



**Meeting 10:**

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| <b>Meeting Date:</b> | November 12th, 2019 | <b>Meeting Time:</b> | 5:32 P.M. - 10:16 P.M. |
| <b>Location:</b>     | USG Conference Room | <b>Note Taker:</b>   | Nicole Pung            |

| Attendees:                                       |   |
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| [Late] 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                       |
| [Early Departure] Gigi Kaur   Chair of Appeals   | Denise Rojas   Chair of Clubs and Orgs                  |
| Aaron D'Souza   Chair of Finance                 | Anmarie Gajdos   Chair of Graphic Design                |
| [Absent] Sandy Dai   Chair of Marketing          | Andres Aguirre   Representative Senator                 |
| Basil Harding   Representative Senator           | Emmanuel Oladejo   Chair of Arts                        |
| Genesis Calle   Representative Senator           | [Early Departure] Irine Thomas   Representative Senator |
| [Absent] Marvin Argueta   Representative Senator | Taji Sanders   Representative Senator                   |
| Yam-Yu Li   Representative Senator               | Yaseen Rana   Representative Senator                    |
| Roshen Varughese   Representative Senator        |   |

**Passing of the Minutes**

1. Motion to pass Senate Meeting #9 minutes. Motion passes, 17-0-0.

**Reports**

1. Katharine T. Cobb | VP of Administration and Finance  
 Shamus Mott | Campus Facilities Planning, Design & Construction.
  - a. Katherine: As all of you are probably aware, we have a new student center that will open for spring semester. This has been a project that has been in progress and planning since the resolution has passed funding the center in 2010. There were many efforts to acquire space in the neighborhood. Challenging neighborhood to get space in, but we finally found space and the post office office agreed to let us rent a space directly across the vertical campus. We have a donor as well. Alan G. and Mary Anderson student center. 1000 square meters lobby on the 24th street entrance and underground space around 5000 square space. Shamus has been working on campus facilities, working on furniture and look and feel of the place. We're going to show you what it's going to look like. We have samples of all the different finishes to show around.
  - b. Shamus: I work in campus facilities for 3 years now in October. We've been working on this forever and I've been on project since the beginning. The entrance to the student center is in the

post office, directly across from the VC. This is the view of the entrance. It's hard to see this drawing, because architect designed it. Essentially what it will look like. I'm going to go through how we got to where we are. Color scheme derived from Baruch's identity and branding. From that, we went for a gray pallet. This is the floor plan of the space. If you guys follow along with the arrow, you enter from the elevator this entrance to the corner. This is the lounge area. There will be a lot of soft seating to relax and work. Leads to the main area. We have different tables in the center and bars, which are also able to move for events. You can bring different tables and orient it, but this is the main day to day use, get some tables and chairs that has the same information. Set along the side for soft seating. Break out rooms, conference room, and instead of large tables, we did briefing tables for underneath. If you need to do a different type of event, different arrangements. This breaks down some of the furniture. The bathrooms are beautiful. We have high bar stools in the corner and standard chair height over here. This is some of the soft seating. The fabric is really interesting and inspired from 2 assistants in my office. Style for her work is messy, so it's incorrect but correct. That's what a bunch of these faces are essentially. To contrast the faces, we went for a triangular fabric. Here's the view from one of the areas. This is as you walk down the stairs down the elevators, you see the different types of seating. There's this staircase called the rise. 1 tiered, 2 or 3. Different orientations. Then we have these other round tables throughout the space. Soft seating. Little more casual. Another view looking towards the front. The soft seating is all along here. Same with this set up over here. Bar height, which is movable for the bar stools that can be moved for events. When I talk about interior design, I just don't stop. I know how limited space is, so this is going to be a great getaway. From seeing previous, all fabrics are very durable. You can eat here with your friends, multi-use and multifunction.

