Hostos Association Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 | 11:00am – 12:00pm | Zoom

Minutes

In attendance
- Esther Rodríguez-Chardavoyne
- Natasha Yannacañedo
- Muiz Agbaje
- Brian Carter
- Ken Acquah
- Elys Vásquez-Iscán
- Jerry Rosa
- Edme Soho
- Leana Santana
- Amdiya Kyemtore
- Lusleidy Pérez
- Reyna Soto

Call to order
- Meeting called to order at 11:02am. Quorum established.

Welcome to new member
- SVP Rodríguez-Chardavoyne welcomes new member Prof. Vásquez-Iscán

Review of agenda
- No changes

Review of minutes
- Motion to approve minutes from prior meeting: Lusleidy Pérez, Brian Carter
- Vote: 10, 0, 1 – motion approved

Review of line balances
- Ken Acquah reads all the earmark line balances

Review of earmark spending plans
- Children’s Center - $22,338.12
- Jerry Rosa presents on behalf of the unit
- Question: Will the budget be used for online instruction?
- Question: What kind of services will be provided?
- Jerry Rosa – will need to discuss those questions with the Children’s Center
- Question: If the center does not open, does the money stay on the account?
- SVP Rodríguez-Chardavoyne – Yes, the funds are part of the referendum; they automatically get them
- SVP Rodriguez-Chardavoyne – Funds will be on hold until the unit gives an itemized breakdown of how they plan to use them

Leadership Development - $4,866.24
- Jerry Rosa presents on behalf of the unit
- Approved as presented
Sports & Recreation - $73,502.70
- Director Erik Smiles presents spending plan
- Planning for a January start (to the sports seasons)
- Dues for Region 15
- Equipment – volleyballs, basketballs, etc.
- SVP Rodríguez-Chardavoyne – concerned about the travel portion (of the spending plan)
- Erik Smiles – all games will be within region (Westchester and Long Island)
- Question: How are they managing testing (for COVID-19)?
- Region 15 and CUNY Athletic Conference put testing protocol in place
- All student athletes would have to present negative test results
- Testing will follow every 2 weeks
- We are a commuter school – cannot set up a bubble like other schools
- Approved as presented

Student Health Services - $5,547.43
- Ursula Sanders presents spending plan
- SVP Rodríguez-Chardavoyne – speak to Diahann McFarlane about sanitizers (need to have adequate level of alcohol)
- Question: Will faculty evaluate the essay contest?
- Yes, volunteers from the English Department
- Question: Can students access Blackboard through the proposed laptop?
- Yes, Acer laptops used a lot by students. Will double-check.
- Question: Will you have enough bags?
- We should. Students are normally asked to bring their own bag. Bags will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Question: Will you have alternate snacks for students who suffer from allergies? Crackers perhaps?
- We order nuts without peanuts because they have protein. We also have other items.
- Approved as presented

Student Activities - $11,169.06
- Question: How are you able to tally the votes for the previous motions (since some members are not on video)?
- Jerry Rosa – these are spending plans, so no vote is needed. They were pre-approved through the referendum.
- Question: When are the graduation updates going out?
- We already had a few events. Held an event the first week of classes. Just posted an announcement about the last week to apply for graduation on The Link.
- We have two social media groups (Facebook and Instagram) plus an email address. We reply to questions within 24 hours.
- Question: Does SSCU (Student Success Coaching Unit) get these updates?
• Yes, in fact, they often repost our social media announcements. We also have several coaches who signed up to receive email updates.
• Question: What are some general recreational events?
• We held events for Welcome Week and a few others. Students who tag us or who follow us are entered into raffles for electronic gift cards.
• Approved as presented

SGA Stipends - $34,410.98
• Moving balance of $1,090.98 from Stipends to Programming
• SVP Rodríguez-Chardavoyne – student stipends approved by the Board of Trustees
• Approved as presented

SGA Programming - $36,751.35
• Adding balance of $1,090.98 from Stipends
• Question: How are you planning to manage the scholarships?
• Scholarships will be handled through the Scholarship Office
• Will have Merit, Hardship and Need-based scholarships like in past semesters
• SVP Rodríguez-Chardavoyne – happy to hear that you are collaborating (with the college) to help students in need
• SVP Rodríguez-Chardavoyne – the word “money” on giveaways troubles me
• The Association gets audited every year
• We really need to document how the funds are used
• Question: Could you explain what the supplies are for?
• Will be mostly apparel
• Approved as presented

Questions from members
• Question: How were last year’s Commencement, Children’s Center and Tech Fee budgets spent?
• SVP Rodríguez-Chardavoyne – we did the analysis; no money left over; some lines overspent
• Will share audit report soon
• Tech Fee funds were used to support virtual instruction, including tutoring and software
• The college is no longer able to pay for the accountant that manages the Association and Auxiliary books; the fee is split between the two entities
• The technology fee sits on its own; it has nothing to do with the Association
• We can provide you a copy of last year’s spending plan
• A large portion (of the Tech Fee) went to the library – laptops, calculators (to lend out)
• Question: Were there any student reps (on the Tech Fee Committee)?
• We always had more than 6 students; your predecessor was part of it
Motion to extend meeting
- Motion to extend meeting 10 minutes: Muiz Agbaje, Brian Carter
- Vote: 11, 0, 0 – motion approved

Discussion about budget for clubs and non-student organization proposals
- Jerry Rosa presents budget cap model for Fall 2020
- Requesting a total of $57,500
- Question: What happens to the line balance (close to $40,000)?
- The balance rolls over to the Spring
- We anticipate that we will be on campus and that there will be more active clubs
- Motion to approve budget cap model for Fall 2020 – Muiz Agbaje, Lusleidy Pérez
- Vote: 11, 0, 0 – motion approved

Assessment
- Comment regarding prior year’s Commencement budget – even though the ceremony did not take place, we still paid to order diplomas and other items
- Question: Can we see a Commencement spending plan?
- SVP Rodríguez-Chardavoyne – will have a better sense (of the projected expenses) by December
- Question: Can we get a report of the number of student enrolled?
- SVP Rodríguez-Chardavoyne – will send final numbers; number of students and fees paid

Adjournment
- Meeting adjourned at 12:12pm

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary
The following club and non-student organization budgets were approved based on the Budget Cap Model mentioned on page 4.

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