Hostos Association Meeting

Thursday, February 27, 2020 | 12:30pm – 1:15pm | A-307A

Minutes

In attendance
- Nathaniel Cruz
- Jerry Rosa
- Leana Santana
- Charles Drago
- Kelvin Pineda
- Johanna Gómez
- Muiz Agbaje

Call to order
- Meeting called to order at 12:45pm. Quorum established.

Review of minutes from prior meeting
- Minutes reviewed and approved

Appointment of new student representative
- Motion to appoint Lusleidy Pérez as a new student representative – Kelvin Pineda, Leana Santana
  - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved

Review of line balances
- All line balances read by Jerry Rosa
- Student Health Services line used for programming and student insurance
- Question: Can balance of Media & Communication line be moved to the SGA Programming line with the stipulation that students start a newspaper?
  - Suggestion – Use funds for S.O.A.R. Retreat (since part of its purpose is to improve communication among students)
- Motion to allocate $4,153.46 from Media & Communication to SOAR Retreat – Kelvin Pineda, Leana Santana
  - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
- Fall stipends has a remaining balance of $5,505.99
- Motion to move the Fall stipends balance to Spring stipends line – Kelvin Pineda, Muiz Agbaje
  - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
- Motion to allocate $3,122.96 from Reserve to Stipends – Muiz Agbaje, Kelvin Pineda
  - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
- Motion to allocate an additional $500 from Reserve to Stipends – Muiz Agbaje, Kelvin Pineda
  - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
- Motion to allocate $2,600 from Reserve to SGA Programming – Muiz Agbaje, Kelvin Pineda
• Question: How much (money) is in the Reserve?
  • VP Cruz – there should be a minimum set aside
  • Traditionally used at the college for Commencement
  • Student activity fee has not increased in 17 years
  • Questions: How is the Student Health Services line divided? Can we set $1,000 for the Nurse?
    • Jerry Rosa – line divided 70/30 for student health insurance/programming
  • Student activity fee increase would provide funds for Health & Wellness and the Nurse (shall it pass)
  • VP Cruz – if you constantly move funds to another line, you are compromising the integrity of the line

Review of Earmark spending plans
• Children’s Center - $17,357
  • Not submitted in time to make photocopies for meeting

• Leadership Development
  • SOAR T-shirts – reduced to $589 (Student Activities will cover the difference)
  • Spending plan adjusted to $4,711.06 so that it matches the allocation
  • Question: Can we move funds from Reserve to Leadership Development?
    • Jerry Rosa – would like to run figures by Mr. Acquah first
    • VP Cruz – calculate all figures, meet with Mr. Acquah to review, check if there is enough funding to use without impacting graduation

• Student Health Services – $4,319
  • Question: In lieu of infection control, are you planning any workshops to make students aware of hand washing?
    • Just got off the phone with the CDC (Center for Disease Control), will need to come up with a tabling event (works better than classrooms)
  • Question: Do you anticipate that we will have mobile units here for Q&A?
    • Introducing slowly to avoid hysteria, miscommunication
  • Question: Can you send out a digital notice?
    • Dean Gómez – Ms. MacFarlane already sent out communication

• Motion to extend meeting 5 minutes – Johanna Gómez, Kelvin Pineda
  • Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved

• Sports & Recreation – $58,353
  • Director has a meeting – Dean presents on their behalf
  • Both Women’s Basketball and Men’s Basketball are doing really well
  • Several student scholars
  • Men’s Basketball – Coach of the Year and Rookie of the Year
  • Women’s Basketball could 3-peat
Director completed search process to hire an Aquatics Manager (supervise regular use and rentals)
Looking for sponsorships to replace outdated equipment
VP Cruz – thanks to SGA for restarting Men’s Soccer, Women’s Volleyball

- **Student Activities – $8,675**
  - Question: Why are hardship grants and scholarships only $400? That is very low
  - VP Cruz – if student activity fee is increased, we could set aside more Reserve funds for hardships
  - Muiz Agbaje – SGA set aside $12,000 for scholarships
  - VP Cruz – SDEM set aside some funds for Veterans Scholarship
  - Motion to allocate $300 to Veterans Scholarship from the SGA Programming line with the condition that $3,000 in matching funds be received from a donor – Kelvin Pineda, Charles Drago
  - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved

- **Motion to extend meeting 5 minutes – Johanna Gómez, Charles Drago**
  - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved

- **SGA Stipends – $27,978**
  - Accepted as presented

- **SGA Programming – $34,000 ($29,176 available)**
  - Some events upcoming, several done
  - Masquerade Ball budget reallocated to Women’s Resiliency Conference

**Review of Budget Cap Model**
- Summary given by Jerry Rosa
- Motion approve budget cap model – Jerry Rosa, Muiz Agbaje
  - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved

**Report about Student Activity Fee referendum**
- Will discuss at next meeting

**Adjournment**
- Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary