

College Association Meeting Minutes
February 20th, 2024, at 12noon
Location: Presidents Conference Room

Attendance: (Chair) VP Williams, James Salnave, Chinonyeium Obodo, Nelsy Moody Pierre, Claudio Lindow, Ajisa Dervisevic, Anaya Greene, Kenzai Sinclair, Honor Felipe Gray Marcellus, Valerie Kubanick, Nicole Utley

Guest: Sheila Skinner, Alejandro Lopez

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. VP Williams called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.
- II. **Roll Call**
 - a. Roll call conducted. A quorum was met.
- III. **Review/Adoption of the Agenda**
 - a. The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.
- IV. **Review/Adoption of the Minutes from 12/7/23**
 - a. The minutes must be updated to add that the money being used is coming from the general fund.
- V. **Treasures Report**
 - a. Utley points out that there was voting on gap funding, and it wasn't clear what funds it comes from.
 - b. Other than that, there have been no real changes to the report.
- VI. **Chairs Remark**
 - a. VP Williams says it is good to see us. And thanks everyone for keeping business running.
 - b. VP Williams also introduces Ajisa Dervisevic who is the new AVP for planning and budget.
 - c. VP William speaks on a Budget manager and ways the college association can streamline our operations.
- VII. **Old Business**
 - a. **Re-allocation Memos**
 - i. FYE-Shayla
 - Lopez explains that FYE's initial allocation was partially used, and they want to use the rest of the money for other purposes.

- The money was originally for orientation; they want to let the board know they would like to use the money for summer bridge mentors.
- They also want to use the money for food for their Student Success Sessions workshops.

Unanimously Approved

ii. Student Activities - Sheila

- The request is to take \$30,000 of the \$65,000 awarded for the LeaderShape event and use it for departmental events that benefit the full student body.
- Skinner explains that the days the students will be going away are lessened and instead there will be on-campus training days replacing them.
- This is due to them finding that a hands-on approach is better for the students.
- They are looking to work with professors from other CUNYs to support this on-campus training.
- Dean Salnave proposes an idea to allocate funds to cover these annual events moving forward.
- VP Lindow suggests looking at each separate event and how we project attendance to be there depending on the date and other things.

Unanimously Approved

b. Senior Ball Questions

- The plan was set forward. SGA has a amended request that they didn't have in this meeting.
- An agreement was made to have this request be reviewed electronically. This allows for SGA to plan for the senior ball if everything is approved.

VIII. New Business

a. Student Affairs – Commencement Attire Assistance \$1,200.00

- Dean Salnave brings up getting money to pay for students' caps and gowns.
- Lopez explains that the caps and gowns are given to students in need.
- VP Williams says that SGA needs to help let this option be known, so more students who need help can get these caps and gowns.
- VP Lindow says that the price should be increased by 50%.

- VP Lindow amends the initial request and asks to add \$600 to the request making the new total \$1,800 which allows for 90 total caps and gowns.
- Ella seconded

Unanimous Approved

b. CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities \$1,200.00

- i. Awareness Month Kick Off – 4/4/24 \$1,200.00.

Unanimously Approved

IX. Open Forum/Announcements

- Dean Salnave says to put a statement in the minutes that the money is coming from the General fund

- Dean moves that the money for the CUNY Coalition for students with disabilities and the Commencement attire assistance will be from the general funds into the budget committee.

Kubanick Seconded

Unanimous Approved

- VP Williams wants to thank the dream team for overseeing the students at caucus making sure they look fabulous. The students did amazing, and she also thanked the dream team for paying for transportation.

- In the future transportation must be provided for the group in Albany so they don't have to spend so much on Uber.

- Reimbursements should be expected to come to the administrators who paid.

- VP Lindow proposes that the general funds be put in the treasures report. This is so we can see the trend in it so we know what's going on.

- VP Lindow also asks if the dream team can figure out the money for all the food events ahead of time so money can be negotiated and planned.

- Dean Salnave also says we should analyze the money that is being brought over from the general fund.

- Dean Salnave also brings about doing this and setting a benchmark for clubs so that they don't have to wait for us to get money. This would allow them to plan for events.
- VP Williams also says we need to check to see what the students are using money on. Or if they are using the money at all
- Ella brings up the Senior Ball
- VP Lindow says what was recommended that the guest nonaffiliated to York College must pay.
- The guest will have to pay for the senior ball.
- Nelsy brings up Clinical Laboratory Club and Lab coats.
- The board decided it wouldn't work due to the lab coats being a departmental expense and not a club expense.
- And since the prior meeting nothing has been sent so we cannot go forward with anything

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm

Respectfully Signed by Kenzai Sinclair