



**Meeting 9:**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	November 5th, 2019	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	5:30 P.M. - 6:10 P.M.
<b>Location:</b>	USG Conference Room	<b>Note Taker:</b>	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	Robert Da Rita   VP of Campus Affairs
Kim Kazdal   VP of Legislative Affairs	Tony Chen   VP of Student Affairs
Gigi Kaur   Chair of Appeals	Denise Rojas   Chair of Clubs and Orgs
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
Genesis Calle   Representative Senator	Irine Thomas   Representative Senator
Marvin Argueta   Representative Senator	Taji Sanders   Representative Senator
[Absent] Yam-Yu Li   Representative Senator	[Absent] Yaseen Rana   Representative Senator
Roshen Varughese   Representative Senator	

**Passing of the Minutes**

1. Motion to pass Senate Meeting #8 minutes. Motion passes, 17-0-0.

**Reports**

1. Kim Kazdal
  - a. Kim: I just want to give you guys an update on everything. My vice chair, Richard, is planning a food drive that will happen November 25th and take place for two weeks. We want to put a basket here in the conference room and one in SEEK because we're partnering with an honor society for the food drive. Obviously non-perishable foods. Richard knows exactly where the food is going to a shelter. We are also in the works to talk about an event. It's an artsy one. We're waiting on the Mishkin Gallery. They have a lot going on trying to figure out what their availability is. Just wanted to give you guys an update. Albany application is out rep sens still have to apply if you're interested apply. I was wondering if we could take a soft vote to see who is interested in applying
    - i. Andres, Emmanuel, Briana, Denise, Anmarie, Basil, Tony, Irine, Genesis
2. Basil Harding
  - a. Basil: The president of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Abishek Johnson, wanted to give a report to you guys about Intervarsity's major event called Feed 5000. It's happening Thursday,

November 21st during club hours in the multipurpose room. I'll just talk about the event for a little bit. Our vision is in response to God's grace, love, and truth Intersity Christian Fellowship hopes to see lives transformed, the campus renewed, and world changers developed. With our Feed 5000 event, we're able to renew campus, allowing students to volunteer their services and hopes to transform the lives of the homeless in New York City this Thanksgiving season. Feed 5000 is Intersity Christian Fellowship's largest philanthropic event where we demonstrate God's compassion to the homeless by inviting students to create 500+ care packages. We also have Thanksgiving lunch with the Baruch students and faculty and invite them to engage in the Baruch community every care package includes a toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, conditioner, sanitizer, hair products, anything a person might need. What we need from USG is support getting the word out about our event, an email blast, flyers, etc. and bringing volunteers for students to our event on the day of to join with us. The publicity and marketing would be amazing. They have a planning committee specifically for the signature event they're preparing. They are creating a cosponsorship email as well as a way to inform the students. They need manpower the day off to make the event as big as possible.

### 3. Tony Chen

- a. Tony: This year for Lip Sync, I have decided to open it up to the public, which means we can have independent groups that does not belong to a club. The prizes, if they end up in the top three, every member in the group can receive a \$50 gift card. Adding to that, we're going to announce it today about it being opened to the public. So far we have UCLA, ISO, PFN, Lexicon, and dance club. I think we're going to stop having independent groups and clubs signing when we reach 20 entries. That's it for Lip Sync. Also the judges are confirmed. Dr. Sharon Ricks from Advisement. Tam, our treasurer. Andrea. Karen Lopez. Matthew Sanchez. The hosts are Denise, Andres, and Marvin.
- b. Roshen: For the open to public thing, is there a base number for amount of people to count as a group?
- c. Tony: 1 group, 4-7 people. If you want to enter, people from senate can enter for a club if they want. If you belong to a club, I won't stop you from representing a club with your team.
- d. Sandy: 20 entries?
- e. Tony: I was thinking about closing the form before submission date if we reach 20 entries.
- f. Emmanuel: If there is a group of people from the same club, do they have a choice if they want to apply as independent? Or if they're in the same club, they automatically have to apply as a club?
- g. Tony: If you want to create an independent team, you can.
- h. Taji: Let's say if I'm doing FUSION and then decide to do an independent thing with my friends, wouldn't that count as two teams?
- i. Tony: I was thinking about if someone did club or independent, that's more work for that person if they join that. I'm not going to stop them from putting more effort.
- j. Taji: Imma say it with my chest. What I'm saying is if you have me, Andres, Kim, Emmanuel and Briana and we all decided to join a club and do our own independent things, that's 10 slots taken right there. Wouldn't that potentially cause a problem?
- k. Joshua: It's up to the individual. When he says individuals, he doesn't mean a single person. He means people outside of club life are encouraged to participate.
- l. Taji: Capping at 20 seems low.
- m. Joshua: It's a time thing also. If you have 5 minutes per act, that right there is an hour and 20 minutes. Is that right? You get my point. I'm a marketing major.
- n. Gigi: Are judges going to give commentary right after the performance?
- o. Tony: Yeah. That's why I want to keep it at 20. The people who will be managing that, I'll be having them keep time.
- p. Robert: I also believe last years lip sync started after 6. If you start on time, you should be fine.

- q. Tony: It's also because of the snow storm.
  - r. Joshua: The snow storm cancelled the food also.
  - s. Dakshatha: But people still stayed. It was a great event.
  - t. Genesis: What are you going to do if you don't get 20 submissions?
  - u. Tony: We also have USG as a team.
  - v. Gigi: Do you decide their order or is it the order of the application submission?
  - w. Tony: I'll talk to my committee about that.
  - x. Dakshatha: If we do get 20, would that include USG or if we get more submissions, are we going to ask USG not to perform so that clubs can perform?
  - y. Tony: USG can still perform in that time. I'm still undecided if we want 20 cap. After this, I'm either going 15 or 20 if USG makes a team.
4. Joshua Castillo
- a. Joshua: Hero of the month for both senate and USG all for October:
    - i. USG all member of the month: Amber Chau
      - 1. Constantly see her working with Tony to bring awesome events to Baruch's community.
      - 2. Hard work throughout the entire month. Tony's right-hand woman.
      - 3. Very hardworking VP, anytime I see Tony, she is right there with him, planning out events and giveaways.
      - 4. I see her working hard and helping out Tony with his events!
      - 5. Very active as Tony's VC, always there whenever help is needed, goes above and beyond preparing for lip sync battle.
      - 6. She's so helpful, always in USG, super creative and very helpful to USG.
      - 7. Amber has been helping out a lot with all these Halloweek events. Such a great presence and wonderful person overall!
      - 8. She's small, but shows great power and strength. She might be leaving to another country next semester, but her intention on trying to gain the most experience out of USG has always struck me to never slack off on what I do.
    - ii. USG Hero of the Month: Tony Chen
      - 1. Them events.
      - 2. He's been dedicated since august to providing students with the best services.
      - 3. Halloween week.
      - 4. Because this man is my son. LOL JK NO NEPOTISM.
      - 5. Tony is always planning new events and works his ass off. I've never seen USG host so many fun student affairs events that students are genuinely super excited about. Tony goes above and beyond in his job.
      - 6. Also he's a really great wholesome person to work with and always brings me free food and delivers goodies like Santa. I LOVE HIM SO MUCH!!!!
      - 7. His many events; he works really hard in making sure each event is successful and he even plans events months ahead of time!
      - 8. Amazing event ideas- art drawing contests, giveaways, goes above and beyond as always. Paperwork god.
      - 9. AHH HE'S amazing and allowed welcome week to be a SUCCESS! Also all the merch and everything, its amazing and he deserves so much credit!!!
      - 10. Because Tony is gonna do great with the Halloween stuff.
  - b. Joshua: Thank you for filling out the links. We'll be reaching out individually regarding rep sen stuff and different initiatives that we're going to be tackling as the month goes along.
5. Dakshatha Daggala

- a. Dakshatha: Let me start off with something relatively fun. Fear Factor is coming up where, if you guys don't know, it's when you try fun cool foods. They're pretty crazy. It's basically like an eating competition with crazy food. It's a rally race almost. The person has to eat really fast and the next person on your team continues and whoever finishes the fastest moves onto the next round. Currently, the USG team has two people, Taji and Mayer, our BOD representative. We are looking for two more people. If anyone is interested. This is not for the stomach of the weak.
  - i. Andres
- b. Dakshatha: Make sure you go support the USG team. We definitely need the support. I'll give details about the event in the chat and the day of. Feel free to make posters for these hard-working individuals. We also met with athletics today. We talked about different ways for us to help supplement them and see how we can improve the weight room and improve communication between athletics and students, whether it's marketing their games, making sure students know there's an athletics department at Baruch, also specifically, we talked about Battle of Lex. For those who don't know, it's tradition to celebrate the game that we have against Hunter. Therefore the name Battle of Lex. This is on February 6th. Tony and I are working on creating events and hype for the game to make it, not like Homecoming, but something more like spirit week in spring so students can get hyped for the game and go and support Baruch as we hopefully win. If you're interested in the process, we can add you to the group chat Tony is working really hard to make a week of fun events. We're also considering working with Hunter USG to make a joint collaboration. It's gonna be a fun CUNY pride. We're thinking about having a marching band, the whole 9 yards. Is there anyone who would like to be a part of the planning process for it?
  - i. Briana, Gigi, Roshen, Basil, Marvin, Tony, Genesis
- c. Joshua: Can you talk more about the different types of renovations or what they want from us about helping out with the athletics department?
- d. Dakshatha: So the athletics facility is a bit of a complicated situation. All the equipment they plan on going on a lease agreement for it instead of buying new equipment so that they can be changed in year in and year out and have constant maintenance for it so we get new equipment every year rather than buying a treadmill and waiting 10 years to replace it. When we do offer to help them with their equipment, we have to make sure we're not locking in future USG's to continue to pay for it, so when we do pay for it, we would pay for one year of the lease instead of saying that USG will pay for it for the next 10 years. When we do pay for it we are just helping out for that year because every year's USG is different, but we are considering buying them equipment. We're thinking about making a poll for students to see what they want to see replace whether it's weights or ellipticals, so that we do with the students want, not what we think they need.
- e. Roshen: Being that this is athletics and the gym is offered to people outside of Baruch, wouldn't it make sense to have athletics appeal to BOD instead of through USG money?
- f. Dakshatha: I don't know the specific numbers, but there is a cap for people who use it outside. We as a student government still want to help out. We would be dipping into our surplus for it.
- g. Damali: Athletics can only appeal to BOD for their own budget surplus. It's not a general surplus. So athletics has a surplus, USG has a surplus, health and wellness has a surplus. They don't have a big surplus. They use most of their money each year, so that's why USG is being asked for additional funding. They can't appeal for what they don't have.
- h. Kim: I think we've had the discussion on a good way to spend our money in a meaningful way. I think this is a meaningful way to spend it.
- i. Dakshatha: We'll be doing a walk through sometime this month to see the space and what we can help with. They hope to get a little bit of refreshment in the winter, so we didn't look towards getting them painting. We're focusing on equipment. If you or anyone you know thinks there are other things that need to be fixed, tell them to reach out to us so we can take it into account.

- j. Emmanuel: What's the expected time for all this to be put together?
- k. Dakshatha: We just started.
- l. Damali: This is one of those keep hope alive things. Because it would be a large purchase, it would have to go through the purchasing office of Baruch and then through the purchasing office of CUNY, and you would have to do it with a state vendor. There are multiple steps. It can be anywhere, 6 months to a year. They just don't move quickly.

## Unfinished Business

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- 1. No unfinished business.

## New Business

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- 1. Denise Rojas | Chair of Clubs and Orgs
  - a. Denise: Quick update on my committee. We had a committee meeting and decided on the Bernies theme. This year's theme is Moulin Rouge. Which is basically red, pearls, black and glamour. It had previously been a galaxy type theme, but we realized it would be more difficult to follow that theme in a lit room. We decided to do that one instead where it's more colorful and extravagant and poppy. The room's booked for May 15th which is the 7th floor conference room in the library. I'll double check and let you guys know in group chat. If anyone wants to help planning it, let me know and I can add you into my committee group chats. I know it's kind of early, but it's better to do some things early rather than too late. I also wanted to bring up that USG cosponsors a lot of events. You can see them on USG's Instagram. If you can go to any of the co-sponsored events, that would be really great. In addition to giving monetary means to cosponsorship, we're also going in attendance. I've been going with my committee members and vice-chairs. They have been doing a really good job going to the events and representing USG. I also want the table members to be active in attending these events. Therefore, I'm going to try to be more active with letting the table know when these events are coming up in the week. I'm also going to create a doc with all the events and your names on it and see if you guys can attend any of them or all of them. I will also try to share the flyers in the group chat. If you can go, please do and represent USG as a whole. On another note, I've been talking to a couple of clubs and individuals in the past month, they've all shared a common perspective they have about USG. A lot of them feel intimidated by USG as a whole. They also don't feel like we're around much, mainly in the club room area, other than the common faces at the 2nd floor lobby. They kind of wish they could see us a little more and hang out in the club area or just walk through it so they can feel our presence. If you can walk around there and say hi, just so they feel more welcomed with USG as a whole I think it would help our relationship with clubs on campus alot.
  - b. Marvin: I'm thinking maybe having multiple people go at the same time and knock on some random club's door.
  - c. Denise: We can have table members tag along with you.
  - d. Taji: What do they mean by walk in, like, what are they expecting from us? Because I know personally, every 2-3 days I'm always in FUSIONS room. I'm not wearing USG merch. I'm just wearing my normal stuff. Do they want us to wear USG merch and walk around and be like hey I'm from USG.
  - e. Denise: You can wear your USG shirt if you want to. They mentioned a couple of people that they've seen. If you want, you can also mention hey I'm from USG to check up and see how's it going. Just make conversation. They've mentioned 2 people that they've seen sometimes and they really only see them in the hallways, not really in the club suite area. I try to go and talk to some

clubs. I don't do it as much either. I feel as a whole, even if you're wearing a USG shirt, or USG windbreakers and walk through and wave hi that would already be more than what we are currently doing. They don't need you to go inside every week and have a full on conversation with them. They just want to know we're here and if they need anything, they can come up to us and ask us a question.

- f. Tony: Today, Genesis and I went to the club suite wearing the USG windbreaker and talked to clubs about signing for lip sync. I was thinking if any other table members might be free, if they're going to the club suite, they can wear the windbreaker and ask them to sign up for lip sync and talk to them on the way.
- g. Emmanuel: I think it's a good idea for us to go. I do want to bring up the point that we don't want it to seem that we only go to the club area when we need clubs to do something for us. On any casual day, we should show that we care that they're there.
- h. Kim: Also another critique, in previous years they just walk around with their jackets and that looks bad? Maybe the jacket thing just reconsider and put it into words in a casual way.
- i. Taji: I know for a fact Andres go around once or twice. I feel like in general it's weird because I know personally, I tried going into clubs and it kind of intimidating a little bit, but in general, to bring up oh yeah I'm from USG. It's difficult. Even the windbreaker thing. It's much easier to casually walk up and talk to someone and then you don't have to mention USG. They see that the logo is there. It's just really weird. I'm always around FUSION. I try to walk into UCLA and walked into another club and they looked at me and were like why are you here. And I be like, Imma leave.
- j. Damali: It's awkward, but maybe the response you guys are getting is because you don't go to the club suite. It's an anomaly to go to the club suite. So the reaction is, are we in trouble, is there something you need from us. That's the only time you guys go to the club suite. It's going to take people stepping outside of their comfort zone if they're willing to do that, you guys may have to be the ones to change the dynamic. You can't expect the clubs to come to you. Maybe you need to meet them where they are. It might be weird the first month or 2 months or semester, but that's kind of how you change culture one reaction at a time. It's something you guys, if it's worth it to you, I do think it's worthwhile, changes the narrative a little bit.
- k. Dakshatha: When I was chair of clubs and orgs last year, a good way for clubs to get to know USG was to go door to door. I used to randomly stop and say hey have you guys cosponsored with USG. I was like a heckler at peoples' doors, but it gave me the opportunity to know club leaders as well as regular members. Regular members ended up feeling okay to join USG committees. Not saying you have to go everyday, but I don't get to go everyday. When I do go, I like talking to the clubs I was a part of and people in the hallway. Club suite is always filled now. Strike up conversations with people to get to know them. During campaigning, we used to talk to random people about what they wanted to see from USG in the future and Baruch in general. You can have those conversations. You're in these positions now that affect change.
- l. Briana: When I have breaks, I sit on the benches in the club suite area. I've been talking to random people. It's pretty fun. Highly recommend sitting on those couches.
- m. Irine: I am usually around the club suites a lot. When I am talking to people they usually ask me how's it going and what have you been up to, just the common interaction. Some people know that I'm a part of USG and I would bring up USG. That's a great way for people to know what you are doing in USG and what your role is. Another great way to engage with the club members is by going to the club rooms and asking what events they have coming up. I would suggest attending the events and getting to know the people. That's a great way to reach a greater audience.
- n. Denise: Another way to break the ice is to go to co-sponsorship events. Quick example, I went to one of the first events a club had in the semester, and I went with my committee members. When I

showed up one of the club members came up to me to say hi. Although, I've seen this club member before and said hi to them in the hallways when they came up to me they were surprised, which was kind of upsetting. She hadn't expected anyone from USG to come to the event and represent as a co-sponsoring club. As USG we should be more active in attending these events and talking to clubs as a whole.

- o. Joshua: It is a little bit outside your comfort zone to break the ice and make conversation. Consider it more of an opportunity. This is a great place to grow at Baruch because it's so diverse. Being a part of USG, you have this duality you have to deal with with people judging and thinking oh wow they're USG, it's a popularity kind of thing and balancing that with you having to talk to a lot of people and be out and about to know the students concerns. Just know where you are in that balance and know it's a part of your role as a person on the table. One of the things I did last year, anytime I would come to USG, I would come the long way, all the way around. Taking the long way around, I'd be in there more and see familiar faces and after a few weeks, they're used to seeing you around.

## Adjournment

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1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #9 at 6:10PM. 17-0-0.