

## Undergraduate Student Government

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### Meeting 25

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 27, 2021	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	5:30PM - 6:52PM
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Call	<b>Note Taker:</b>	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
Julia DiMarcello   VP of Campus Affairs	Vacant   VP of Student Affairs
Irine Thomas   Chair of Appeals	Kristina Khabarov   Chair of Arts
Alison Lee   Chair of Clubs and Orgs	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	Erika Cumbe   Representative Senator
Zariana Gonzalez   Representative Senator	Mayer Estinville   Representative Senator
Matthew Sanchez   Representative Senator	

### Passing of the Minutes

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1. Due to the sensitive nature of last week's senate meeting, we will be tabling the passing of Senate Meeting #24 minutes until next week.

### Elections

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#### 1. Elections

- a. Viewing of the video submissions. Topics discussed include: "In a short 2-3 minute video please tell us a little bit about yourself, who you are, why you'd like to be VP of Student Affairs, A fun fact about yourself, in this virtual environment what are some things USG has done well, and what can we improve upon? If elected into the position of VP of Student Affairs, what is one end of semester community building initiative you would like to work on for May? What leadership experience would you bring to USG?" Videos exceeding 3 minutes will only be played up until the 3-minute mark.
  - i. Natalia: Hi, I'm Natalia Flores and I'm a first generation freshman majoring in economics and communications studies, minor undecided. I'm from Bayshore/Brentwood and live in Bayshore but went to Brentwood schools because Long Island is notorious for gerrymandering. I graduated in a class of 1400. Fun fact about me is I can moonwalk. I graduated during the

pandemic, and I'm not someone who deals well with internal change so the added element of isolation during the high school to college transition really tested my resilience and sanity. Going through an online freshman year taught me how to deal with unprecedented situations and how to work well under pressure. It also taught me the importance of prioritizing community and learning how to take care of myself in the face of unpredictable times. I think being the VP of Student Affairs is a perfect role for me because joining the community through clubs as well as having events that provided me with the resources to engage with the Baruch community is what kept me connected and lifted me through this pandemic. Living through this experience has taught me that we should prioritize mental health of our students, and focusing on social justice issues. I think USG has done a terrific job in providing resources for students to keep us connected during this online sphere, providing mental health events, engaging in conversations of hard topics like immigration, and I was also impressed with how the Credit/No Credit situation was handled, in how everyone's opinions were taken into consideration. One thing USG could improve on is widening the scope of topics to discuss on decompressing matters and commenting more on social justice issues. The end-of-the-semester community building initiative that I would like to implement is focusing on the transition from online to in person as Baruch has announced that they will be implementing hybrid classes and I think it would be really cool and helpful for students to transition and have a sounding board in order to discuss this weirdness and engage into more in person classes.

- ii. Gia: Hi, I'm Gia Cerulli. I'm an international business major with a double minor in marketing and Italian. I attended the High School of Art and Design where I focused on fashion and fashion media. Some fun facts about me are that I like to go camping, rock climbing, just anything to do outside. I'm interested in the VP of Student Affairs role because I believe I possess the necessary qualities needed to effectively give Baruch students what they want. I believe that I can be assertive, persistent, and constantly have an open ear to those who wish to be heard. Not only will I be the girl to rant your concerns to, at any given time of day which is no problem for me, but I believe it is vital that teachers and faculty hear and act on all student issues. I also realize that Baruch, especially in times like this, isn't there for their students, specifically the departments and offices. This is a concern heard numerous times by my peers, and something I've personally experienced, and even heard from faculty. I wish to get this issue resolved immediately if appointed. I was also a student government member throughout high school but did not hold any titles because I did not have the time. I spent 15 years in Girl's Scouts and received my Gold Award on my 18th birthday. Participating there gave me the opportunities to get involved in community service and allowed me to help my community in both the short and long term spans. These experiences help add to my qualifications for the positions. Baruch's Student Affairs has done a great job in the past addressing concerns of their students while providing ample resources on their website, and hosting fun charity events for good causes. One specific action I appreciate and believe was necessary due to the online environment was the implementation of links online that led to various websites with various resources and information regarding COVID-19, including testing and vaccination sites. One provision I would suggest is to attempt to inquire with local pharmacies and possibly work to provide onsite vaccinations for students in the health center or designate certain hours for students to stop into a local Bauch pharmacy to receive vaccines. Not only would this allow easier access for vaccines, but can also help speed up the process of coming back in person. I have already run the idea past

a CVS pharmacist who gave the go ahead if this is something that students would be interested in. If chosen for VP and this is something appealing to the community, I will do everything in my power to make it come true. Regarding a community-building initiative, an idea of mine would be to have an outdoor movie night with concession stands on 25th street between the Newman Campus and library.

- b. Nomination of USS Delegate
  - i. Briana: As an E-board, we've decided to nominate Osvaldo Garcia to be our next USS Delegate.
  - ii. Motion to nominate Osvaldo Garcia for USS Delegate.
    - 1. Motion passes, 15-0-3
- c. Osvaldo: I accept the nomination.
  - i. Motion to elect Osvaldo Garcia as USS Delegate.
    - 1. Motion passes, 17-0-1

## Reports

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### 1. Lesli Cuamani | Chair of Finance

- a. Lesli: We'll be starting off with club budgets for the 2021-2022 year today. As I mentioned before, I did not allocate any money into the refreshments line, so you'll see more of an increase in the miscellaneous and contractual line than usual to allocate more money for giveaways and prizes. You'll also see a decrease in the supplies line due to the uncertainty of in person events for next year. I took into consideration past club budget usage and I know clubs weren't able to fully use it this year.
- b. APO
  - i. Lesli: Based on their past history, their spending history has decreased in the past 2-3 years so I thought it would be good to decrease their proposed budget with my allocation. A decrease in supplies as well because we're 99% sure that in person events won't be happening next year, but if that is the case, they can always appeal for more money next year.
  - ii. Irine: I know Baruch plans on having hybrid classes for next year. How will that affect them having events?
  - iii. Lesli: From what I was told by Savanna, in person club events won't be happening because we don't know what the health situation would look like. So it was safer to allocate money for them to work in a virtual environment.
  - iv. Irine: I see they have \$700 for refreshments and I don't know if they are expecting to use this for a Spring event.
  - v. Lesli: I discussed that with the clubs that requested for refreshment lines, but they did end up moving that money to the miscellaneous line.
  - vi. Irine: Gotcha, thank you.
  - vii. Motion to allocate \$3245 to APO's budget for the 2021-2022 year.
    - 1. Motion passes, 16-0-1
- c. FUSION
  - i. Lesli: They proposed \$7860. They have used 85% of their past budgets, and been growing in overall club attendance. Their biggest concerns were more on the miscellaneous and contractual lines for their 2 biggest events. I allocated \$7130, and they were satisfied with it.
  - ii. Motion to allocate \$7130 for their 2021-2022 Budget.
    - 1. Motion passes, 16-0-1

- d. Briana: There's a question in the chat regarding what has been the general use of contractals during COVID?
- e. Lesli: This year I know clubs had trouble accessing and spending their budget, so most of it was unused. The bigger clubs were able to use their contractual line money, but going forward, clubs will now have better knowledge of how to use their budget well in an online environment.
- f. Savanna: For contractals, some clubs have used it to book talent, virtual workshops and brought in an expert to talk about different things. That has been the 2 ways they have been used for the most part.
- g. Model United Nation
  - i. Lesli: They proposed \$6195. I allocated \$5360. They have 3 major events that have members go to with pricey fees. Their money will mainly be coming from their miscellaneous line.
  - ii. Motion to allocate \$5360 for their 2021-2022 Budget.
    - 1. Motion passes, 17-0-1
- h. SOCA
  - i. Lesli: Good use of their budget. Their contractals are big, and they hope to grow more. They proposed \$5445, and I allocated \$4730, and they were satisfied with the allocation.
  - ii. Motion to allocate \$4730 for their 2021-2022 Budget.
    - 1. Motion passes, 17-0-1
- i. PRSSA
  - i. Lesli: Their club usage and attendance has been decreasing. Not as good of a spending history or club growth, which is how I justified my allocation, and they were satisfied with it.
  - ii. Motion to allocate \$250 for their 2021-2022 Budget.
    - 1. Motion passes, 17-0-1
- j. Socrates Hellenic Society
  - i. Lesli: They've used less than 50% of their budget in the last 3 years. Their budget for next year will be lower. They proposed \$685. I allocated \$300, and they were satisfied with it.
  - ii. Motion to allocate \$300 for their 2021-2022 Budget.
    - 1. Motion passes, 17-0-1
- k. Lesli: SASA
  - i. Lesli: They proposed \$6930. They haven't spent much this year due to COVID. They do have a decent spending history. Good money management, so I allocated \$4640 and they were satisfied.
  - ii. Motion to allocate \$4640 for their 2021-2022 Budget.
    - 1. Motion passes, 17-0-1
- l. TAMID
  - i. Lesli: Good spending history. Moved most of their money to their miscellaneous and contractual lines. I allocated their full amount.
  - ii. Motion to allocate \$130 for their 2021-2022 Budget.
    - 1. Motion passes, 17-0-1
- m. UCLA
  - i. Lesli: They have consistent money management, spending history, and club growth. I allocated them their full amount.
  - ii. Motion to allocate \$9370 for their 2021-2022 Budget.
    - 1. Motion passes, 17-0-1
- n. VSA

