

Hostos Association Budget Meeting
Thursday, March 23, 2017 | 1:00pm – 1:50pm | C-534

Minutes

In attendance

- Ken Acquah (alternate for Senior VP)
- Nathaniel Cruz
- Willy Baez Lara
- Sosima Vazquez
- Isela Herrera
- Joel Avendaño

Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 1:00pm. Quorum established.

Review of minutes from last meeting

- Minutes reviewed and approved

Review of Clubs & Organizations line balance

- Line balance revised – now \$90,000 (instead of \$85,488)
- Club Assistance line – balance of \$10,488
- Pinning Assistance line – balance of \$3,716.22

Review of Budget Proposals Summary

- 52 proposals submitted (48 clubs, 4 non-student)

Report by Budget Subcommittee

- Committee reviewed and pre-approved 40 club proposals and 3 non-student proposals
- VP Cruz commends subcommittee; work done is reflective of use of critical skills
- Pre-approved closed to 80% of the proposal submitted
- Motion to approve budget of \$54,971 for pre-approved club proposals – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vazquez
 - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Motion to approve budget of \$4,490 for pre-approved non-student proposals – Isela Herrera, Joel Avendaño
 - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved

Review of proposals

- Nursing Club
 - Professor King (advisor) – I know that it is a lot of money (the proposal), but consider that the average Nursing student is here for 7 semesters and pays Student Activity Fees every semester and that money adds up
 - Requesting \$4,970, but could do ceremony for \$3,000
 - Isela Herrera – willing to approve \$2,500
 - VP Cruz – could approve \$2,500 with consideration for a second review

- Motion to approve budget of \$2,500 (\$1,500 C&O + \$1,000 Pinning Assistance) with consideration for a second review – Isela Herrera, Joel Avendaño
 - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Pre-Allied Health Club
 - Department able to raise standardized testing scores
 - Requesting funds to offer scholarships to students who need extra assistance preparing for exams
 - Would allocate as needed for online workshop
 - Sosima Vazquez – request seems to be coming from department; would like student perspective
 - Can students contribute \$25 (with the Association contributing \$75 per student)?
 - Motion to approve budget of \$3,000 (\$1,500 C&O + \$1,500 Club Assistance) with the condition that students contribute \$25 of the cost – Sosima Vazquez, Isela Herrera
 - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Veterans Club
 - Planning four (4) events – to help build comradery
 - Willy Baez – not supportive of the idea of the Yankee game and Bronx Zoo trip
 - Reasons: Only 20 students per event; encouraging students to do events that benefit more students at the college
 - Club officer – wanted to continue Yankee game tradition (went last couple of years)
 - Motion to approve budget of \$1,700 – Willy Baez, Sosima Vazquez
 - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Physics Club, Science Club, Robotics Club and STEM Research Club
 - Organizing 3 strong events
 - T-shirts show unity – in unity, there is strength
 - Motion to award budget of \$1,600 to each club – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vazquez
 - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved
- X-Ray Club
 - Proposal revised – forgot to include awards which increases budget to \$2,600
 - Motion to approve budget of \$2,500 (\$1,500 C&O + \$1,000 Pinning Assistance) – Isela Herrera, Willy Baez
 - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Dental Hygiene Club
 - Motion to approve budget of \$2,372 (\$1,500 C&O + \$872 Pinning Assistance) – Isela Herrera, Sosima Vazquez
 - Vote: 5, 0, 0 – motion approved

Assessment

- 48 of 49 clubs submitted proposals and were approved (around 95%)
- VP Cruz – Do you consider that the funds that you approved were a good investment?
 - Isela Herrera – Attended many of the activities; many of them were worth it. No feedback in terms of trips (did not attend).
- Pinning Assistance line helped avoid funds being consumed by Allied Health clubs
- Subcommittee saved a lot of time (by reviewing proposals in advanced)
- VP Cruz – hoping that the clubs could have mini retreats to help things run more smoothly
 - Willy Baez – thought about doing a camp; open to all students, not just club leaders

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm

Hostos Association Meeting

Thursday, March 23, 2017 | 1:50pm – 2:00pm | C-534

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- Ken Acquah (alternate for Senior VP)
- Willy Baez Lara
- Joel Avendaño
- Nathaniel Cruz
- Sosima Vazquez
- Jerry Rosa
- Isela Herrera

Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 1:42pm. Quorum established.

Certification of Budget Meeting transactions

- Motion to certify Budget Meeting transactions – Jerry Rosa, Sosima Vazquez
 - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – motion approved

Review of line balances

- Clubs & Organizations has an approximate balance of \$20,051
- Club Assistance has an approximate balance of \$8,988
- Pinning Assistance has an approximate balance of \$844

Filters for water refill stations

- Willy Baez – I do not see why the students need to pay for the filters. Could the administration pay for them?
- VP Cruz – will see if SDEM or Administration & Finance could cover the cost in the future
- Motion to approve \$1,049.91 for water filters with the condition that there is a discussion with SDEM and Administration & Finance regarding purchasing future filters – Willy Baez, Joel Avendaño
 - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – motion approved (Club Assistance)

SOAR Retreat

- SGA and Student Activities set aside funds, but still need \$3,856 to cover the rest of the costs
- Motion to approve \$3,856 for SOAR Retreat – Sosima Vazquez, Isela Herrera
 - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – motion approved (Club Assistance)

Charging stations

- Isela Herrera – I do not agree with this request; it is too frivolous
- Joel Avendaño – I do not agree either, we have outlets that students can use
- Sosima Vazquez – Students charge phones while in class. Not a priority. Class should be the priority.
- Proposal rejected

Proposed Student Activity Fee (SAF) increase

- Presentation by Krishna Dass, Athletics Director
 - Looking to provide expanded services, hours and teams
 - More success = more costly
 - People reaching out nationwide for our athletes
 - An engaged student is a retained student
 - Most engagement happens in athletic programs
 - Enrollment and budget lower than other CUNY colleges
 - At present – supplement through rental activities
 - SAF increase will go volumes
 - Other colleges have separate allocations (earmarks) for Athletics and Recreation
 - Asking for support of student leadership (SGA)
 - Last increase – over 14 years ago
- VP Cruz – you hit a flat enrollment plus inflation (\$60 then equals about \$48 now)
 - I know this is a tough time, but it was a tough time in 2002
- Krishna Dass – did referendum at other colleges
 - You have to show the value – exposure, additional hours, additional services, community service, leadership development, etc.
- VP Cruz – language and format (of petition) should go to Dean, Jerry, Labor Designee and Central Office
- Willy Baez – everyone benefits
- Krishna Dass – more sports = additional 50 students (that register at the college)
 - Student athletes will take the lead (getting the signatures)

Assessment

- VP Cruz – \$5 to \$10 SAF increase is not a lot
 - We have the smallest number of teams in all of CUNY
 - Cannot add more teams if you do not have the resources
 - Our students deserve the best extracurricular activities

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary