

Graduate Student Association  
MINUTES  
Wednesday September 13, 2017

Present: Ana Aparicio  
Megan Lyons  
Natalia Grube  
Ilya Geller  
Jaclyn Taylor – arrived 11:3  
Zenith Isidor  
Eman Abbas  
Dené Rivera-Shanley  
BMCC guest & mentor

Absent: N/A

Meeting called to order 11:06 am

**Officer Reports**

1. President, Ana – In the process of planning a Hunter Harlem park clean up. Plan is to bring Hunter students into Harlem Marcus Garvey Park. Would clean the perimeter and the leaves. In contact with the Parks and Sanitation department. As part of the deal, we would donate supplies for their aid. Incentives would possibly include scarves/hats and a free lunch at a certain place. May be open to the community but would need to be careful of incentives given to them as it is paid by student activities fees.
2. VP University Relations, Ilya – Today, Senate is voting to reaffirm their support for DACA students and their protection. This also reaffirms the Sanctuary Campus as well as the privacy/security of these students. Increased counseling for these students as well as free legal counseling. Also implementing campus-wide training for de-escalation for CUNY police. Resolution's purpose is to ask the administration to demonstrate its institutional support. Ilya also wants to develop a disorientation guide as well as mapping the campus.
3. VP Club Relations, Jaclyn – Update on Pinky Promise Club- Sent an email to the club asking them to explain their agreement/disagreement with the national rules they are affiliated with. They answered by withdrawing their application for chartering. Tonight is also the first meeting of the Meditation Club. Long term goal is to create a specific list of criteria on approving the chartering of clubs or not.
4. Treasurer, Eman –
5. Communications Officer, Megan – The G-Blast was submitted with no response. Will follow up with Miesha to edit the G-Blast and to clarify the submission process. Looking into the Facebook to supplement the lack of G-Blast. Would promote the page with incentives and gets information out faster.
6. Sustainability Officer, Natalie – GSA Award Proposal has been updated since the last meeting. This research award is for Masters students to defer some of the costs of research including fieldwork, lab costs, sample analysis, etc. Not going to be awarded to those who receive college credit for this work. A budget submitted during applications should match the receipts submitted at the end for reimbursement. Ana will check on the

student identification information needed to do reimbursement such as passports, DACA, etc. The stipulations will be included in the application. Letter of Recommendation should be one letter from an advisor that has worked closely with the applicant.

7. Board Member-at-Large, Zenith – Zenith and Ana wrote a letter on their thoughts on DACA to reach out to Silberman students, especially those who are undocumented. The letter was sent to the Silberman dean and then it was posted in the entrance. Several groups/people reached out to them from seeing this post. Jaclyn is training to be a counselor and would like to offer her office hours as counseling services as well.
8. Office Manager, Dene – Computers are going to be looked at and fixed, couch will be moved soon, color printer needs to be added to the budget, fliers need to be added to the budget, POs for giveaways are in progress, microwave is going to be ordered.

### *OLD BUSINESS*

#### **Discussion:** Indigenous People's Day

Letter to be posted on the GSA website and sent out to the faculty to share this issue for students to think about.

**Motion:** Post letter on website and around campus

**Discussion:** Possible event to go along with this.

**Second:** Ana

**Vote:** 5 in favor, 2 abstentions, 0 opposed

### *NEW BUSINESS*

#### **Discussion:** BMCC Guest

Steve – Student Representative on the BMCC Student Government. Came in to discuss BMCC issues and how Hunter and other CUNY schools can support BMCC students at this time.

#### **Discussion:** Travel Award Applications

**Motion:** Rebecca Berg – Max reimbursement \$500

**Discussion:** Nutrition. Total amount is estimated around \$800. All approval forms are submitted as well as signature form.

**Second:** Jaclyn

**Vote:** 6 in favor, 1 abstentions, 0 opposed

**Motion:** Nicole Kadar – Max reimbursement \$500

**Discussion:** Dance. Total \$1,151 including hotel and airfare. All forms are submitted.

**Second:** Jaclyn

**Vote:** 5 in favor, 2 abstentions, 0 opposed

#### **Discussion:** Club Budget Approvals

**Motion:** MFASO Budget

**Discussion:** \$5,000

**Second:** Ana

**Vote:** 5 in favor, 2 abstentions, 0 opposed

**Discussion:** GSA Projects to work on during office hours

Eman – one day per month would be a get-active day where students can come together and do physical activity

Zenith – open mic night, gives students the opportunity to express their emotions not just political stances.

Natalia – Research Award

Megan – Social Media establishment

Ilya – Mapping & BMCC support

Ana – Hunter Harlem Park Clean-Up

Jaclyn – Meditation Group

**Motion:** End Meeting

Second: Jaclyn

Vote: 5 in favor, 2 abstentions, No opposed