- c. Joshua: For all the seating, how much of it is powered? Is there internet connection?
- d. Shamus: All the seats along the wall are powered. The only thing not powered are tables in the center. Due to contract, we're not allowed to drill through the floor.
- e. Taji: You mentioned this is the basement, you said the first floor is 1000 feet. What's there?
- f. Shamus: That's the entry.
- g. Katherine: Entrance and security officer.
- h. Basil: What is the max capacity and is this recreational as in no classes?
- i. Shamus: To my knowledge, there will be no classes.
- j. Damali: We want it to be for club use, but we did a poll and nobody wanted that except for the students in club life. Now, there's no club events, we'll do programming, but not club programming. 150 students at a time. Our office is managing the space, so we'll be working on some kind of system to have students come in and out.
- k. Briana: Will this be open 24 hours during finals?
- l. Damali: As of right now, no. Open until 10pm.
- m. Roshen: One of the pictures, the tables near the soft benches. Are those tables you can move around the entire space?
- n. Shamus: Yes. Just make sure no one takes them.
- o. Robert: You mentioned for recreational usage, but can clubs host something in this space or not going to be open for club events?
- p. Damali: Students are clear about having a non-club space. We don't want to open that up.
- q. Joshua: Whenever club events do happen here, there's a population of students that are concerned about not having a place to sit, chill, and study or get work done.
- r. Denise: I think I notice earlier that there would be office desks. Is there small mini offices in the space?
- s. Damali: We'll need professional staff member there from student life.

- t. Dean: There are also 2 other offices as conference rooms.
- u. Genesis: Will there be vending machines and microwaves?
- v. Shamus: There are vending machines in the corner. Microwaves...?
- w. Damali: USG usually pays for microwaves.
- x. Katherine: We should really think about that. We do have microwaves in the dining area. We're going to have vending machines, which is great. We do have differently places that have a real focus on dining, but I leave this to student life. Is this an area we want it to be dining? You're going to see just how the concept of this has changed based on what students were asking, I think we're going to see how it's used and what the students needs are. I know I find that I love to eat, however, when I'm in a subway car and someone opens their take out food in a confine space... that's me though. Students are gonna see it and use it and figure out what they want.
- y. Mohtisham: When will it be open by?
- z. Katherine: Anticipated opening in the spring 2020. Generations before you have been involved in advocating for this space.

\*\* Dakshatha arrives 5:51PM \*\*

- aa. Genesis: Being a part of Robert's committee, I was told we were possible going on a tour to prepare for the opening ceremony. When would the date be?
- bb. Damali: We'll get back to you. When it's safe.
- cc. Shumas: It's still a hard hat area.
- dd. Dean: Lots of students before you paid it forward came forward to the administration and got people involved. Lots of people sat at the table, advocated, and paid it forward and they have a lot to say and questions and labor went into this. I'm excited this is going to be a reality. Unfortunately, I hope that you guys take advantage of that.
- ee. Yam-Yu: This space, will it be available to only Baruch students?
- ff. Katherine: Yes, you paid for it.
- gg. Emmanuel: Would it be available 7 days a week?
- hh. Katherine: 5 days from 8am-10pm.
- ii. Damali: Currently, the operating costs come out of student activity fee. You want more hours? We need more activity fee.
- jj. Nicole: How would we go about putting more money into the activity fee?
- kk. Damali: It would have to go on through a referendum. As long as the campus isn't closed, it will be open. I want to give credit where credit is due. We had a lot of false starts in terms of looking for property. Katherine Cobb was a woman with a mission. She kept going into the post office, this is the first partnership with post office of this type. She literally stalked them. Cobb put a lot of footwork into this.
- ll. Katherine: I'm so excited to see this finally happen. This is going to be awesome.
- mm. Joshua: Us, too.
- nn. Katherine: Who knows, maybe if we get additional funding and good tenants in the post offices, maybe we can come up with a plan.

## 2. James Neimeister | Census Corp

- a. James: I work with NYC Census 2020. It's the city's campaign to retrieve full and accurate count for the 2020 census. This census is going to be one of the big civil rights issues for next year. It's used to allocate funding for programs like housing vouchers, food stamps and so many other things that New Yorkers depend on. It's going to be key to redistricting, so NYC may lose seats in the House of Reps if we don't get an accurate count.

\*\* Aaron steps out 5:59PM \*\*

- b. James: To put this into perspective for you, for the 2020 Census, NYC self response rate was more than 10, almost 15% less than the rest of the country on average. 62% filled it out and mailed it back on their own in comparison to 76% across the country. To give a little bit of perspective on why, New York has the hardest to account communities in the country. That includes immigrants, immigrant non-English proficient language speakers, children are very often undercounted, renters, communities with any amount of distrust towards the government.

\*\* Aaron returns 6:00PM \*\*

- c. James: You name it, we pretty much have it in NYC. And of course the administration plan to add the citizenship question has further thrown a wrench into all this. For the first time it will be online. Most of them will not get it in the mail. It will also be the first census where you can fill it out on the phone and offered in different languages. If you have questions about that, I'm happy to talk more about it. We have 3 asks for you. 1 is to sign up to volunteer with the city's campaign. You want to know more, you can fill these out. If I can pass these around. Apply to CUNY census core jobs. The deadline is this Thursday. I'm also an MBA student here. That's 2 things. We want you to volunteer. We want you to apply. And I want you to talk to me about how to connect with your student groups.
- d. Genesis: On the website, the deadline has been extended Sunday, 5PM.
- e. Annmarie: What's the application process like for CUNY Core jobs?
- f. James: I tried to fill it out myself. Short cover letter. Resume. Expect that.
- g. Kim: Do you have any flyers to email or post around? I'll email you.
- h. Denise: Here is says NYC census but also says US census. If you sign this, is this for New York one?
- i. James: To be clear, I work for the NYC local government, we're not necessarily connected to federal government, we talk to them. This is for local government.
- j. Kim: What methods are the best to talk to people who have distrust in the government with everything happening with immigration? How do you approach that?
- k. James: We're looking for volunteers who have authentic connections in their community. What we know, having a 1-on-1 conversation with your neighbors about why it's important to be involved, voting or filling out this form, that's what actually moves people. We like to say it's 10 questions, it takes you 10 minutes, and it affects the next 10 years.
- l. Kim: Can you leave the forms with us to have people sign up?
- m. James: I can give you a bunch of these cards.

### 3. Nominations

- a. Chair of Philanthropy
  - i. Joshua: Motion to elect Genesis to be Chair of Philanthropy.
  - ii. Briana: So moved.
  - iii. Irine: Seconded.
  - iv. Genesis Calle: I'm honored to be nominated. Becoming a member of the philanthropy was how I got involved in USG last year. To be chair of it and to show Baruch and the public that USG not only cares about its students, but also the people and general wellness for all is vital and makes society in all of us so thank you for the nomination.
  - v. Kim: What are some initiatives you've been brainstorming?

- vi. Genesis: I would like to do more food drives, school supply drive, coat drives. Also looking into other creative ways to raise money for charities. Pie event would be nice to do again, but we would be open to more creative and fun ways for people to come and donate to charities.
- vii. Kim: My vice chair just planned a food drive, work on it, it's for Christmas with Richard.
- viii. Aaron: Just one point I thought about before that I brought up last year, if you plan on large scale events, make sure you're not spending more than you're actually making.
- ix. Genesis: I read through all of it.
  - 1. Motion passes. 17-0-0.

#### 4. Gigi Kaur | Chair of Appeals

- a. PSA - Pakistani Professional Panel
  - i. Gigi: They're appealing for their event Pakistani Professional Panel. In their budget already, they have \$75 in refreshments, \$10 in supplies. They're requesting \$170 in refreshments and \$50 in supplies and \$350 in miscellaneous. Motion to allocate \$570 to the budget of PSA's Pakistani Professional Panel.
  - ii. Parmeet: It's our second semester back as our club has restarted. It stopped being in function in 2017. We're trying to separate ourselves from other cultural clubs by hosting professional events. We've hosted two GIMs and our biggest event is tomorrow night in the MPR. We've seen excellent attendance. I'm a finance major and have done a lot of internships and met different professional throughout my 3.5 years at Baruch. Some are Baruch alum and some are not. I want to give them to come back. We already made contact with a lot of people working at the biggest banks and accounting firms. We want to give them a chance to come here. As Baruch has biggest international student body. 3 of the others are Baruch alumni who graduated this year, last year, or from 2017. It's a good mix.
  - iii. Mohtisham: I feel this event is important to Baruch students. We have experienced people as well as alumni from Baruch. You allocated \$100 less. As our club just came back alive, we've been having growing membership. We request full budget to be allocated to give the people what they want and expect.

\*\* Nicole steps out 6:13PM\*\*

- iv. ???: Especially because we're bringing in people outside of Baruch. A good impression left on them will persuade them to come back. This event is not just Pakistan people. We expect a large crowd in December.
- v. Gigi: I gave you the full allocation. I met with Aroosh (?) and this was the amount we agreed on and they sent me the budget appeal form back in October and those amounts were reflected and requested.
- vi. ???: We were reorganizing and replanning the events that we planned in the past. We do need more excess in supplies and things we did not allocate before such as treats for professionals. These things were not accounted for before. We're trying to fine-tune our event to appeal to these professionals.
- vii. Kim: Do you have an estimate about the amount of people?
- viii. ???: We've been having a lot of people at our GIM and about 300 for tomorrow night. As the only Pakistani club in the CUNY network, a lot of other CUNY schools want to

attend, but we are not opening it up because of the limited space. We're expecting about 100+ in the professional panel.

- ix. Tam: Can you give us a timeline? It seems like you handed in two different breakdowns. She said she met with one of your E-Board previously.
- x. Gigi: It was recent.
- xi. Tam: If you want to make a case to increase to \$675, you can right here, but there are other ways to increase.
- xii. ???: We don't want to leave any stone unturned to make sure the night goes as effectively as we planned.

\*\* Nicole returns 6:19PM\*\*

- xiii. Aaron: Personally, I just think it's unfair to us as well as to Gigi where she did the work and met with your E-Board and gave you the full allocation that was originally proposed, and then without her knowledge, coming asking for more even though she allocated what you originally asked for. It's unfair to increase it more on short notice.
- xiv. ???: We apologize for that, but a point to remember is we've never hosted an event before. We planned supplies and other numbers over time. For a lot of us, it's our first semester of PSA. We understand that it is unfair to you guys to ask for a higher amount last minute, but we would appreciate it taking into account this is us starting up, and going forward, you can be confident that substitutions will not arise.
- xv. Mohtisham: When we were making this, we had more people attend the first GIM than expected. We see that club is getting more popular day by day. Our expectations have been override from students who want more from PSA, so I understand it's our fault, but we hope you'll understand our situation and allocate all the funds.
- xvi. Syed: From a business standpoint, we should have done our due diligence before. Our sincere apologies for that. However, allocating this money is not a grant, it's an investment. We just came back and built up clout for the semester and having our first big event tomorrow night. This first impressions are everlasting. If we can make it an annual event, that would be great. We hope you can look at this as an investment and that sort of appeals to you.
- xvii. ???: This is more of a cultural event that doesn't have games. We would not have argued so much for a small amount of funds.
- xviii. Annmarie: As a worst-case scenario, you could always ask USG to cosponsor for the additional amount that you need.

\*\* Robert steps out 6:20PM \*\*

- xix. ???: If the process is a hassle and unfair, we're fine with the \$655 we're getting right now and using that method to get that additional money in cosponsorship.
- xx. Dakshatha: It's not that the process is a hassle. Usually in this situation, if the club is not happy with their allocation, they let Gigi know and they work with you to make sure your allocation fits to your expectations or you can bring it to the senate table and the table can decide. It's only in the interest of time because of the late notice. It's not the \$24 we're fighting about, we're talking about the process.
- xxi. Aaron: I'm confused about the \$24. How much are you looking for now?
- xxii. Basil: You had these big GIMs, do you have rough numbers of guest? And what would the miscellaneous \$350 go towards?

xxiii. Mohtisham: First GIM, we expected 30-40. We had 80 people. Second GIM, same turn out. Expecting 300-400 people for tomorrow night. People will come and go.

\*\* Robert returns 6:25PM \*\*

\*\* Kim steps out 6:25PM \*\*

xxiv. Mohtisham: Lot of people reach out to us about this event. Basically, we will have panelists, and give them thank you cards and thank you packages, including chocolate, PSA customized notebooks. We're building a relationship with them to help Baruch students in the future. Question answer session. 4 Amazon gift cards for \$10 each to encourage students to participate more.

xxv. Irine: I saw that on miscellaneous, you had Q and A winner, how does that work?

xxvi. ???: At the beginning of the event, it's more for trivia, Q and A with the students, from finance and accounting. Ask industry specific and whoever 4 students answer gets the 4 amazon gift cards.

xxvii. Mohtisham: Different students would win throughout the event.

xxviii. Denise: You also have the option to ask for cosponsorship money, it gives you the chance to ask for more money outside of appeals.

\*\* Kim returns 6:28PM \*\*

xxix. Motion passes. 15-1-1.

b. VSA - Paris By Night

- i. Gigi: They're allocating for Paris By Night. This is their 7th year having their event. \$1,600 in refreshments, \$350 in supplies, \$1,300 in contracts, \$50 in miscellaneous. They're requesting \$5,000 in contracts and \$150 in miscellaneous. I decided to allocate \$4,500 in contracts and \$50 in miscellaneous. The numbers were not finalized for the 3 performers, so we went off estimate around \$4,500. \$50 for miscellaneous. They're not completely sure what they're going to buy. They know 2 gift cards, \$50. When they know the rest, that will probably go through with Denise. Motion to allocate \$4,550 to VSA's Paris By Night.
- ii. Tyler: This is the 7th year. It's dinner with entertainment sit down. Paris By Night is based on a variety show with the same name. It was created by a Vietnamese who fled to Paris. Throughout the years, different segments, traditional wear fashion show, singing performances, dance performances, inside and outside of Baruch. Big part of event, they'll be our highlight and headliners. That's a big part of why the contracts are so high. A lot for the performance fees. We had emailed them and found out what they were charging, but what was unclear was their travel and housing that they're still unable to book yet. Book within the next two days. Like Gigi said, we're able to narrow down numbers a little bit. We think it'll give enough leeway. For miscellaneous, we also do giveaways. We know for sure, 2 \$25 Amazon gift cards. The other 2 big prizes that we give away are a mini projector and Nintendo switch. We already have \$300 coming in from USG event, Halloween Art contest. If there's anything else we don't have enough to cover for, we're willing to go to Denise.
- iii. Kim: How much in prior year this event has cost?
- iv. Tyler: I do have some records, I would have to look through.

- v. Gigi: There is an increase from last time. Last year, they had connections with performers, so friends would perform for cheaper or free. This year, they don't have the luxury of those connections.
- vi. Tyler: In the past years, we were able to make a lot more deals. A lot of negotiations. We look back through our budget, we see an increase each year we do it. We try to beat last year with different or more performers. This year, we don't have the same circumstances.
- vii. Annmarie: Who are the performers?
- viii. Gigi: It's in the appeals file.
- ix. Tyler: Nhi Nguyen, JR Aquino, Andrew Garcia.
  - 1. Motion passes. 15-2-0.

