

# Hostos Association Budget Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 | 3:30pm – 5:15pm | Cafeteria

## In attendance

- Esther Rodríguez-Chardavoyne
- Mauricette Gbenenoui
- Johanna Gómez
- Doritha Antwi
- Thierno Diallo
- Justin Arzola

## Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 3:37pm. Quorum established.

## Review of minutes meeting 09/20/17

- Minutes reviewed and approved

## Appointment of interim member

- SGA Senator Justin Arzola attending meeting in place of SGA VP Sakiyna Switzer
- Motion to appoint Justin Arzola as interim member of Budget Committee – Esther Rodríguez-Chardavoyne, Mauricette Gbenenoui
  - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved

## Report about Club Startup Budget line

- Line was allocated \$10,300
- 13 proposals were received totaling \$2,300; balance of \$8,000 needs to be disencumbered and returned to Clubs & Organizations line
- Motion to disencumber \$8,000 from Club Startup Budget line – Mauricette Gbenenoui, Thierno Diallo
  - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved

## Review of Budget Proposals Summary

- 55 out of a possible 57 clubs submitted proposals totaling \$70,451.13
- 5 non-student proposals were submitted totaling \$6,221.00

## Budget Subcommittee report

- The subcommittee reviewed 54 club proposals
  - 33 proposals were pre-approved and 21 were not pre-approved
  - 1 new proposal was received
- The subcommittee reviewed 4 non-student proposals
  - 3 were pre-approved and 1 was not pre-approved
  - 1 new proposal was received

## Review of Presentation Guidelines

- Budget Proposal Presentation Guidelines reviewed with the members of the Board and those in attendance

## Review of not pre-approved proposals

- Digital Collective
  - Question: Why are you paying the guest speaker \$400? He is a well-known professional from the industry
  - Collaborating with Professor Andy London for DUM-D event (animation competition)
  - Question: Why are the prizes so expensive? Chosen because of quality
  - Question: What do you mean by “Miscellaneous”? Was not sure about the exact use. Thinking about hosting a Q&A or having filmmakers come in.
  - Suggestion: “Miscellaneous” should be removed
  - Motion to award budget of \$1,269.98 – Thierno Diallo, Justin Arzola
    - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved
  
- Muslim Club
  - Question: Were you planning to give everyone a T-shirt and a water bottle? Yes
  - Suggestion: Cut both in half so that you are closer to the budget cap
  - Mauricette – concerned about the price of the T-shirts
  - Club officer – not an ordinary T-shirt; will be long-sleeve instead
  - Club officer – looked at bottles on eBay – less expensive
  - Dean Gómez – budget cap is \$1,500 for returning clubs
  - Question: How many club members? We are still collecting names
  - SVP – give T-shirts to the first 30 students who show up; would encourage students to come in early
  - Dean Gómez – encourage club to meet with SGA and Student Activities to work out the T-shirt and water bottle orders
  - Motion to award budget of \$1,500.00 – Thierno Diallo, Justin Arzola
    - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved
  
- New Hope and Success
  - Club was established to help students who were going through difficult times
  - Club motivates students to love themselves
  - Question: Are you expecting 50 students for the first event and 75 for the second event? Expecting between 50-75 for each event
  - Question: Why are there different food prices for your two events? The conference is a more formal event (about suicide prevention); the game night will just feature snacks
  - Question: What are the game event prizes? T-shirts, accessories, other prizes
  - The conference will be a collaboration with the Christian Messengers
  - Question: What do you mean by “10<sup>th</sup> anniversary”? Decorations to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club
  - Suggestion: Need to be more detailed next time
  - Motion to award budget of \$1,500.00 – Thierno Diallo, Justin Arzola
    - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved

*SVP Esther Rodríguez-Chardavoyne departs meeting*  
*SGA Treasurer Doritha Antwi enters meeting*

- Christian Messengers
  - Apologize for exceeding budget cap. Figures will be adjusted to \$1,500.
  - Question: Are the bibles for the office or for the students? For students
  - Question: How did you determine the cost of the food? Based on orders placed last year; ordering from the same restaurant.
  - Motion to award budget of \$1,500.00 – Thierno Diallo, Mauricette Gbenenoui
    - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved
  
- X-Ray Club
  - Suggestion: Regarding the trip, would prefer that you organize something on campus instead
  - Dean Gómez – students could place matching funds (to reduce the cost per person)
  - Club officers – trip targets seniors who encounter more stress
  - Question: Can the price per person for the trip be decreased? Looked at GroupOn offer which listed price at \$22
  - Dean Gómez – ask students to contribute \$5-10
  - Proposal includes all students within the Radiology Program
  - Thierno – willing to support at \$15 per ticket and \$12 per T-shirt
  - Mauricette – would like feedback from the participants
  - Dean Gómez – could ask students to write a reflection about the trip afterwards
  - Motion to award budget of \$1,500.00 – Thierno Diallo, Mauricette Gbenenoui
    - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved
  
- Veterans Club
  - Celebrating that Hostos is #1 as Veteran-friendly school
  - Price of hoodies went up – requesting \$2,050
  - Justin – budget of 3<sup>rd</sup> event is not correct; would come up to \$820
  - Justin – 2<sup>nd</sup> event would come up to \$600
  - Question: What kind of awards? Certificates of achievement
  - Question: Why are decorations \$100? Could reduce to \$50
  - Dean Gómez – recommend reviewing proposal to get the exact breakdown and greater transparency
  - Motion to award budget of \$1,500.00 with the condition that the proposal be revised – Justin Arzola, Doritha Antwi
    - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved
  
- Honors Club
  - Tabled – no representative present

- Video Game Club
  - Question: Can you give a breakdown of the Game Jam gift cards? For contestants and audience
  - Question: Is the event only open to club members? No, open to all students.
  - Concern: More than a ¼ of the budget is going to gift cards.
  - Question: How are winners chosen? Placed in tournament brackets and eliminated until there is only one player left
  - Question: Is Yakuza a multiplayer game? Could be as virtual game or could be given as raffle prize
  - Motion to award budget of \$1,295.00 – Thierno Diallo, Mauricette Gbenenoui
    - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved
  
- Media Production Club
  - Concern: Handwriting is not clear
  - Question: Why not use a student as a DJ to reduce costs? Willing to consider
  - Question: Did you get any quotes as far as DJ costs? Advisor not sure since it was the officers who wrote the proposal
  - Concern: 3<sup>rd</sup> item on the Budget Details section is not clear – advisor cannot clarify
  - Event is supposed to be a dance show, talent show and open mic
  - DJ will be reduced to \$300
  - Dean Gómez – proposal should be enhanced (made more clear) and resubmitted
  - Tabled for e-vote
  
- Social Latin Club
  - Officer would like to submit revised proposal (trip to Repertorio Español)
  - Dean Gómez – cannot accept revised version; needed to submit in advance
  - Tabled for e-vote
  
- C.A.S.A.S. Club
  - Officer would like to submit revised proposal
  - Needed to submit in advance
  - Tabled for e-vote
  
- Animation Club
  - Question: Who are the 8 participants for the Animation Club? 4 officers and 4 members
  - Officer would like to move some money from event 1 to Animation Con (to invite 5-6 more students)
  - Question: Can the ticket price decrease? Have not been able to find lower price
  - Question: How do you plan to manage the tablets listed under office supplies? 1 for the office, 1 to loan out
  - Question: Where would you store the tablets? Officers planning to invest in a safe; will discuss with Student Activities and the club advisor

- Dean Gómez – recommend working with campus resources instead (in terms of tablets); focus on more activities events
- Should resubmit with increased number of tickets
- Motion to award budget of \$1,500.00 with the condition that the proposal be revised – Thierno Diallo, Justin Arzola
  - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Honors Club
  - Working with Professor Morales to try to get cheaper play tickets
  - Thierno – price should be cheaper and more students should participate or should go see another Broadway show
  - Dean Gómez – could ask for matching funds (from students)
  - Thierno – should open to other students (other than Honors students)
  - Motion to award budget of \$1,500.00 with the condition that the proposal be revised – Thierno Diallo, Justin Arzola
    - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved
- Modern Languages Club
  - Club officer revised budget to conform to \$500 cap for new clubs
  - Tabled for e-vote
- Hip-Hop Club
  - Collaboration with Black Student Union (BSU) and Capoeira Club
  - Budget is not detailed – needs to be resubmitted
  - Tabled for e-vote
- Law & Social Justice Club
  - Tabled – no representative present
- College Discovery Club
  - Proposal is over budget, but would like to partner with SGA to cover some of the costs
  - Question: Can you reduce the number of Metrocards? No because cards are being provided so that student volunteers can participate; being considerate of students
  - Question: Why are you including the baby wipes? So that the homeless could cleanse themselves (personal hygiene)
  - Thierno – can approve partial budget and consider for sponsorship through SGA
  - Advisor – event is next Thursday, so this is a time-sensitive situation; made a concerted effort to have event earlier while the weather is not as cold and more homeless people are outside
  - Motion to award budget of \$1,500.00 – Thierno Diallo, Justin Arzola
    - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved

- Robotics Club
  - Concern – event is only open to 12 students from the club
  - Officer – event will be open to other students
  - Concern – recommend less pizza for Science Day or to buy cheaper pizza
  - Dean Gómez – could ask students to make a contribution for the trip (\$5)
  - Motion to award budget of \$1,500.00 – Thierno Diallo, Justin Arzola
    - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved
  
- Physics Club
  - Trip will be for about 50 students between all 4 clubs (Physics, Robotics, Engineering and Science)
  - Entrance fee provides access to all areas
  - Mauricette – trip should be open to all students who are interested
  - Dean Gómez – students could contribute matching funds
  - Science Day in Atrium – food based on participation
  - Question: Can you reduce the T-shirt price? Will be 50 in total (instead of 12); clubs are splitting the cost
  - Recommendation: Should adjust the T-shirt price
  - Motion to award budget of \$1,500.00 – Justin Arzola, Doritha Antwi
    - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved
  
- African Union Club
  - Tabled – no representative present
  
- Business Startup Club
  - Ordering equipment for interviews
  - Event previously held
  - Suggest that proposal be more organized (better layout with no handwriting)
  - Tabled for e-vote
  
- Careers in the Law/Paralegal Club
  - Club will resubmit revised budget for e-vote
  
- Free To Be Me
  - Hostos is the only college with no LGBT representation
  - Looking to raise awareness by organizing flag ceremony
  - Motion to award budget of \$295.75 – Justin Arzola, Mauricette Gbenenoui
    - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved
  
- Hostos Repertory
  - Question: Are there student actors? Yes, 2 student actors and 2 production assistants
  - Other professors doing interdisciplinary lessons to promote the show

- Performances for day and evening students
- Question: Can people from outside attend? Yes, general admission is \$10, \$5 with CUNY ID
- Motion to award budget of \$1,500.00 – Mauricette Gbenenoui, Justin Arzola
  - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved
  - Professor needs to work with SGA in terms of the \$500 balance
- SLA Model U.N.
  - Need funds to cover cost of extra hotel room for 3 nights
  - Motion to award budget of \$621 – Thierno Diallo, Justin Arzola
    - Vote: 4, 0, 0 – motion approved

#### Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary