



Meeting 8:

Meeting Date:	October 29th, 2019	Meeting Time:	5:31 P.M. - 7:53 P.M.
Location:	USG Conference Room	Note Taker:	Nicole Pung

Attendees:	
Dakshatha Daggala President	Joshua Castillo Executive Vice President
Tam Phuong Executive Treasurer	Nicole Pung Executive Secretary
Briana Staten VP of Academic Affairs	[Absent] Robert Da Rita VP of Campus Affairs
[Absent] Kim Kazdal VP of Legislative Affairs	Tony Chen VP of Student Affairs
Gigi Kaur Chair of Appeals	Denise Rojas Chair of Clubs and Orgs
[Absent] Aaron D'Souza Chair of Finance	Anmarie Gajdos Chair of Graphic Design
Sandy Dai Chair of Marketing	Andres Aguirre Representative Senator
Basil Harding Representative Senator	Emmanuel Oladejo Representative Senator
Irine Thomas Representative Senator	Marvin Argueta Representative Senator
Taji Sanders Representative Senator	Yam-Yu Li Representative Senator
Yaseen Rana Representative Senator	Roshen Varughese Representative Senator
Vacant Representative Senator	

Passing of the Minutes

1. Motion to pass Senate Meeting #7 minutes. Motion passes, 15-0-0.

Reports

1. Elections
 - a. Elevator pitches
 - i. Joshua: 30 second elevator pitch. We're going to go down the line. Introduce yourselves. I'm going to time it. When you have 5 seconds left, I'll signal.
 - ii. Minh: I'm currently a sophomore majoring in finance. The reason I'm running for representative senator is because I want to represent students of Baruch. The population that currently not involved in club life or the people who don't know what USG does. I want to bring the message out there and show USG is beyond giving out merch. Help students achieve in school and meet new people. Overall, have a great career development.
 - iii. Tomasz: I'm a junior majoring in CIS. I want to represent the new incoming students who have trouble registering for classes. I hope to improve the relationship between academic advisement and new students. I'm a first year seminar and success network

mentor and I realize a lot of students are having trouble trying to figure out what classes to take. I want to improve that relationship with them.

- iv. Naya: I'm currently a sophomore majoring in digital marketing. I want to become a representative senator because I know representative senators represent 1,000 students in the student population. I feel like I do reach out to a lot of students on campus and hear a lot of their complaints. I feel that's something I want to share with the people of USG and create ways to make it more inclusive for the people on campus.
 - v. Genesis: I am a junior majoring in marketing. Here at Baruch, I've become involved in T.E.A.M. Baruch as a peer mentor and now Vice Chair of Campus Affairs. I've grown a lot during my time here as a leader, as a person, as a mentor, and as a friend. I would love to bring all these attributes that I've learned to the table and represent students who feel that they don't have a voice.
 - vi. Angely: I'm a finance major. I was in BMCC before. I was in charge of the finance and the international community. I was also participating in real estate. I able to represent students at Baruch College as well. Since I've already been over there in charge of finance.
 - vii. Amna: I'm majoring in finance and minoring in economics. I transferred from LaGuardia Community College where I was a member of the honors program where I was a helping officer and organizing new events and addressing student issues. I feel that I can bring that here and enhance my skills.
- b. What do you think USG could do better or differently?
- i. Angely: I believe USG is doing a great job right now. We can bring new ideas to be more inclusive of international students at Baruch. We can put our knowledge more efficiently. For example, in tutoring class for those who work during the week and we can be like come in here to help them out and see what we have. Also have more publicity for USG so everyone knows about it. Be more active on campus. Having activities, different types of food, and financially have more purpose for those who come from other countries.
 - ii. Genesis: Personally, I think USG is doing an amazing job. I do miss the GIM where you get to know everybody and who is involved in USG and who represents you. I went last year and that's how I got involved in philanthropy and marketing committee. It really showed me just how inclusive USG can be. We are here to provide help to everyone and fun for them through giveaways. I feel we can improve a lot through giving leadership and philanthropic initiatives and opportunities for people to grow. We Bearcats, we should be strong, empowered people no matter our major. USG can help empower voices by giving opportunities.
 - iii. Naya: Though USG is currently doing well, I do feel like there are a lot of things we're missing out. I did write down more career related events should happen in USG. A lot of students subscribe to USG and yet a lot of students are not getting jobs. We should put it out there that they can pursue their own career and that there are events to help them in their careers. We can also showcase other diverse students, like parents, people with disabilities, stuff like that.
 - iv. Tomasz: USG can improve by providing more career related events and workshops. I believe there's a notion going around that USG mostly an afterschool thing that people do for fun and not related to improving yourself. They can spread out times which they do the events since a lot of people take night classes or work during the week and take weekend classes. Making events during those times would help other students get more involved.

- v. Minh: Currently as a first year peer mentor, the question I hear from first year. What is USG? Are they a club? What do they do on campus? I feel like we can reach out to new students, international students, transfer students. Tell them we are USG, we do budgets for clubs, help solve problems on campus, hold events. Maybe we can have representative senators go to classes, success network event and orientation and introduce what USG is. We're more than just giving away clothes and bottles.
 - vi. Amna: One part that's lacking is that not many people know. I wouldn't have joined USG before unfortunately this is my second to last semester that I know about USG. This is kind of bad. I think USG should do more to promote themselves and also include some chapters for students where they come and talk about their relevant issues. I think they should start with that and get more students engaged to talk about what is USG and they'll do better and know what USG is as soon as they come in freshmen students.
- c. If you were given an unlimited budget, what event, initiative, or project would you put forward?
- i. Amna: I believe I would start with doing USG chapters, where I would inform students to come in and talk about their related issues, such as advisement. Right now, students are not getting early advisement and for that reason they don't know a lot of opportunities. They don't know all those resources. I would do something like that. Maybe get more students to do mentoring. They'll not only that advisement for resources that the college is offering, but they will also have other resources. There should be on a big scale approach where we can tell students what is USG and they can reveal their resources and opportunities.
 - ii. Minh: My idea is we have an app for USG. The survival guide right now currently shows all the clubs and everything that you need to know in the book, but in this technology era, everyone has a phone, so it's easier to access your phone if you go online. I have a little bit of budget, I would create an app for USG and you can have all the people on the table, the details, what club you can go to, what club events are happening, restaurants around campus, and all the things survival guide and more, put it into your phone that you can access anytime.
 - iii. Tomasz: If I had an unlimited budget, I would put it to hosting events that would improve students' mental well-being. I believe a lot of students are lost their first two years of college. They need some sort of counseling if that's due to depression, mental health, being lost as to what to do in life. Holding different types of workshops for mental health or career related, hosting these types of events would help students. That would be the best use of a large budget.
 - iv. Naya: So some of the events I felt like should be showcased are events that have different opportunities that are available to students on campus. Not only through USG, but also from the school as well. Very few people know that programs and opportunities exist for them. I recently found out that there are opportunities for parents for people who have children. If I were a parent, I would not have known about this at all. I feel we should have an event that showcases some of the programs and opportunities for people on campus.
 - v. Genesis: We already give out so many opportunities for people to help become leaders on campus. In society, in college, those are the type of people that become leaders. I would like to host monthly or twice a semester leadership development activities open to everyone. No matter if you're coming to Baruch, you're in the middle of your journey, if you're leaving, it's always nice to improve on your skills. Going hand in hand with being a good leader is being a good person. You have to be mentally well as well. I'd like to throw in a few stress relief events. Happy disco theme with coffee and dancing or bubble

tea. It would be nice to give students those opportunities to grow as people and to show them that USG does care about us and each other because we're all Bearcats.

vi. Angely: I have two ideas. The first one will be competition skills which will be every student who is unable to pay their tuition, they have some packaging to a certain competition skill. Let's say they win, we can afford them a semester to pay them for that. At the same time, the second idea would be to gather every club, we can organize another type of skills competition. In that way, you can promote at the same time USG and everyone will know about it. Not only every club, but at the same time, each student.

d. Joshua: You're more than welcome to stay. If you go, does not affect your application. Thank you for coming.

2. Marvin Argueta | Representative Senator

a. Marvin: Two things I'm covering today. The first is the results from the survey. I jotted down the results for the top 10 earlier on in the day. Top 10 people wanted are list all events happening on campus, newsfeed update, campus resources, class updates and notifications, free swag, schedule internship opportunities, easy access, networking events, MTA updates, campus directories. Also updates for the open forum. They had the BBA revamp to discuss in terms of changing up the BBA curriculum going into Zicklin. They seem pretty set on what they're gonna do, but as you know Baruch is slow on these kinds of things. They did a lot of research in terms of the courses they're going to be making. They plan on removing the requirements calculus and replacing it with a higher level stats class. The new course will be applying what you learned from stats on excel and statistical analysis on excel. This is based on information on all the departments and majors. They contacted interviewers, companies, to see what they're seeking. They got a wide net of feedback on what they need to change in the curriculum. They even asked math professors what specifically about calculus is useful. Learning python would be really good, however, we're not at that point yet where companies require programming skills. Right now it seems like excel skills are what will make you stand out. Furthermore, instead of taking COM 1010, they want to change it to COM 2020, which is more focused around purpose orientated and audience awareness to find facts to back up what you're trying to talk about, as well as writing concise emails. These are the skills you'll learn at your internship, but you'll get a head start in this class. Once you're at your internship, you can develop those skills. They're trying to add in an optional but not requirement is COM 3021. It's a half a semester course covering whatever is in COM 1010 that's not covered in COM 2020. Also another optional course where they'll be talking about budget, how to invest, all these things schools should teach you, but they don't. The last COM class I mentioned and the personal financial budget class are not requirements, but will be there if you want to take them. At the end of the meeting, we were able to ask questions, discuss what the curriculum will be like. There are three different routes to get into Zicklin: you're an honors student, automatically be in Zicklin and start taking Zicklin courses. There will be requirements for higher level Zicklin courses, but you can start taking Zicklin courses once you get here. The next route is taking specific pre-Zicklin courses and having a minimum 2.25 GPA plus pre calc. The last one is take all requirements that we have now plus the new quant class minus calc, but still have to take pre calc. It's still not set in stone and needs to be finalized. This wouldn't affect us. Anyone following the current curriculum will stay in the current curriculum. They plan on changing it starting with students starting in 2021. Transfer students, a little more complicated because there's a lot of other levels to it.

b. Joshua: Most of the info about classes is in the document.

c. Marvin: They basically made a short presentation about everything on it, but they kept referencing that document. They have a syllabus example in there. First week this is what they're covering. If you really want to know what these classes will look like, they have a description. The syllabus

will go into more detail about what each week is going to be covering and what work you'll do in those classes. I recommend checking it out. Be aware of what's going on.

- d. Joshua: This document is in the chat. It's about 30 pages explaining specifications. It's good to know, so take a look when you can.
3. Joel De La Cruz | USS Delegate
 - a. Joel: Update on the previous month. The USS elections. 3 Baruch students were running. Me, Robert, and John. Robert, the graduate, won. John has not won. He hasn't had enough votes to win, although he was leading. I didn't have enough votes, but I yielded. That's the results of the elections. Beyond the results of the election, USS has not done anything. Biggest concern was that they did not elect a fiscal chair, the budget couldn't be made. The previous fiscal affairs, Razieh, volunteered to serve in that role for a month, so there will be a budget for USS. She's there as an interim. Only thing we're doing right now. Nothing much except this one thing that took place. State legislators opened a committee to focus on tuition increases. They had hearings. One is at a CUNY and other 3 at SUNYs. The 1 for CUNY took place at Brooklyn College a week ago. Around 4-6 students attended. Beyond that they're trying to show up at the SUNYs meetings because not many showed up at the Brooklyn College one.
4. Tony Chen | VP of Student Affairs
 - a. Tony: We want to host MPR event with GLASS. They asked if any of us can help with set up at 4:30. The people in charge are Dominik and Taina. If you can help, my committee is picking up food around 5:30. If you're free around those times, come help.
 - b. Soft vote 4:30PM
 - i. Dak, Andres
 - c. Yam-Yu: Short run, maximum 10 minutes. Chirping Chicken.
 - d. Soft vote 5:30PM food run
 - i. Dak, Andres
 - e. Tony: Also for Lip Sync. Two clubs signed up, PFN and ISO. Hosts are Andres, Denise, and Marvin. Wear 90's clothes that day.
 - f. Joshua: I'll send a mood board.
 - g. Dakshatha: We'll start working on the teams tomorrow. Josh will be making a mix for us to lip sync to. May or may not have uniforms. Keep your eye out for that.
5. Emmanuel Oladejo | Chair of Arts
 - a. Emmanuel: Art Committee up and running. I have 7 new art committee members, total up to 11 committee members. Working on having an art committee meeting soon. Just have to work with Nicole, Josh, and Sandy on location, time, and promotion of the GIM. That's all for now, as I start working on it, I'll update you all.
6. Joshua Castillo | EVP
 - a. Joshua: My report is mainly about links, a lot of them in the next hour. Mainly having to do for the rest of this semester. One of those links is specifically for representative senators. We want to target more specific groups and more outreach. This means tabling in person, more facetime with students. Definitely look at that link. Another link for check ins next week in November. Another link for hero of the month. Fill them out as quickly as you can.

Unfinished Business

1. **No unfinished business.**

New Business

1. **No new business.**

Executive Session

1. Motion to enter executive session passes at 6:10PM.

Election Results

1. Motion to elect Genesis Calle as Representative Senator.
 - a. Motion passes, 15-0-0.

Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #8 at 7:53PM. 15-0-0.