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Meeting 20

Meeting Date:	March 16, 2021	Meeting Time:	5:30PM - 7:59PM
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
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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
[Absent] Alex Cuanal Representative Senator	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 #19 minutes. Motion passes, 13-0-3

Discussion on Baruch Greek Life Moratorium

1. Dean Art King | Dean of Students

- a. Dean King: Good afternoon everybody. To address the first question we received, “Why was the moratorium put in place?” I will start off with the background. I started at Baruch in 2014, after Michael Deng’s death in December of 2013. At the time, there were about 250 students participating in Greek life. I had hoped to double that number within the next few years, but after Michael Deng’s death, the moratorium was put in place and the school was trying to grapple with how Greek life would. My first job was to examine what Greek life looked like compared to national trends and also look for schools that were similar to Baruch College in terms of being an urban campus without housing or a Greek Road. Me and student life folks got together to look at Greek life all across the country and presented our findings and feasibility studies to the administration at the time and President Wallerstein. We could only compare our campuses with other CUNYs and other schools. If we were to do Greek Life the way it ought to be done, meaning that the Greek clubs and organizations would be able to contribute to their

keep on the campus and paying more fees, as opposed to taking fees from the campus and still be doing a lot of community service, as well as have a director for Greek life, specifically to manage Greek life programs. At that time, it would've cost us over \$110,000 to do so. We presented all that, with only a temporary moratorium of about 6 months put in place, and also had an open forum for outside student input. The administration explained that should Greek life return, its system would have to be changed in the aftermath of the hazing death and the litigation going on at the time. 23 members of the fraternity that committed the hazing, which got chartered, were charged and had to go to court. It was all a dark time in the history of our institution from that perspective and our school was very prominent in the news because never before had a Greek organization been taken to the courts to be charged with the murder of a member. The administration realized it couldn't afford to have Greek life and \$110,000 set aside to set up a program because funding was hard to come by and we didn't have the resources. Mind you, all the Greek organizations operate in secret, that's just how they are nationally and not just at Baruch. They operate in secret, which is what this particular group did by going to the Poconos and having their initiations there, which resulted in the death of Michael Deng. At the time, the school decided to enact a 3-year moratorium to give us more time to study and really determine what Greek Life ought to look like on our campus and to make sure that it could safely implement all the different measures to safeguard safety and the well being of the students. Many students objected because they felt like it would mean that for 3 years, they couldn't bring new members into their organization, but still exist at campus at the time and continue running programs. After those 3 years, we still didn't feel as though we had enough to continue Greek Life, plus a number of the remaining Greek Life students had already graduated and left the organization, leaving the groups dissolved. Currently, no Greek Life organizations exist on campus, but they're still on the books until May 30th, when USG will decide whether to pass another moratorium or dissolve Greek Life entirely. As of now, the budgets have gotten worse because of the pandemic and the remaining number of Greek Life student members has significantly decreased. There isn't anybody put in place to manage Greek Life, and now the budget to run it has increased to \$130,000, to cover costs, salary, and benefits. Most of the problems that arose came from the fraternities and other social Greek Life organizations, not necessarily from our sororities or business fraternities. Even during the moratorium, people were looking to break the rules and continue pledging because they wanted to break the rules, for which they were put on probation for it.

- b. Damali: Just to give a little bit of context of Greek life at Baruch. Because it's run by the Student Activity fee, it's considered a club and open to all students who pay the Student Activity fee, and as a result we did not have a lot of national organizations, mainly just homegrown organizations with only 2 or 3 chapters. There's not a huge national presence nor national infrastructure because no one's going to give over the right to say who can and cannot be in their membership. USG chartered all of these clubs and organizations, so they are the only ones that can decharter them so that they no longer exist. After the moratorium started we had quite a few organizations that did not comply and there was one where a student got severely hurt and so USG dechartered that organization and this problem has only been with the social Greeks. Our proposal for where the \$130,000 comes in would be to move Greek life out from under USG so that there is more option for what type of organizations can come to Baruch. For national organizations, we would need national presence with a national body and an advisor that we can work with. I sit on my sorority's university task force and we are a national organization. My undergraduate chapter had 17 schools in it when I became a member in 1999, and we now have 6. 11 schools have withdrawn their participation because of the insurance cost which is a huge part of the \$130,000 because

the cost to insure social Greek-lettered organizations is extremely high. So a lot of schools are either not allowing Greek life to continue or new Greek Life organizations to come on campus.

- c. Dean King: That's the challenge right there, with the fees being so tight, it would be hard to get \$130,000 out of the budget. If we are to do this right, students would inquire about particular sororities or fraternities on campus. I don't know if students come to our campus because we have fraternities or not, but we are not able to attract national fraternities the same way that bigger campuses do. Originally, we probably only had about 3 or 4 fraternities at a national presence. This is why we had some problems from the office of student life. When Damali came on campus, she implemented an anti-hazing program which every student was required to complete to be members of a Greek Life organization. Students had to maintain certain GPAs, do community service, and be of good academic standing in order to remain active members. I would love it if we had that type of structure now, but I know there's no way the budget could afford it and the clubs themselves would have to establish their own insurance. Right now under USG policy, that is not required, but the structure we would like to put in place, should they be allowed back, is have these clubs allocate between \$4000 to \$5000 for insurance purposes, along with raising that money themselves for that fee and other annual ones as well. The question on "What options does USG have?" We hinted towards what we have the authority to do by the charter, as in we can demonstrate to the administration whether we have the money in place to establish these organizations or not. As it stands right now, the institution can not afford to implement this structure.
- d. Briana: Thank you Dean King and Damali. Being that this is an open forum, we will open it up for discussion from table members and students.
- e. Alessandro: Hello everyone. I am a second semester student at Baruch. I wanted to voice my own opinion on this issue. The only experience I have with Greek Life is with my father. My dad had a hard time connecting with people when he moved to America from Italy. In 2018, my dad suffered a stroke, and I made a post on Facebook to raise money for his medical bills and insurance, and my dad never told me that he was part of an Italian fraternity, and without any questions, they asked me what they could do to help. Fraternities are life long connections that not only help you in the present, but down the road and your family. When I realized that only honor fraternities were active at Baruch, I was taken aback and even though I went for an interview, I was discouraged to join them. It's awful what happened with the death of the student, but I also can't help feeling it could've happened to anyone, and because of the headlines, the school needed to act to protect their reputation and their students. Because of COVID especially, it's important to have that kind of connection with people, and of course I know that clubs help out with that, I feel that social fraternities can do good in bringing people together. In terms of bringing them back on campus, there needs to be more oversight, and to have a person in charge to monitor their activity. For the budget, I know the bulk of the cost is due to insurance costs. You could have every person who's part of a fraternity register for that on a master list and can essentially charge them money to cover the cost of the insurance, and it can go towards the school's budget.
- f. Damali: Let me be clear. I was there when we got the call about the student who died. This is not about money, this is about an 18 year old student who did not make it to his finals. I am the one who had to tell his friends and members of the organization that they had essentially killed someone, so for me this is not about dollars and cents. Just like I'm very happy you made it through your first semester, I want to see every single student make it to graduation. So let's just be very very very very very clear about that.
- g. Alessandro: Absolutely, I'm sorry if it sounded like that.
- h. Damali: I get it, and I'm sure you're not the only person who thinks this is just about money. When you guys come to Baruch it is our job as much as we can to keep you safe and get you to graduation. In terms

of sanctioned and unsanctioned events, unsanctioned events that go left where people die or get hurt happen all the time. Neither the colleges nor the National Organization doesn't know about it. This is not just a Baruch issue, but a national issue because this is a national trend that's happening nationwide. The research and the incident reports will show it. None of these events where someone got hurt were sanctioned and that is the problem because people do things that are unsanctioned, like the trip to the Poconos. All the students signed something saying that they would not do certain things or go off campus and they did it anyway. No matter how much oversight, schools with way more resources and bigger Greek Life programs than Baruch have the same exact issue. In terms of insurance that the national organizations have, the reason why so many schools are pulling out is because that insurance covers the organization and not the institution. Baruch has insurance for every single thing that we do. The issue with a lot of national organizations is they do not want to add the school under their umbrella policy, and so the school is left exposed to the risk. This is all for a little bit of clarification.

- i. Dean King: Yes, and that type of oversight and structure is the type of organization that we would love to see but that's not what happened. It's not about the money because our students' safety and security is of most importance. If we ever do go down this path again, we need the right things put in place. We want to ensure that illicit things and incidents don't ever happen again because unfortunately it is the reality of Greek Life organizations and we lost a student who never made it to graduation.
- j. Rettik: My question is I know that when the incident occurred, there was a committee formed to consider other alternatives and solutions at the time. What exactly were those solutions discussed?
- k. Dean King: First and foremost, we kept safety and security as our top priority. We wanted to educate students and have them recognize what they are getting themselves into, hence the anti-hazing programs. We also went over the difference between business and social fraternities, and how hazing can still persist in both organizations and how to prevent it.
- l. Rettik: Would we be able to open up this discussion now, besides sticking with the past solution that was discussed back in 2014? In terms of what USG could do about the issue, what about appointing a USG representative to oversee Greek Life in chats and report things to the administration?
- m. Dean King: I believe that's exactly what we're doing now, with this open forum. If we were to go back to greek life, that's exactly what we would look to do. The greek life organizations will come out of the USG and be overseen by a student life advisor.
- n. Damali: The conversation can't change because the issues are still the same. Safety is still an issue of oversight and it's still an issue of liability and cost. Those core issues haven't changed. I do not think it's fair to ask USG members who are also students to add an additional job responsibility. That's not their position, it's a professional position and that's part of the cost. It's not USG's responsibility and I would not put that target on anyone in USG's back and then on top of that, if you had USG in a chat why would the organization just have a non-USG chat, where they're doing the other business that USG does not approve of. It's just that simple to get around and it's not USG's responsibility to be policing their peers. I understand that that's a solution but I wouldn't put a USG member in that position.
- o. Alison: I can understand that fraternities have this sense of brotherhood and bonds and building connections. We do have 108 clubs and counting that in my opinion that can foster that environment and if you don't find one you vibe with, you could create your own, or we could go through the process together to find a club that best fits you. I understand that virtually, it's hard and scary to figure out where you belong, but it's all a process.
- p. Dean King: That's exactly what it is, and I couldn't agree more.

- q. Briana: I got a question from anonymous: “Does this mean if students agree to bring back Greek Life, although we don’t have the financial structure set up to support the expenses this year, would this be looked at going forward to ensure the financial support? We know it’s not about money, but to value the safety of our students.”
- r. Damali: It depends on whether or not it comes back under USG. If they don’t decharter the organizations, then it would have to come back under USG and insurance requirements would have to be put into place where there has to be a national organization liaison. If USG uncharted the groups and they exist outside of USG, then there would have to be another funding conversation with the college and I can’t speak on that part.
- s. Dean King: The administration could also continue looking at all the factors and determine another moratorium as well, so I want to make sure that that’s in the mix.
- t. Briana: Question for Damali: is there a specific insurance for the business organizations?
- u. Damali: Yes. We’ve had business organizations seeked ways to have us covered under their insurance policy and increase insurance that was required of the organization. That existing Baruch business fraternity had to raise the money to pay the difference in insurance.
- v. Mayer: I know Dean King mentioned faculty input in this decision, but I wanted some clarification on to what extent does the USG vote play a part in this decision?
- w. Dean King: The original solution was the moratorium that was placed, which expires on May 30th. The institution is here to safeguard your education and wellbeing. Even if USG votes to not charter the Greek Life organizations, the institution would respect that. If they do come back, there needs to be someone in place to manage them, with a Greek Life office in student life, provided we have the funding there.
- x. Damali: I think the choice for USG, whether they decharter the organizations or not, is how much control they will have over them and how much of a role they will have with the organizations moving forward. If we decide to put something in place, it can’t be with existing organizations because USG already oversees them.
- y. Alessandro: If we have Baruch oversee everything because this is a safety issue, what if you made fraternities, before recruiting, develop their committee board and have one student member put in place that is solely responsible for reporting these incidents to Baruch faculty?
- z. Damali: I think that asking any student to have that responsibility is too much. I’ll be honest with you by saying that the organization where the student lost his life, the national president had its members cover things up. It would have to be a professional staff member. I saw in the chat a question, “What is it that makes social fraternities more dangerous for students compared to other forms of groups?” Part of the nature of a social fraternity is we can’t tell you what is part of our membership intake process because we have to protect our secrets. This is how one of the business fraternities got caught, because I told them they need to turn in what their membership intake process looked like and they turned in a 40 page document that required an extra 25 hours of work a week to become a member, and we had to work with a member from their national organization to get that out because a lot of students wouldn’t consider that hazing, but it is. When they do share things, it is never the totality of what they’re doing.
- aa. Dean King: The members of each organization carry themselves differently, and this is where and why hazing occurs with a lot of the initiation rituals to show that you’re committed to the fraternity. All this secrecy is dangerous because we don’t know about it.
- bb. Briana: Question from the chat is “How do other CUNYs deal with Greek Life organizations and would Baruch be able to implement something like that?”

- cc. Dean King: No national chapters are in our CUNY schools. We do work with CUNY chapters at different schools, and they've implemented similar safety and security features that we have.
- dd. Briana: Another question from the chat: "If there's an increasing interest in Greek Life and creating more organizations through USG, how much influence would the students have if the main hurdles are the infrastructure and the budget?"
- ee. Dean King: It depends on where we end up, and on how many students would like to be involved. Regardless, we can't and will not go back to the previous Greek Life structure
- ff. Damali: The infrastructure would have to be determined, whether we bring it back under USG or not. In terms of resource allocation, the conversation would be if USG doesn't charter these organizations and they stay under USG, students would be able to pay clubs that they can't be part of. If you are a female student and you want to pledge a fraternity that's male only, is USG comfortable with saying that based on gender we are excluding membership from certain organizations? The second step would be where would they take the resources from. Would this \$100,000 or more cost come from the USG budget for the clubs and organizations? If it's outside of USG and there is a lot of interest, the conversation needs to be to the college, with how many students are really interested in this and how will we use these resources that will have to come from somewhere else. So what are you willing to give up to get Greek Life back? The money would have to come from something that's already existing.
- gg. Dean King: Or there could be a referendum on charging students more money to establish a Greek Life office and paid for from the student activity fee, and the comfortability of it all.
- hh. Aryan: Let's say USG votes for another moratorium. A majority of social fraternities in my opinion would be inclined to want to maintain their culture and presence perhaps through off campus housing. I know safety is a top priority so would you say a new moratorium would impose a more dangerous environment for students with deregulated oversight?
- ii. Dean King: Not really because with the moratorium, we put out that the institution does not accept pledging for social greek organizations. The warning is there to deter students from doing so. If they go underground, we would have no idea but if any issues or incidents arise, the responsibility will fall on each individual involved because they chose to ignore the school's policy.
- jj. Damali: I don't want any student to think we're being punitive for the sake of being punitive. I joined a national committee that looks at this because of what happened with Michael Deng. If I really thought there was a way to do it at Baruch without taking resources from places that sorely need it, I would be the first to say let's do it right. I am telling you, I do not see how, with New York City as our entire playground, at a commuter campus with so little resources, how we can do it right and not really take away resources from sorely-needed places. I cannot justify students not having textbooks and we have to end up taking money from the textbook loan program to fund Greek Life. Just knowing the full picture, I don't think it's appropriate at Baruch and that I don't know that we can do it right and keep you safe. It's not worth it to me to see students risk their lives and get harmed for this. Like it was mentioned, we had an incident where a student from a business organization, which USG ended up dechartering, ended up in the hospital and there was a USG committee that saw the evidence and from talking to a USG members, I saw that those students still want to unsee the evidence they saw because they saw things written about classmates from some of the documents from the pledging and in the process and pictures of their classmates in the hospital. When everyone is saying and making recommendations that other students police students, it's not fair at all. I can't go into something willingly knowing that we don't have the resources there to keep you safe.

- kk. Dean King: If Greek life would operate the way it should, then of course it would work out, with the right national chapters and people in place to teach them leadership skills and help them out. But when I realized that we didn't have those resources or the structure here at Baruch, I don't see how I could support Greek Life because as your Dean of Students, protecting your safety is my goal.
- ll. Alessandro: I wanted to clarify that I think that anyone who joins a fraternity should be liable. If something happens at an event, you hold every single person in that fraternity accountable with the right punishments in place, and having a group of designated reporters to the administration.
- mm. Briana: That wouldn't work because Baruch would still be liable for those actions.
- nn. Alessandro: Yes, but these students should still be aware of the consequences. I have another question. There's a Women in Business Club, am I allowed to join that?
- oo. Briana: Yes.
- pp. Alessandro: So then the name itself needs to be changed because it's excluding people from joining.
- qq. Mayer. The name might appear a bit misleading but it's not forbidding people from joining. Essentially, it's saying that they're there to support women who are trying to enter the business world, with the realization that it is a male-dominated industry. I heard someone mention Femcode, which I'm a member of and help them put together events and stuff. None of their events strictly target specific groups of people from participating. Even within groups like the National Association for Black Accountants, all of the members come from all different places that no one will ever discriminate against you.
- rr. Alessandro: So then they need to make sure that that specific intent is being practiced. In WIB's posts, I don't see any mention of men, only women.
- ss. Damali: I'm going to cut you off because that means that we would have to do that for cultural organization. Baruch is known for its cultural organizations and what we're telling you is you have the right as a student to join any of them, regardless of their background, gender, or race. If for some reason someone is telling you the opposite, please report it to my office.
- tt. Briana: With that said, we will be tabling the discussion on Greek Life, and continue to hold open forums to get student input before USG casts their vote on the moratorium, which ends on May 30th.

Recess starts at 6:55p.m.

Recess ends at 7:00p.m.

Reports

1. Nancy Sea | Treasurer
 - a. Nancy: I have late payment vouchers for the United Sikh Association (USA). They have 4 vouchers for their events from Spring 2020, Bangrabash and Jaggo Night. The total is \$1088.77. They had previous vouchers passed last semester but for some reason these were misplaced until now.
 - i. Motion to allocate USA \$1088.77 to USA for their late payment vouchers.
 1. Motion passes, 14-0-1
 - b. Nancy: There have been a lot of concerns with the utilization of club budgets and how the restriction of a 10% line change has limited clubs from operating virtually. I am requesting for the table to approve clubs to move their budget from their refreshments line to other lines without being bound to the 10% rule. Movements from other lines will still follow the 10% change rule.
 - c. Richard: Will you be providing oversight to say a club is moving a substantial amount to something that you believe shouldn't get that amount or is it at their discretion?

- d. Nancy: This will be at their discretion. They're not adding more money to their budget, this is what was allocated by last year's Chair of Finance and I trust his judgement.
- e. Damali: The money is not coming out of any line, only moving from their refreshment line.
- f. Nancy: Yes, and all payments will need to be approved by OSL and CUNY.
- g. Yam-Yu: Will this be for only this semester or future semesters as well?
- h. Nancy: Only for this semester. Going forward, I believe OSL will instruct clubs not to allocate money in their refreshment line.
 - i. Motion to allow clubs to move around money from their refreshment line.
 - 1. Motion passes, 16-0-0

2. Irine Thomas | Chair of Appeals

- a. Irine: I have an appeal today from IMG. They are requesting for more money in their program lines, "Workshops and Events" and "Promotional Items." Currently, they have \$1300 in refreshments for the program line, "Workshops and Events" for events done throughout the semester via zoom. They have about 50 members and requested \$5000 in their miscellaneous line for 3 different things. These include Wall Street prep for conferences and training competitions they hope to go to. Initially, I had allocated them \$500 before I heard of the refreshment line change. So now, they can move the \$1300 to miscellaneous and use that. Their other appeal is for promotional items, also for this semester throughout zoom. For that, they have \$60 in refreshments, \$10 in supplies, and have requested \$1,2000 in miscellaneous. They plan to use this money for tokens as gratitude for their guest speakers. I have decided to allocate them \$500 for it.
- b. Karishma: Hi, I'm the president of IMG. IMG does money management for the school. Currently we manage \$500,000 for Baruch's endowment and this means that our members have to be trained with the utmost ethical skills. We've reached a conclusion where we're not able to teach our members the skills that they need, which is why we're requesting more money for more workshops for more educational materials, and to incentivize good work in our analysts and bring in more guest speakers.
- c. Briana: Are you satisfied with this allocation?
- d. Karishma: As a comparison between Baruch IMG and many of the other finance and economic societies and clubs, their budgets are around \$8000 each, while IMG only has about \$1700. I understand that IMG hasn't asked for money in the past, but we've had a change of leadership this semester and want to do more with the club and make us somewhat comparable.
- e. Osvaldo: Can you give an example of what events and programs you would do with the money?
- f. Jessica: I can speak on that. I'm the treasurer of IMG. We do most of our training, led by Slivio and another member, on Saturdays, and there's a certain point where they can't teach members certain banking or technological skills they need because they don't have that experience or teaching. That's why we wanted to implement Wall Street prep and other training within that to prepare our members for real world situations. With promotional items, we wanted to give small and inexpensive tokens of gratitude to guest speakers and analysts, to continue fostering a good relationship with them. Before we went virtual, we had 3 to 4 guest speakers per event and we hope to continue that. These would be small gifts, because I know the policy is we can't spend more than \$25 on gifts for guest speakers.
- g. Richard: I appreciate IMG's leadership approach. I think the things they're requesting are very appropriate and necessary to be successful, especially for students who are taking on the initiative of helping with endowment, raising it, and teaching students how to get involved in the industry. I'm part of SEO and I do have access to Wall Street Prep and it's been really helpful for me in learning many things

in preparation for internships or interviews and learning the basic and fundamental technical skills necessary to be successful professionally. I think what they're asking for is fair to help them be at an equal playing field with other clubs at different campuses.

- h. Karishma: Thanks Richard. Just to clarify, our members are very determined and we're proud to have maintained engagement within our 50 members. We're actively pitching with each other, which takes about 25 to 30 hours per month. They're putting in the work and us senior members want to give more back with additional resources to maintain that enthusiasm and learning curve.
- i. Mayer: I noticed that for one of the conferences, the cost is \$60 per student to attend. I was curious how, should we return to campus, will this conference be a regular thing and will that price shift in any way?
- j. Karishma: These conferences are an annual thing. Right now we do open it to all our members, but we only let around 3 members to attend because of our limited budget.
- k. Yam-Yu: From last semester up until now, how has attendance been for your club?
- l. Karishma: We have 50 members at every meeting, and they're open for any student to attend, too, which is what we market in our posts and in our newsletter.
- m. Irine: The Walt Street prep they are requesting is nearly \$500 and the trading competition is \$100 with only 2 or 3 members attending. With the \$1300 from the refreshments line getting moved over, they can use that money. For the "Promotional Items" line, I allocated \$500 because what they included in their presentation were duffel bags and water bottles, with the price for each being between \$13 to \$15, so nearly 33 items can be bought. If this passes and goes to BOD, it will be brought up on April 15th, so they will have a month to use the allocation.
- n. Yam-Yu: According to the new policy, I understand that students are allowed to receive only one item each. On your proposal you've written down that you've wanted to order 50 each for the water bottles and duffel bags, so are you planning on giving one of each to your members?
- o. Jessica: Those were just examples for our research, so we could choose either the duffel bags or the water bottles. If we can only order 33 items with the money allocated, we still can't buy for the other 17 members so that's why we need more money.
- p. Karishma: Just to add to that, those items serve to incentivize members and as a token of gratitude. We're inviting important people, like Austin Marx, to take time out of their busy schedules to come to our events and meetings. Baruch Alumni relations is helping us gather these speakers as well.
- q. Nancy: Correct me if I'm wrong, but it sounds like you're trying to order these items as merch for your club members. Per the informer, that's not allowed. For these items, it should be open to students outside your organization who attend these events so they can also have a chance to win them.
- r. Jessica: That's not what we said exactly. In our proposal, we're not only asking for 33 items but for more to give to all members as well as for guest speakers.
- s. Nancy: I understand that, but from what I'm hearing is that automatically your 50 members are getting these items, which is not allowed. There needs to be a virtue of some systems for students who are not members to have an equal chance to win these items.
- t. Karishma: We weren't aware that it had to be open to the whole Baruch community, but we also haven't put out our "Analyst of the Week" program yet, where we would highlight specific members for their work. Since we do have non-members coming, we would be more than willing to incorporate them into receiving these items, to abide by Baruch's rules.
- u. Cindy: Have you looked at other alternatives, in terms of gifts for guest speakers and members?
- v. Karishma: We were only looking at the ones mentioned because they're for more practical use. We are asking for at least \$3000 more in order to fund the items and our training programs for members.

- w. Mayer: Should these motions not pass, would we vote to increase their allocation?
- x. Osvaldo: To clarify, this allocation that we're voting on is Irine's proposed allocation?
- y. Briana: Correct, the \$500 is what will go towards gifts for their guest speakers.
- z. Osvaldo: Got it, thank you for the clarification.
- aa. Irine: The amount that we allocate today will be used only for this semester and be brought up to BOD on April 15th. One of their trading competitions has no fee, and the one with Columbia University has a fee of \$100 for a 2 day conference, which was held in January. In terms of trading competitions, only 2 or 3 members will go, which is \$25 per member, so they will have more than enough money to use.
 - i. Motion to allocate \$500 for their program line, "Promotional Items"
 - 1. Motion passes, 14-0-1
 - ii. Motion to allocate \$0 for their program line, "Workshop and Events."
 - 1. Motion fails, 5-9-1
- bb. Briana: Anyone can propose an alternative amount they see as fit to increase to.
- cc. Osvaldo: I propose that they get an extra \$700 to round their total to \$2000 since they already have the \$1300 in their budget. So this would ensure they have a little extra to spend.
- dd. Richard: I am not entirely opposed to that amount. I just want to hear from the club what they think.
- ee. Jessica: For the 2 to 3 members for each competition, we would only send that number of members because we didn't have the budget for it, which is why we're appealing for more money in order to send more students to them. Are you proposing an extra \$2000 allocation for us?
- ff. Richard: What originally was proposed was \$1300 from Irine and we voted that down and we're proposing instead \$2000 more.
- gg. Nancy: Sorry to cut in, but that's not what this is. They currently have \$1300 in their refreshment line that they can now move. I believe Osvaldo was proposing we allocate them an extra \$700.
- hh. Mayer: How many of these trading competitions are likely to occur from now until the end of the semester, or is IMG trying to plan ahead for future competitions for the next years? If that was the case, then this would have to be revisited when you propose your budget for the following year.
- ii. Jessica: Do we have to send in a new appeal for this amount?
- jj. Briana: No, we will discuss an amount and vote on it now.
- kk. Jessica: Okay, so we're appealing for this semester only. If this works out, we will plan to appeal for it again to get more money for next year.
- ll. Irine: Just a heads up, the budget can be revised with Lesli, the chair of finance, when preparing the budget for next year.
 - i. Motion to allocate \$700 to IMG for their miscellaneous line.
 - 1. Motion passes, 15-0-1

3. Briana Staten | EVP

- a. Briana: The application for VP of Campus Affairs has been released and will close on March 23rd at 12:00p.m. Please be sure to promote it, and we will be having elections and voting on it during an executive session at the next senate. If anyone has any questions on that, they can reach out to me.

4. Cindy Chen | Chair of Graphics

- a. Cindy: My "Guide to Graphic Design" event will be this Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. I will be providing some resources to help those who are interested in the topic of graphic design. I'm looking for someone from USG to help me moderate the zoom chat and the event to make sure it's friendly and fun

for everyone, help me answer any questions, and monitor the excel list I'll have because I'll also be having giveaways at the event. Is there anyone that's interested in helping out?

- b. Alison: I'm available to help out. Just send me all the details on it.
- c. Genesis: Can you take us through a quick rundown of your event?
- d. Cindy: Yeah sure. I'll have a slideshow where I showcase websites and resources that would be helpful for those looking to expand their graphic design skills. I'm not necessarily going to be doing tutorials on graphic design because I feel like everyone's creative style is unique and they can use a different mix of programs so I want to be very inclusive of that.

Unfinished Business

- 1. No Unfinished Business.

New Business

- 1. Richard Reyes | VP of Legislative Affairs
 - a. Richard: Mine and Erika's Immigration Resources event will be happening this Thursday, March 18th, from 12:30p.m. to 2:30p.m. We've been working very hard on this, and meeting with the Baruch immigration lawyer, and will be having speakers from the Academic Advisement office and the International Student Center, as well as student speakers who will speak on their own experiences as well.
 - b. Erika: It'd be great to have our table members there and share the infographic around to show your support. The information in the PowerPoint we have is super important and I believe many students can benefit from it. Shoutout to Osvaldo, Steven, Yam-Yu, Richard, Mayer, and everyone else in the groupchat for helping out.
 - c. Richard: We will also be having merch giveaways for the event and we also spoke with the immigration lawyer, Rebecca, who is actually opening up an opportunity for students to apply to be a part time paralegal under her company. That would be really great for those interested in immigration law, and she's willing to help host another event later on in the semester, in which we can have a speed-dating type networking event to learn more about the legal field.
 - d. Erika: Anyone who is interested in this paralegal position, please let us know and we can connect you with her.

Adjournment

- 1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #20 at 7:59 PM. Motion passes, 15-0-0