

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 Vázquez-Iscán
- Leana Santana
- Amdiya Kyemtore
- Jerry Rosa
- Edme Soho
- 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. Vázquez-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 Rodríguez-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 the 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.

The approved club proposals were:

#	Club	Approved
1	Accounting Club	\$1,500.00
2	Aging & Health Club	\$1,500.00
3	A.L.M.A. Club	\$1,500.00
4	Career Club	\$1,444.05
5	CCSD@Hostos	\$1,500.00
6	Common Ground	\$1,500.00
7	Creative Speakers Club	\$1,500.00
8	Dental Hygiene Club	\$1,500.00
9	Engineering Club	\$1,500.00
10	French & Italian Club	\$1,500.00
11	Geoscience Club	\$1,500.00
12	HEAT Club	\$1,500.00
13	Honors Club	\$1,500.00
14	Math Club	\$1,500.00
15	Modern Languages Club	\$1,500.00
16	Nursing Club	\$1,500.00
17	Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)	\$1,500.00
18	Physics Club	\$1,500.00
19	Playwriting Club	\$1,500.00
20	Pre-Allied Health Club	\$1,500.00
21	Public Administration Club	\$1,500.00
22	Puerto Rican Student Organization	\$1,400.00
23	Radiology Club	\$1,500.00
24	Reimagining Justice	\$1,500.00
25	Robotics Club	\$1,500.00
26	Science Club	\$1,500.00
27	Seeds of Activism Club	\$1,500.00
28	STEM Club	\$1,500.00
29	Veterans & Reservist Club	\$1,500.00
30	Women in Science	\$1,500.00

The approved non-student proposals were:

#	Organization	Approved
1	Food Studies	\$1,000.00
2	Student Health Services	\$1,000.00
3	Black History Month	\$2,000.00