

Hostos Association Meeting

Friday, August 27, 2021 | 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. | Zoom

Minutes

In attendance

Members

- Bouampoundi Thiombiano
- Emmanuel Velayos Larrabure
- Nicole Wallenbrock
- Natasha Yannacañedo
- Brian Carter
- Jerry Rosa
- Johanna Gómez
- Albert Lai (alternate)

Guests

- Jason Libfeld
- Erik Smiles
- Lissette Medina
- Manuel Livingston
- Ursula Sanders

Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 11:01 a.m. Quorum established.

Review of agenda

- No changes

Review of minutes

- Motion to approve minutes: Natasha Yannacañedo, Brian Carter
- Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved

Review of Hostos Association Bylaws sections regarding membership

- Jerry Rosa provides a summary of the Association's composition
- Elections will be held once SGA fills its vacancies (and assigns additional students to serve on the Association)

Review of line balances

- Albert Lai gives a summary of the line balances
- Jerry Rosa explains specific and non-specific lines
- Specific – the line has a specific entity/purpose assigned to it (for example: Children's Center and Commencement)

- Non-specific – the line does not have a specific entity assigned to it (for example: Clubs and Organizations); the line is open to budget requests from several organizations

Review of Earmark spending plans

- Balance of all lines increased once the Bursar was able to provide a more accurate report of the fees that were collected
- Sports and Recreation (Athletics) increased to \$9,344.45
 - Dean Gómez – revise spending plan and send to Mr. Rosa
- Health and Wellness
 - Increased to \$1,245
 - Jerry Rosa explains breakdown of student health insurance/programming budget
 - 60 percent of the budget is used for student health insurance costs, 40 percent for programming
 - Ursula will revise the spending plan
 - Dean Gómez thanks Health and Wellness for clearing students so that they could go to class
- Student Activities
 - Increased to \$1,557.41
 - Jerry Rosa gives a summary
- SGA Stipends
 - Increased to \$3,893.52
 - Brian Carter gives a summary (each member will receive the same amount)
- SGA Programming
 - Increased to \$4,672.23
 - Will be doing some in-person events
 - Will collaborate with Health and Wellness as well as Counseling
 - Want to get a sense of normalcy
 - Dean Gómez applauds SGA for their efforts
 - Will do health lifestyle workshop with Health and Wellness (discuss approaches besides vaccination)

Review of budget proposals

- Presentation by Lissette Medina
- Requesting \$630 for graduation dinner
- Will give out pins (during the dinner) to acknowledge graduates
- Professor Yannacañedo – the proposal does not mention pins
- Question: Is gratuity normally included on budget proposals?
- Jerry Rosa – included because the restaurant would be providing service to such a large group
- Motion to approve budget in the amount of \$630.00: Professor Yannacañedo, Professor Wallenbrock
- Vote: 7, 0, 0 – motion approved

Upcoming budget meetings

- Dean Gómez – Can you give a summary of how funds will be assigned to future proposals?
- Jerry Rosa – we will check how many clubs are registered and how many other entities are requesting funds and will set up a budget cap based on the funds available
- Clubs and other entities will submit proposals based on the budget cap
- Most organizations usually follow the budget cap and we are able to approve the proposals without much difficulty

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary