alternate for Senior VP)
- Willy Baez Lara
- Joel Avendaño
- Nathaniel Cruz
- Sosima Vazquez
- Jerry Rosa
- Isela Herrera

Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 1:42pm. Quorum established.

Certification of Budget Meeting transactions

- Motion to certify Budget Meeting transactions – Jerry Rosa, Sosima Vazquez
  - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – motion approved

Review of line balances

- Clubs & Organizations has an approximate balance of $20,051
- Club Assistance has an approximate balance of $8,988
- Pinning Assistance has an approximate balance of $844

Filters for water refill stations

- Willy Baez – I do not see why the students need to pay for the filters. Could the administration pay for them?
- VP Cruz – will see if SDEM or Administration & Finance could cover the cost in the future
- Motion to approve $1,049.91 for water filters with the condition that there is a discussion with SDEM and Administration & Finance regarding purchasing future filters – Willy Baez, Joel Avendaño
  - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – motion approved (Club Assistance)

SOAR Retreat

- SGA and Student Activities set aside funds, but still need $3,856 to cover the rest of the costs
- Motion to approve $3,856 for SOAR Retreat – Sosima Vazquez, Isela Herrera
  - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – motion approved (Club Assistance)

Charging stations

- Isela Herrera – I do not agree with this request; it is too frivolous
- Joel Avendaño – I do not agree either, we have outlets that students can use
- Sosima Vazquez – Students charge phones while in class. Not a priority. Class should be the priority.
- Proposal rejected
Proposed Student Activity Fee (SAF) increase

- Presentation by Krishna Dass, Athletics Director
  - Looking to provide expanded services, hours and teams
  - More success = more costly
  - People reaching out nationwide for our athletes
  - An engaged student is a retained student
  - Most engagement happens in athletic programs
  - Enrollment and budget lower than other CUNY colleges
  - At present – supplement through rental activities
  - SAF increase will go volumes
  - Other colleges have separate allocations (earmarks) for Athletics and Recreation
  - Asking for support of student leadership (SGA)
  - Last increase – over 14 years ago
- VP Cruz – you hit a flat enrollment plus inflation ($60 then equals about $48 now)
  - I know this is a tough time, but it was a tough time in 2002
- Krishna Dass – did referendum at other colleges
  - You have to show the value – exposure, additional hours, additional services, community service, leadership development, etc.
- VP Cruz – language and format (of petition) should go to Dean, Jerry, Labor Designee and Central Office
- Willy Baez – everyone benefits
- Krishna Dass – more sports = additional 50 students (that register at the college)
  - Student athletes will take the lead (getting the signatures)

Assessment

- VP Cruz – $5 to $10 SAF increase is not a lot
  - We have the smallest number of teams in all of CUNY
  - Cannot add more teams if you do not have the resources
  - Our students deserve the best extracurricular activities

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary