

Undergraduate Student Government

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Meeting Date:	September 15, 2020	Meeting Time:	5:34PM - 6:02PM
Location:	Zoom Call	Note Taker:	Genesis Calle

Attendees:	
Tony Chen President	Briana Staten Executive Vice President
Chansocheata Sea Executive Treasurer	Genesis Calle Executive Secretary
Taji Sanders VP of Academic Affairs	Steven Le VP of Campus Affairs
Richard Reyes VP of Legislative Affairs	Yam-Yu Li VP of Student Affairs
Irine Thomas Chair of Appeals	Kristina Khabarov Chair of Arts
[Absent] 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	[Absent] Minh Tran Representative Senator
Mayer Estinville Representative Senator	

Passing of the Minutes

1. Motion to pass Senate Meeting #2 minutes. Motion passes, 17-0-0.

Reports

1. Irine Thomas | Chair of Appeals

- a. Irine: There's one appeal for today from UCLA for their Moon Festival event, on October 15th, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. They expect to have 250-300 people in attendance. Currently in their budget they have \$0 for refreshments and equipment, \$2400 for contracts, and \$200 in miscellaneous, for a total of \$2,600. They have requested \$600 in contracts for performers and I feel comfortable with allocating the full amount. Motion to allocate \$600 for UCLA's Moon Festival.
- b. Suzy Qiu: Hello, I'm the President of UCLA. The reason we're asking for the \$600 for the performers is that we really want to give the Baruch student body a night that they will remember. Especially with COVID-19, some might be stressed and we want them to have a fun and amazing time with our performances, games, and prizes as well. We also feel that because of COVID-19 and the unfortunate backlash response to the Asian community, we can also use this as an opportunity to show people who we really are and change their perspective of the Asian community. This is also a good opportunity to promote our culture because we are a cultural club that strives to promote Chinese heritage and culture

so having the Moon Festival, which is a traditional holiday that is celebrated not just by Chinese people but also Asian ethnicities, is an important event to have.

- c. Savanna: Make sure that you get in contact with your advisor. The way in which we process payment is different now because of CUNYfirst, and there's at least a 6 week turnaround period on that so you would need to have your advisor start on the contract and paperwork process for us to approve.
- d. Suzy: Okay, thank you.
- e. Cindy: Who are the performers? I know David So, but have you confirmed with the other 2?
- f. Suzy: Yes, the second one is Jeff Bernat, and the third one we are leaning towards is AJ Rafael.
- g. Yam-Yu: More like a suggestion, if you want to, you can ask if any of your members would want to create their own performances to help out with the engagement of the event.
- h. Suzy: Good idea, thank you.
 - i. Motion passes, 16-0-1

2. Lauren Farrugia | Chair of Diversity, Inclusion and International Affairs

- a. Lauren: Hello all, I wanted to update you on some things coming up for my committee. First off, we had our first event last week, called "Wakanda Forever," a Black Panther conversation, and it was so great. We showed 3 clips from the movie, and we had 7 in total we wanted to show, but even though the event was supposed to last an hour, the conversation ended up going for 2 hours and I had to wrap it up but I didn't want to stop because everyone was really excited about it. We had some amazing guest speakers, such as PJ from CUNY Black Male Initiative, as well as 2 outside guests, who were the producer and executor of the Harriet Tubman Freedom Music Festival. We had 52 people tune in at the start and for the hour, then 44 people after the first hour and we finished it off with 32 people, all engaged in the event so I was really happy with that. Our next initiative is building connections with faculty and clubs around Baruch and seeing how we can assist them. It's been a little tricky trying to get in contact with them but we are working around it and meetings set up. I have my first committee meeting tonight, with 9 people in the committee at the moment. I am also working with Richard to put together a video of international students explaining why it is important for American students to go out and vote because it does help dictate our stature and where we are in the world.

3. Osvaldo Garcia | Chair of Philanthropy

- a. Osvaldo: Hello everyone, the philanthropy committee is back. We are going to have our first GIM this Thursday at 12:30 p.m. so come through if you can, it's going to be a lot of fun.
- b. Genesis: What exactly is the plan for the GIM?
- c. Osvaldo: We are going to do quick introductions, icebreakers, explaining plans for the committee, and our initiatives that we have planned. I hope you come out to join us, and also if any table members have any initiatives they'd like to collaborate on with, I'd be more than happy to do so. Thanks.

4. Tony Chen | President

- a. Tony: Hi everyone. So we all read the email that we shared on social media with the Provost's statement on the proctoring system. They are putting together a team of students and faculty administration to talk about other alternatives. We spoke about it during our meeting and they have asked me to gather opinions from the students on what alternatives they'd like to see put in place. On that note, I want to ask

any table member who is interested to send me your testimonial on this subject. If you can please turn it in to me by this Sunday, September 20th.

- b. Tomasz: When you say testimonial, how long does it have to be?
- c. Tony: What you think would be a good alternative to the proctoring system, or other ideas on the matter.
- d. Kristina: What kind of format do you want the testimonial to be?
- e. Tony: A paragraph should be enough. I can put it all together and present it at the meeting.
- f. Tomasz: Just to be clear, the proctoring system is not going to be used by professors, or is there still a possibility that if we don't find an alternative, they can bring it back?
- g. Tony: They can't use it because of legal reasons. If you choose to recommend that, you need to have an alternative set in place. The possibility of professors using it is there, but that can't be their only option.
- h. Tomasz: So they can opt out, okay.
- i. Tony: Yes, and whatever alternative is decided upon will be determined at the end, and will most likely be departmental as well.

Unfinished Business

1. Yam-Yu Li | VP of Student Affairs

- a. Yam-Yu: In regards to the Study Abroad fair this year, it was supposed to happen in September but got pushed back and will now be on October 22nd. We're still in discussion with the marketing efforts. Second thing is, as I mentioned before, the spreadsheet that my vice chairs and I have been working on- it's basically a breakdown of what we learned about the offices, centers, and any additional information that we learned from them in terms of the services they provide, the 'comments' tab discusses the potential co-host opportunities, and marketing material for Christine and Cindy to help promote it.

New Business

1. Genesis Calle | Executive Secretary

- a. Genesis: Hey guys, just a heads up to complete your SPARC training for USG by September 27th. An email with all the information was sent out today to your Baruch Mails by Brandy Peer. If for some reason you did not get the email, let me know and I can forward it to you.

2. Richard Reyes | VP of Legislative Affairs

- a. Richard: I'm having a committee meeting this Thursday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Basically just going over anything that pertains to my committee and initiatives and also advertising my "National Voter Registration Day" event on September 22nd from 1-2 p.m. Is there anybody from the table that is available to attend the event? The event might also extend until 2:25 p.m.
 - i. People attending: Kristina, Tony, Christine, Steven, Yam-Yu, Erika, Genesis.
- b. Richard: Savanna recently sent me an email about a town hall that CUNY will be hosting. I, unfortunately, can't go but I'm going to be sharing this information with my committee but I also

wanted to know if any table members would like to attend. It's this Wednesday, September 16th from 12-1 p.m.

- c. Osvaldo: Is this town hall the one on diversity or another one?
- d. Richard: The details are, "Senator Robert Jackson hosts a virtual town hall on the quality of remote learning and the lives of CUNY students."
- e. Osvaldo: Okay, I can go.
- f. Mayer: I can go there as well.
- g. Tony: For Voter registration, do you want to announce the guest list now or wait until the event?
- h. Richard: I want to keep it a surprise for now. Maybe I will decide to announce it on our social media soon, so be sure to follow us and stay up to date with that.

Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #3 at 6:02 PM, 17-0-0