

Hostos Association Meeting

Thursday, February 27, 2020 | 12:30pm – 1:15pm | A-307A

Minutes

In attendance

- Nathaniel Cruz
- Jerry Rosa
- Leana Santana
- Charles Drago
- Kelvin Pineda
- Johanna Gómez
- Muiz Agbaje

Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 12:45pm. Quorum established.

Review of minutes from prior meeting

- Minutes reviewed and approved

Appointment of new student representative

- Motion to appoint Lusleidy Pérez as a new student representative – Kelvin Pineda, Leana Santana
 - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved

Review of line balances

- All line balances read by Jerry Rosa
- Student Health Services line used for programming and student insurance
- Question: Can balance of Media & Communication line be moved to the SGA Programming line with the stipulation that students start a newspaper?
 - Suggestion – Use funds for S.O.A.R. Retreat (since part of its purpose is to improve communication among students)
- Motion to allocate \$4,153.46 from Media & Communication to SOAR Retreat – Kelvin Pineda, Leana Santana
 - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
- Fall stipends has a remaining balance of \$5,505.99
- Motion to move the Fall stipends balance to Spring stipends line – Kelvin Pineda, Muiz Agbaje
 - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
- Motion to allocate \$3,122.96 from Reserve to Stipends – Muiz Agbaje, Kelvin Pineda
 - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
- Motion to allocate an additional \$500 from Reserve to Stipends – Muiz Agbaje, Kelvin Pineda
 - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
- Motion to allocate \$2,600 from Reserve to SGA Programming – Muiz Agbaje, Kelvin Pineda

- Question: How much (money) is in the Reserve?
- VP Cruz – there should be a minimum set aside
- Traditionally used at the college for Commencement
- Student activity fee has not increased in 17 years
- Questions: How is the Student Health Services line divided? Can we set \$1,000 for the Nurse?
 - Jerry Rosa – line divided 70/30 for student health insurance/programming
- Student activity fee increase would provide funds for Health & Wellness and the Nurse (shall it pass)
- VP Cruz – if you constantly move funds to another line, you are compromising the integrity of the line

Review of Earmark spending plans

- Children’s Center - \$17,357
 - Not submitted in time to make photocopies for meeting
- Leadership Development
 - SOAR T-shirts – reduced to \$589 (Student Activities will cover the difference)
 - Spending plan adjusted to \$4,711.06 so that it matches the allocation
 - Question: Can we move funds from Reserve to Leadership Development?
 - Jerry Rosa – would like to run figures by Mr. Acquah first
 - VP Cruz – calculate all figures, meet with Mr. Acquah to review, check if there is enough funding to use without impacting graduation
- Student Health Services – \$4,319
 - Question: In lieu of infection control, are you planning any workshops to make students aware of hand washing?
 - Just got off the phone with the CDC (Center for Disease Control), will need to come up with a tabling event (works better than classrooms)
 - Question: Do you anticipate that we will have mobile units here for Q&A?
 - Introducing slowly to avoid hysteria, miscommunication
 - Question: Can you send out a digital notice?
 - Dean Gómez – Ms. MacFarlane already sent out communication
- Motion to extend meeting 5 minutes – Johanna Gómez, Kelvin Pineda
 - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
- Sports & Recreation – \$58,353
 - Director has a meeting – Dean presents on their behalf
 - Both Women’s Basketball and Men’s Basketball are doing really well
 - Several student scholars
 - Men’s Basketball – Coach of the Year and Rookie of the Year
 - Women’s Basketball could 3-peat

- Director completed search process to hire an Aquatics Manager (supervise regular use and rentals)
- Looking for sponsorships to replace outdated equipment
- VP Cruz – thanks to SGA for restarting Men’s Soccer, Women’s Volleyball
- Student Activities – \$8,675
 - Question: Why are hardship grants and scholarships only \$400? That is very low
 - VP Cruz – if student activity fee is increased, we could set aside more Reserve funds for hardships
 - Muiz Agbaje – SGA set aside \$12,000 for scholarships
 - VP Cruz – SDEM set aside some funds for Veterans Scholarship
 - Motion to allocate \$300 to Veterans Scholarship from the SGA Programming line with the condition that \$3,000 in matching funds be received from a donor – Kelvin Pineda, Charles Drago
 - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
- Motion to extend meeting 5 minutes – Johanna Gómez, Charles Drago
 - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved
- SGA Stipends – \$27,978
 - Accepted as presented
- SGA Programming – \$34,000 (\$29,176 available)
 - Some events upcoming, several done
 - Masquerade Ball budget reallocated to Women’s Resiliency Conference

Review of Budget Cap Model

- Summary given by Jerry Rosa
- Motion approve budget cap model – Jerry Rosa, Muiz Agbaje
 - Vote: 6, 0, 0 – Motion approved

Report about Student Activity Fee referendum

- Will discuss at next meeting

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary