

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
 - 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
 - Vote: 9, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Student representatives: Muiz Agbaje, Leana Santana, Lusleidy Pérez, Brian Carter, Amdiya 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