Hostos Association Meeting

Friday, August 14, 2020 | 9:30am – 10:30am | Zoom

Minutes

In attendance
- Esther Rodríguez-Chardavoyne
- Natasha Yannacañedo
- Jerry Rosa
- Brian Carter
- Charles Drago
- Albert Lai
- Muiz Agbaje
- Admiya Kyemtore
- Johanna Gómez
- Edme Soho
- Leana Santana

Guests
- Erik Smiles
- Jason Libfeld

Call to order
- Meeting called to order at 9:42am. Quorum established.

Review of agenda
- Albert Lai will do the budget presentation (item 6) in place of Ken Acquah

Review of minutes
- Motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting: Muiz Agbaje, Charles Drago
  o Vote: 9, 0, 0 – motion approved

Association Board Elections
- Jerry Rosa reviews Association Bylaws regarding membership
- Motion to appoint student representatives and Association officers: Charles Drago, Muiz Agbaje
  o Vote: 9, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Student representatives: Muiz Agbaje, Leana Santana, Lusleidy Pérez, Brian Carter, Admiya Kyemtore and Reyna Soto
- Association officers: SVP Esther Rodríguez-Chardavoyne (Chair), Johanna Gómez (Deputy Chairperson), Ken Acquah (Treasurer) and Jerry Rosa (Secretary)

Budget presentation by Albert Lai
- $50,226 collected as a result of Summer enrollment
- Nothing spent as of yet

Review of line balances
- Albert Lai reads balances
- Aponte Fund has a balance of $2,303.03
- Jerry Rosa gives an explanation of the Aponte Fund
Fund established after the Men’s Basketball Team won its national championship
Ceremony (gala) was held to raise funds
Funds raised utilized to assist athletic teams

Review of earmark spending plans

- **Sports & Recreation (Athletics) - $10,667.55**
  - Presented by Director Erik Smiles
  - Not aware that Aponte Fund existed – will create fundraising efforts
  - Set aside $1,167.55 towards an e-sports licensing fee
  - Question: What is the variety of e-sports that you are considering?
    - NJCAA offers 20 sports (football and soccer included)
    - NJCAA pays licensing fee
    - Students can compete for regional and national championship
  - Question: Could we try to set up a tournament for October (begin promoting in September)?
    - Will work on that
  - Question: Do they give prizes?
    - Winners receive plaques
  - The tournament is coed
  - SVP – work with Jerry, Jason and SGA to set up the tournament
  - Question: Do people have to sign in?
    - They have to register
  - SVP – could set up a Hostos group

- **Student Health Services – $1,422.34**
  - Dean Gómez presents on behalf of Ursula Sanders
  - Health and Wellness has been providing ongoing services to students (food pantry and others)
  - Question: Will the washable masks have the Hostos logo?
    - Students might ask, “Where can I get one?”
    - SVP – would prefer that the mask does not have the logo

- **Student Activities – $1,777.92**
  - Jerry Rosa gives a summary

- **Member Admiya Kyemtore enters meeting**

- **SGA Stipends - $4,444.81**
  - Presented by Muiz Agbaje
  - Summer one-time stipend

- **SGA Programming - $5,333.77**
  - Will send out surveys to engage students
Jerry (Rosa) gave us some (event) ideas
- Might give some gift cards to Athletics (for the e-sports tournament) if we have some left
- SVP – I like that SGA is giving out its own “stimulus package”

Discussion about moving AY 2019-2020 balances
- Albert Lai gives a report – no funds available
- Reserve has a balance of over negative $4,000
- Jerry Rosa – since there is no SGA Summer Retreat and part of the funds normally come from Clubs & Organizations, perhaps we could use some of the C&O money to support SGA initiatives
- SVP – could help students who owe and do not have enough money to pay
- Muiz Agbaje – would like the $12K to be in the spending power of SGA
- SVP – would make friendly amendment that $10K be used instead of $12K
- Jerry Rosa – would recommend that half be used for hardships, half for SGA initiatives
- Question: What department handles the (hardship) funds?
  - Dean in collaboration with the Bursar’s Office
- Dean Gómez – emergency need-based grants are handled by the VP’s office
  - There is an online form
  - Everything is documented
- Question: What would be some of the requirements (so as not to exclude some students)?
  - Dean – vary throughout the years
  - There are processes in place by which all students could receive assistance (some through private donations)
- Motion to allocate $6,200 (from Clubs & Organizations) towards Tuition Assistance and $6,245.47 towards SGA Initiatives – Muiz Agbaje, Brian Carter
  - Vote: 10, 0, 0 – motion approved

Assessment
- Question: Can I get a report about the minus $4,000 plus Reserve balance that was previously mentioned?
  - Albert Lai – will work on that
- Brian Carter – can we allocated the (Fall) budget for SGA Meetings Food to more useful purposes?
  - Muiz Agbaje – will do that

Adjournment
- Meeting adjourned at 10:37am

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary