

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

VERTICAL CAMPUS 3-270
55 LEXINGTON AVE, NEW YORK, NY 10010

INFO@USGBARUCH.COM

   /USGBARUCH



Senate Meeting #24

Meeting Date:	March 20th, 2018	Meeting Time:	5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Location:	USG Conference Room	Note Taker:	Andrea Valverde

Attendees:	
Isabel Arias President	Derny Fleurima Executive Vice President
Andrea Valverde Executive Secretary	Suzanna Egan Executive Treasurer
Daniel Morote VP of Legislative Affairs	Erica Yang VP of Student Services
Frances Subervi VP of Campus Affairs	Suleman Aleem VP of Academic Affairs
Andrew Windsor Chair of The Constitutional Review Committee	Arvis Chen Chair of Clubs & Organizations
Brandon Paillere Chair of The Arts Committee	David Barros Chair of Finance
Emma Jorgensen Chair of Appeals	[ABSENT] Nicole Taniguchi Chair of Marketing
Rachel Liang Chair of Graphic Design	Aaron D'Souza Representative Senator
[ABSENT] Alex Dimcevski Representative Senator	Arseny Averyanov Representative Senator
[ABSENT] Carlton Maddix Representative Senator	Brian Ronquillo Representative Senator
Hamed Doumbia Representative Senator	Lin Lin Representative Senator

Meeting begins at 5:30 P.M.

PASSING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes #23: Motion Passes 12-0-0.

REPORTS

I. Faith Fraser | CUNY-Wide “Hackathon”

- A. Hi everyone. I'm the acting director for cuny start-ups. Mission is to help CUNY students that want to launch businesses. Accelerator program, 4 month accelerator, 40 start up businesses, we take them from idea to ready to launch. We meet them two times a week, wednesday and friday and we bring an industry expert on wednesday. They'll teach you a specific topic related to launching your business. FB teaches how to create really awesome ads and how to create really short videos. Fridays, we co-work out of a really cool space. One of the awesome things is that we don't just teach you things but we actually give you money, there's a chance to win \$5000. CUNYstartups.com
- B. 4th time we're having CUNY hackathon, 1st time being held on cuny campus and we're having it here at Baruch. Fall 2017 video from last hackathon. Spring 2018 hackathon across the street in the library and it will be overnight, sponsored by Google, IBM, and many other companies. Feed you over entire 3 days. Awesome tech prizes. 3 days of working on really cool technology. Collecting resumes at the event for google and FB! Come meet these folks. *Shows video from last hackathon* Going to leave you all with some flyers. All info on there. If you have any questions, I'm very reachable. Go on our website and you could schedule a meeting with me instantly. Huge portion of the students that attend this event are from Baruch. Important that USG gets involved. We need volunteers, we had 483 students from 23 CUNY schools. It's a lot of people to manage over 3 days. We would love some help. There are other ways to participate. If you are willing to sponsor a prize we are open to that and we would add you to the flyer. Open to anything.
1. Arvis: Do you need experience to go?
 2. Faith: No experience needed, we've designed it in a way for all levels to come and make something. And we are doing pre-hackathon workshops. Worried about finding someone to be in a team with, we have intro workshops.
 3. Lin: I applied but there are two founders?
 4. Faith: co-founders on the team for accelerator program. I launched two start-ups, first one failed miserably. 2014 second start-up, what I've learned from that experience is that if you want to do something great you need an awesome team, multiple people. We do not allow sole founders.
 5. Frances: available to alumni?
 6. Faith: You could apply up to a semester after you graduate. Unless you have a co-founder that's still a CUNY student.
 7. Damali: great opportunity for you to be in front of students who are not generally part of club life. If you could do it as a group it speaks more to the students who you don't really interact with on a regular basis.
 8. Faith: If you do partner with us in some way, I will give you a table and you could promote some of your events.
 9. Deryn: How do you guys feel about this?
 10. Arvis: Would anyone be a part of this?
 11. Couple people raised their hands.
 12. Isabel: Thank you for your time Faith, you can definitely count on us.

II. Emma Jorgensen | Chair of Appeals

- A. Motion to allocate BSA's Boishaki Night for a total of \$1,100 in contractals.
 - 1. Club: May 1st, tuesday 6-9pm, carnival/festival, with different activities and there will be a fashion show.
 - 2. Suzanna: Contractuals?
 - 3. Club: DJ & Decorator.
 - 4. Arseny: How long is this event?
 - 5. Deryn: 6-9pm
 - 6. Motion Passes: 11-0-2.
- B. Motion to allocate Japanese Anime Asylum in BAACON for a total of \$614 in Refreshments, Supplies, & Misc.
 - 1. Club Treasurer: Biggest event, if you know about san diego comic con, we are trying to hold an event like that an introduce Baruch to japanese subculture.
 - 2. Motion Passes: 12-0-1.
- C. Motion to allocate VSA's Miss Asia for a total of \$944 in Refreshments & Supplies.
 - 1. Club: April 26th, 3rd annual event. Cultural pageant, this year we are asking for extra food for refreshments, we need more money in supplies and we hand made the sashes that the contestants wear.
 - 2. Motion Passes: 11-0-2.
- D. Motion to allocate Eco Club's outdoors line for a total \$1,278 in Refreshments, Supplies, & Misc.
 - 1. Club: The event is our hiking trip in which we take 53 students and faculty members to take them up to bear mountain and hike.
 - 2. Motion Passes: 11-0-2.
- E. Motion to allocate Art Club's textile-based event for a total of \$1,315 in Refreshments & Contractuals.
 - 1. Erica: What is this textile-based event?
 - 2. Emma: Having a guest person help out with this, to honor holocaust victims. They will all be making a quilt, guest person will teach them how to do this.
 - 3. Arvis: Where will you think they'll hang it?
 - 4. Emma: Still thinking about that, they were thinking in the clubroom.
 - 5. Motion passes: 12-0-1.
- F. Motion to allocate NABA's Award Dinner for a total of \$1,017 in Supplies, Contractuals, & Misc.
 - 1. Andrew: Run down of what the moneys for?
 - 2. Emma: For supplies they provided a breakdown, for the contractuals it was the cost for the servers. Misc is for booklets.
 - 3. Motion Passes: 11-0-1.

**Lin walks in at 5:47 PM **

- G. Motion to allocate Japan Clubs' West Meets East event for a total of \$2,933 in Refreshments, Supplies, Contractuals, & Misc.
 - 1. Club: Biggest event of the year, cultural showcase where we bring in performers. Held in the theatre. There will be food.
 - 2. Club Treasurer: We have 7 performers confirmed as of this point, over \$1,000 total. This is our 6th time shaving this event. Since it's a new space, we have to rent out the space and therefore need more money. We have one concern in refreshments, MPR calculation where we could have more people. We requested \$800 in refreshments but the number could go down since the space is limited and there will be less people.
 - 3. Isabel: How did you calculate their refreshments?
 - 4. Emma: 175 times \$6 .

5. Club Treasurer: Refreshments is less than what we spent in 2016 which is when we had this event successfully which is what we're trying to replicate. \$800 requested in appeal, added amount that was allotted in 2016 plus the amount they appealed for, but now we are requesting \$500 instead of \$800.
6. Brian: Allowed to serve food?
7. Club: Yes there's a space there.
8. Isabel: So they are requesting an additional \$250?
9. Erica: If you add \$500 more, it's only adding like two or so more platters. Food will draw more attention so they could have a higher attendance.
10. Suleman: They requested \$1,000 in contractals but you allocated \$2,000?
11. Club: One thing we didn't consider when requesting this appeal was the money to rent out of this space which would probably be another \$1,000.
12. Andrew: Probably?
13. Club: BPAC has still not gotten back to us with the amount.
14. Rachel: Price is not finalized?
15. Isabel: Nope, not confirmed.
16. Suleman We can't allocate more than requested?
17. Isabel: Only senate can change the amount.
18. Club: We're confused because we've never used this space.
19. Damali: The space is about \$800 but it depends on how many ushers they have to hire. You should allocate based on an estimate.

David walks in 6:08 P.M.

20. Emma: I will allocate this amount down now, and senate will have to vote on increasing the amount.
 21. Deryn: How do you guys feel about allocating the money back?
 22. Senate in agreeance
 23. Suleman: Motion to amend Japan Club's appeal and increase refreshments by \$250 and increase their contractals by \$1,050.
 - a) Motions Passes: 11-0-4.
 24. Emma: Motion to allocate Japan Clubs' West Meets East event for a total of \$3,243 in Refreshments, Supplies, Contractals, & Misc.
 - a) Motion Passes: 11-0-4
- H. Motion to allocate Absolute Adrenaline's Adrenaline Day for a total of \$1,445 in Misc.
1. Club: Second time hosting event, plan to rent something that OSL used for the carnival, we need the budget to rent out the equipment. Location: Auxiliary gym, partnering with athletic department to rent some equipment as well.
 2. Lin: so you always had this amount of students?
 3. Club: This is what we expect because it's now in the gym so there will be more people
 4. Motion Passes: 13-0-2
- I. Motion to allocate Absolute Adrenaline's Rock Climbing event for a total of \$400 in Misc.
1. Club: We had it last year in May, we plan to take 25-40 students to the cliff to rock climb. All equipment is included plus staff to teach students.
 2. Arvis: Date confirmed?
 3. Club: May 4th.
 4. Motion Passes: 14-0-1
- J. Motion to allocate Golden Key's Meet The Legends for a total of \$660 in Refreshments & Supplies.

1. Club: Large scale professional event with Baruch and golden key alumni for students to network. Last year held in library, 35 professionals for about 80 students. This year it's confirmed for 14th floor conference room and we've looked into catering and we are asking for an increase of \$360 in contractals for caterers. \$30 an hour for servers, 3 hours, 4 servers.
2. Erica: Motion to amend their contractals to add \$360.
 - a) Motion passes: 14-0-1.
3. Emma: Motion to allocate Golden Key's Meet The Legends for a total of \$1,020 in Refreshments, Supplies, & Contratuals..
 - a) Motion Passes: 14-0-1.

III. Isabel Arias | President's Report

- A. BOD surplus proposal, accumulated for many years based off student fees that are delayed. Money that could go into different initiatives. Still accepting proposals as to what to do with this money, up to March 29th.
- B. Check in, Danny progress with the foosball table in the game room?
 1. Daniel: Doing research providers, around \$600. I know we have about \$1,600. Right now we just need to pick something that fits the aura.
 2. Damali: If you need more money and it's worth it, then they could adjust the number. Don't get something cheap that won't last.
 3. Daniel: We've been looking at the best foosball tables. Next weeks we'll update you more.
 4. Isabel: Same with pool tables?
 5. Arseny: Pretty much.
- C. Andrew did you hear back from SERC?
 1. Andrew: We submitted everything last week, still waiting.
 2. Damali: We sent everything to legal to review language.
 3. Andrew: The deadline has passed, but we asked for an extension to get signatures.
 4. Damali: They will most likely extend it
 5. Andrew: As soon as we hear back then we could start getting signatures
- D. To Brandon, there's still stuff out around USG suite from your previous events (mugs).
 1. Brandon: Will be using those stuff for events this week, then it'll get cleared out.

**Lin leaves at 6:15 PM **

IV. Andrew Windsor | New Committee Proposal

- A. Asking to create new ad hoc committee that would focus on Greek life. As Isabel mentioned, she's met with Provost, and they've asked how they would reinstate greek life. Section 2A of my proposal: this committee would be delving into past present and hopefully future status of greek organizations. We want to understand the policies that have been done. Section 2B of my proposal: researching how other institutions of higher education handle greek life. I want to see how they handle their greek organizations. A lot of people's concerns were about fraternity hazing. Last thing, Section 2C of my proposal: developing plans that USG or administration could implement. No other goals for this committee but these three. Limited amount of things that we could come up with. Again this committee would have no power without the senate's and administration's approval. No concerns about who chairs. I think I should chair it but if you guys don't think I should chair it that's not up to me.
 1. Isabel: Not seeing how it's a necessary thing to add another committee. Looks like it's something your current committee could take on.

2. Andrew: Currently, the committee I co-chair does not focus on fraternities, the Senate only authorized it to only look at our Constitution, which Greek life is not a part of. This new committee would be authorized to address concerns, discuss ideas and have people bring their concerns about Greek life.
3. Deryn: I don't see why you can't do this independently or team up with Arvis since he was previously working on this.
4. Andrew: Could be a sub-committee under arvis, I just wanted to make a committee so there would be a vehicle that not only has the legitimacy but the power to implement ideas with the senate's approval.
5. Suleman: No need to make another committee, kind of waters down our jobs. Like you said the provost doesn't want to meet with regular students.. Executive board is supposed to bring it to the provost.
6. Andrew: This committee would look at how things have been done in the past how they're being done and will be done. Everything will be brought to the senate. A central thing that gives out the information, senate gives it to the e-board and e-board gives it to provost. How does USG and the senate feel about what will happen.
7. Suleman: How does forming the committee work having it now, what new information will this committee bring that we already don't know?
8. Andrew: Statistics, numbers on how many hazing or deaths. Vehicle to push things and get things to get passed fast. A lot of people were asking why we had to do the resolution in such a short time.
9. Brandon: I agree with Suleman, it takes responsibility away from us as a table. It should be something we are all taking on.
10. Suleman: Bringing in a weekly report would be more effective than making this committee.
11. Andrew: Sure, but I haven't seen anyone try to find the research including me.
12. Damali: Were you discussing numbers at Baruch or in general?
13. Andrew: Baruch.
14. Arvis: To be brutally honest, if I didn't agree to do the survey in the beginning very little would have been done. I agree with Andrew's committee— it wouldn't water down our responsibilities. I think we would be actively looking at past and current policies. I had the pleasure of talking to Daniel Perez from Baruch's now defunct historically Latino social fraternity, who gave me a lot of good information. With this committee we would have people to mobilize and look at past qualities because I've talked to Isabel and right now the provost has heard all the points that we've made but if he doesn't hear anything new then he's going to go ahead with his negative decision.
15. Suzanna: Sounds like a research initiative which you can do individually, as a representative senator you could do this and bring in reports and let us know any new information. Just for the title, there's no point.
16. Arvis: If you think we're doing this for a title, I respectfully disagree.
17. Deryn: I think she asking about the tangible impact? What can't you can't do right now.
18. Arvis: Right now I'm just doing it on my own.
19. Deryn: So do you just need more people?
20. Andrew: First, please don't grill Arvis, he had no part in proposing this committee and shouldn't be held liable for it. I agree with Arvis though, this is not for the sake for the title. I don't care if I'm not in charge of this committee at all. What could this committee do that a normal representative senator can't do? Taking it to the provost and reaching out to students. Obviously, Arvis has already a lot on his plate.

21. Isabel: 1) your main purpose of having the committee rather than doing individual report is to have someone report it to the table then the provost, I don't see how that goes against being a representative senator. 2) also we've had this before when people come asking about new committees, we found ways of making them sub-committees instead.
22. Lin: Personal opinion, not sure because you're not telling me how much people you need, I haven't seen the fact that you actually need people.
23. Soft vote fails on whether you guys support making this committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. Andrew Windsor | CIA Concern

- A. CIA starting new partnership with Baruch college, I know a little bit but I don't know everything. President Wallerstein signed agreement with CIA, supposedly second higher education institution in nation to have done this, looking for people to employ. They were looking to Baruch since we are highly diverse. To my knowledge people bring it up because it just now has become recently public.
 1. Damali: Talk to Ellen Stein in the STARR career development, if you talk to her you could get more info.
 2. Deryn: Yeah, so apparently they've already been conducting events.
 3. Andrew: Yeah, my professor said it had just been made public to a lot of people. Wanted to make sure they don't have access to lists, like of email addresses.
 4. Damali: They won't have access to that, they would be treated as any other employer.
 5. Suleman: Professors at Faculty Senate were angry because they weren't sure how the treatment of students would be.

II. Arvis Chen | Cultural Event

- A. April 19th, cultural event. Sent application out to all cultural clubs. African, asian, caribbean, and latin american, more updates next tuesday when everything is finalized. In terms of the name, USG Do it for the Culture, Culture 3, or Culture Cultivation. Soft vote on the name, senate agrees on the first one.

III. Brandon Paillere | USG Apparel

- A. Extended the deadline because it was a sad attempt. Please order!
- B. Film challenge registration has launched, 30 registrants. Marketing schedule, Karen made it. We will be tabling and doing giveaways. We're currently thinking about prizes so if you want to help us please help. USG bearcat website. If you want to participate feel free to do so. Deadline is March 30th for registration.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Rachel Liang | Classes Canceled

- A. Class canceled tomorrow

II. Lin Lin | USG Bulletin Board

- A. Had talk with Damali and Savanna, anybody using bulletin board? Small clubs telling me nobody knows their clubs. Wondering if we could put the bulletin board as calendar grid.
 - 1. Erica: How many clubs?
 - 2. Lin: But that way it's more organized...
 - 3. Rachel: People put their flyers up anyway, a lot of people don't know this area regardless.
 - 4. Emma: We have a problem of not having events out there.
 - 5. Isabel: My only issue is that Tuesday/Thursday will be filled up but by all means go ahead and do it. It wouldn't hurt us.

III. Damali Smith | VITA

- A. VITA club, back this year open 2 days a week. Helpful service, spread the word. Lobby of library building. Hopefully there will be student leader to create the club again.
 - 1. Lin: Talking to club coordinator, to bring back VITA.
 - 2. Damali: It will probably have to take more than that.
 - 3. Isabel: Are they there during Spring break?
 - 4. Damali: No.
 - 5. Deryn: Is it more beneficial to do tax return through VITA person or personal accountant?
 - 6. Damali: It depends if you qualify for VITA. Club registration in the spring regardless.

ADJOURNMENT

- I. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #24 at 7:00 P.M. by Brandon Paillere. Motion Passes 15-0-0.