

## Undergraduate Student Government

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### Meeting 12

Meeting Date:	December 1, 2020	Meeting Time:	5:30PM - 6:45PM
Location:	Zoom Call	Note Taker:	Genesis Calle

Attendees:	
Tony Chen   President	Briana Staten   Executive Vice President
Nancy Sea   Executive Treasurer	Genesis Calle   Executive Secretary
Taji Sanders   VP of Academic Affairs	Richard Reyes   VP of Legislative Affairs
[Late] Steven Le   VP of Campus Affairs	Yam-Yu Li   VP of Student Affairs
Irine Thomas   Chair of Appeals	Kristina Khabarov   Chair of Arts
Alison Lee   Chair of Clubs and Orgs	[Absent] Lesli Cuamani   Chair of Finance
Cindy Chen   Chair of Graphic Design	Christine Gajdos   Chair of Marketing
Osvaldo Garcia   Chair of Philanthropy	Laiba Hussain   Chair of Public Opinion
Tomasz Horczak   Representative Senator	Raphael Berdugo   Representative Senator
Alex Cuanal   Representative Senator	[Late] Erika Cumbe   Representative Senator
Zariana Gonzalez   Representative Senator	Mayer Estinville   Representative Senator
Matthew Sanchez   Representative Senator	

### Passing of the Minutes

1. Motion to pass Senate Meeting #11 minutes. Motion passes, 15-3-0

### Reports

1. Alfonso Di Rocco and Joel De La Cruz | USS Delegates
  - a. Alfonso: We had our second meeting on Sunday, November 29th. During the first meeting, we had the transition of our chairperson, which is most likely why there was a delay in our USS preliminary meetings since they're usually month to month. Currently, we have 8 of the 9 positions on the steering committee filled. There are 2 candidates that compete for each position, and so they need 29 votes to win the majority. It was difficult to get the majority of 29 votes. Because we are still missing the vice-chair of fiscal affairs, we are having an emergency meeting this Sunday, December 6th, because we have not been able to do anything fiscally until the position gets filled. In terms of candidates, we have Joel and Alexis Fisher from Hunter College. During this last meeting, we had 2 resolutions passed unanimously.
  - b. Joel: One resolution that was passed was the one concerning the Credit/No Credit policy that's going to be sent to the Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees. The second was a core craft-related resolution. We asked the Board of Trustees to consider the continuation of the Credit/No Credit policy as they did in

the previous semester and to continue the protections that they set in place. For example to protect students from GPA requirements for a class that they take credit with and similarly with letter grades of systems. For those who aren't aware, Core Craft is a New York State program where inmates who volunteer at federal state prisons in New York work jobs in a manufacturing role and they sell these products. Under New York state law, Core Craft is only legally allowed to sell its manufactured products to the state government and state agencies. Public Schools, such as universities in high schools, are also eligible to purchase these items. Earlier in the pandemic when there was a panic for hand sanitizer and Cuomo had come out making a New York hand sanitizer to bring down its prices by meeting with those in charge of increasing supply. These hand sanitizers were created through the Core Craft program. Many of the delegates noticed and didn't like the idea that we were getting hand sanitizer from this program and this resolution, in essence, says that we ask that CUNY disinvest from Core Craft and related products and not purchase them in any capacity. As Alfonso did mention, after passing the Credit/No Credit resolution, we did receive recognition for the meaning of the signatures and testimonies we sent.

- c. Alfonso: With the upcoming election this Sunday, I'm supporting Joel with his outreach for his candidacy. Typically there are 50 to 60 delegates for each election that must vote. Recently I was appointed to the Board of Trustees audit committee as a Student Alternate so that position deals with contracts that CUNY is involved in and seeking if we want to continue this contract. I believe we meet around 3-4 times a year. At the last one, we went over a resolution to update the standards for privacy across CUNY as a whole because CUNY is a type of financial institution that needs to meet certain requirements. We had to improve the implementation of updating the system, the first time in 6 years. Furthermore, the upcoming steering committee members are receiving notice of which vice-chairs are heading which committees. With the 9 committees, plus an additional 2-4 subcommittees, each delegate is required to participate in at least 2 of them. Credit/No Credit is not absolute with CUNY. We have seen City College implement its own, but it is difficult for individual colleges to put those policies through, so it would be much smoother for CUNY as a whole to pass it through. Joel and I personally are looking into changing the chronological setup of the USS bylaws, which we worked on with multiple USS delegates last Sorig after the Albany trip so that this type of overlap doesn't happen each year, to better prepare each following term of successors to have an easier and smoother transition. For more information, feel free to check out the USS website.
- d. Briana: Congrats Alfonso on your new position, and good luck Joel with the election.
- e. Alfonso: Tomorrow, December 2nd, CUNY rising alliance is having a virtual town hall from 7 PM to 9 PM about the proposed legislation for a new deal for CUNY, which is an organization that USS works with closely, and works towards making CUNY more affordable and tuition-free so feel free to come by.

## 2. Nancy Sea | Treasurer

- a. Nancy: We have more late payment vouchers from Spring 2020 from 2 clubs.
- b. SASA
  - i. Nancy: 22 late vouchers, for a total of \$2950. Savanna explained that the club went on campus to get their vouchers, which is why they were submitted so late.
  - ii. Motion to allocate \$2950 to SASA for their late payment vouchers.
    - 1. Motion passes, 18-0-0
- c. Bangladesh Student Association (BSA)

- i. Nancy: They have 4 late vouchers, which were supposed to be passed during last month's BOD, so that was my bad. The total is \$179.97.
- ii. Motion to allocate \$179.97 to BSA for their late payment vouchers.
  1. Motion passes, 18-0-0

### 3. Steven Le | VP of Campus Affairs

- a. Steven: Some updates on the Big Sibs program. Last week we had an info session, thank you to those who attended. We will be reopening the applications for new mentees and mentors and the deadline is December 17th. We were supposed to have the "Big Sibs Speed Dating" Event this week, but that has been pushed back until December 10th. If anybody would like to come and help out, that'd be great.

### 4. Briana Staten | EVP

- a. Briana: This Thursday we will be having a USG town hall, from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM. We would like it for everyone to attend if you're available. We will be answering questions sent in from students, and any table member is welcome to speak up and answer them as well. Please share the event on your social media and don't worry about having to stay for the whole event. We understand if you have other things, but it would be helpful to have as much table presence as possible.

## Unfinished Business

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### 1. Genesis Calle | Executive Secretary

- a. Genesis: Thank you to those who submitted their winter graduation videos to me. They look really great. I'm still waiting on 2 more from those who said they would submit them. Please send them as soon as possible. If anyone else would like to submit one, you're more than welcome to; all guidelines and instructions are in the chat.

## New Business

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### 1. No new business.

## Executive Session

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1. Motion to enter into an Executive Session passes at 6:06 PM.

## Adjournment

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1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #10 at 6:45 PM. Motion passes, 18-0-0