- i. Lesli: They proposed for \$9960. I was in conversations with them on their miscellaneous and contractual lines because they had proposed much more than prior years. They've had a good spending history. I allocated them \$9000 and they were satisfied.
  - ii. Motion to allocate \$9000 for their 2021-2022 Budget.
    - 1. Motion passes, 17-0-1
- o. Wall Street Club
  - i. Lesli: They proposed \$8020. They came for an appeal this year for their investment banking training program, so keeping that in mind and their club growth and spending behavior, I allocated \$7680 and they were satisfied.
  - ii. Briana: I see in the chat someone asked, "Isn't there a 65% rule for certain events?"
  - iii. Lesli: They have an exception because it was their biggest event line and they were able to justify the fees and the program cost.
  - iv. Motion to allocate \$7680 for their 2021-2022 Budget.
    - 1. Motion passes, 17-0-1
- p. Marketers of Baruch (MOB)
  - i. Lesli: They proposed for \$2920. Their spending history has decreased in the last 2 years, but they've been doing better. I allocated \$2065 to allow them to grow more in their professional and networking events.
  - ii. Motion to allocate \$2065 for their 2021-2022 Budget.
    - 1. Motion passes, 17-0-1

## 2. Briana Staten | EVP

- a. Briana: Last week we spoke about the unethical accusations of cheating. Ted Joyce called me, and he did explain to me that while the language in the zoom meeting was crazy, the study they were conducting was done through SAM, which Baruch has been using. If you may or may not know, SAM detects cheating because everyone is given unique codes. He told me it was broken down into 2 groups of students for phase A and B. Before assignment #1 and during phase A, students were sent an email letting them know SAM can detect cheating so don't share answers. From there, whoever was caught cheating was let known and given a warning. Since this was part of a study, they were not reported to the professors, and they were allowed to redo and resubmit the assignments so no penalties for cheating. Same was done for phase B. From this survey, students would either apologize for cheating, as to prevent them from cheating in the future, and so they would be more conscious.
- b. Richard: Did he provide documentation of the study because I was under the impression that SAM always tells you that they can detect cheating?
- c. Briana: He didn't, it was a phone call.
- d. Richard: Most of us are in Zicklin and we use SAM and I've always received that notice so how is that any different from what they did with the survey?
- e. Briana: From my understanding, that's the test they were doing. I know last year SAM was updated to another version, so I believe that was the test.
- f. Richard: I think we should follow up to receive documentation. In the chat Emanuela asked, "Can you review how phase B was different from phase A?"
- g. Briana: There's no difference. Students were randomly assigned for each phase, and given the same directions and rules to follow.

- h. Tomasz: SAM detecting cheating has been this way for a while, or at least since my freshman year. You submit the file, and it automatically scans it to detect cheating.
- i. Irine: I've never used SAM but is it similar to Turnitin.com?
- j. Tomasz: It's for excel homeworks. You download a file, follow the instructions, and then submit it back. It then checks that the file or any work isn;t a copy of anyone else's. Turnitin gives you a percentage of plagiarism. With SAM, it's "yes" or "no" if you cheated.
- k. Lesli: SAM does tell you if you copied someone else's file.

### **Unfinished Business**

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- 1. Briana Staten | EVP
  - a. Briana: Great job on the Earth Day events, both Richard and Osvaldo's Baruch Farmer event, and Julia's Connect with the Cats event.

### **New Business**

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- 1. No New Business.

### **Executive Session**

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- 1. Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:15p.m.

### **Election Results**

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- 1. Motion to elect as Natalia Flores as VP of Student Affairs.
  - a. Motion passes, 17-0-0

### **Adjournment**

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- 1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #25 at 6:52 PM. Motion passes, 17-0-0