c. WIB - Style Your Success

- i. Gigi: This is the 11th year. Tickets are going to charity. 150 cap because of walkway. Currently in their budget, they have \$2,000 in refreshments, \$720 in supplies, \$350 in contracts, and \$500 in miscellaneous. They're requesting \$580 in supplies and \$650 in contracts. Contracts are for DJ, lighting guy, and asking a friend to do make up for the models. I decided to allocate \$180 in supplies. Based on past events other clubs have done, I see they can decorate the MPR with much less. The most I appealed for is \$300. I think they can do the same. If they find cheaper options, I believe they can bring it down to \$900. Motion to allocate \$830 to WIB's Style Your Success Fashion Show.
- ii. Siri: This is our award winning show. More than 150 people attend. Purposes of it is to expose students to different types of fashion. Professional day to night. The charity experience partnered with breast cancer society. We have record amount of people working this year. All members to come to the event, we have increased expectations. Because this is a grand event, we expect all members to attend this event.
- iii. Kelsey: We do have over 60 members currently active and more people coming in and out. SYS in the past, we had 114 stressed donations. Year before that, 2017, 199 tickets on record.
- iv. Siri: Tickets are suggested donations to come in. This event is mandatory for everybody in WIB.
- v. Kelsey: 60 active members, 101 registered as going.
- vi. Daniela: We do have a lot of more people in showing interest all pursuing induction. We like to see more people joining. Thank you, Gigi, for allocating full amount in contracts for lighting and make up artist. For supplies, I'm worried. From previous records, my projections are from last years. Last year, we appealed \$1000. We spent \$1,589 for supplies. We're asking to allocating for \$580, so we're being more moderate in spending, but also consider our theme: concrete jungle. It's New York with a lot of safari themed items and animal aspects. Those are very item specifics and cost much more. Specifically, animal masks. They're item specific. We want models to walk down in them. SYS is about ideas and bringing ideas to life. It's specific and hard to find cheaper alternatives. Usually, we're working with Amazon because it's student friendly, free 2 day shipping and compared prices for best option. This is an example. This is 1 mask and was \$10.68. We did check Dollar Tree. They didn't have animal mask we wanted. We researched 12 pieces for \$12.99. We have been looking for cheaper alternatives to make our event successful. Total \$900 will fall short. So I would like to ask for \$280 to have the even \$1,000. That's less than last year, we're trying to be more moderate in our spending. This is our largest event for the fall semester.



- vii. Basil: Gigi, can you talk about how cheaper options could happen, they have a good argument about the cost of their items.
- viii. Gigi: Current lights would cost them around \$140. I know a lot of clubs have asked for lights from other clubs and from USG. We can all share and save money. The backdrop for the brick wall costs \$70. I did some research and found one for \$15.
- ix. Daniela: I'd like for you to click on the link for the backdrop. It's specific, that's why we chose that one. Concrete jungle aesthetic. There were other options as well, but SYS committee has a vision. When we see something and we like it, we like to do whatever we can to accomplish that. This is something that you can only see at the screen, but at the event, will be much greater than you anticipated. Imagine this, but we also have an option to spray paint it and be interactive as well. It's about the overall effect.
- x. Siri: It's about the experience and have the option to paint. We have a committee of 10 people have been working on this for months. They've done their research and tried to make the best options as possible. We're trying our hardest to be conservative with how we're doing things.
- xi. Tam: Since you are very innovative individuals, going with Gigi's options is not bad at all. If you're going to spray paint it as well anyway, it's a chance to be more artistic. I'm not that convinced that you should buy a pre-set backdrop.

\*\* Robert steps out 6:51PM \*\*

- xii. Daniela: Having the brick theme was the whole concrete jungle. I totally see your point about being artistic and doing it ourselves. It's also about time. We all have midterms and exams, but that's not an excuse. But yeah, we'll definitely consider it.
- xiii. Damali: I caution you guys about how you question all clubs. If there are other clubs you didn't get into details of their choice in color of paper plates, I say you decide a certain amount. It's not necessary of USG to dictate the vision of an event.
- xiv. Briana: Would you be open to cosponsorship?
- xv. Daniela: We had mixed feelings about it. This is the largest event for this semester. We want it to be whole WIB contribution rather than having outside clubs due that, but if it does become an issue where we can not get clubs to get the full amount, it would have to be another option we have to take. We would love to just do it all on our own.
- xvi. Siri: We're in connection with various other clubs, so it's an option we're willing to consider.
- xvii. Denise: You can cosponsor with USG. I believe WIB has cosponsored with USG for the same event in the previous years. That is also an option that you have.
- xviii. Daniela: We had spoke about it and come to terms with \$280. About 20 minutes before the meeting started, we got a message it would actually be \$180 for a grand total of \$900 under supplies. Asking for this \$280 as originally planned seems fair to me.
- xix. Gigi: Yesterday, I did tell you \$280. Today, I spend the entire day going through allocations and searching through your expenditures and I found that the price can be decreased a lot more than what I originally thought. So before the meeting, I let you know it can go down to \$180 and you can still have your event just how you want it.
- xx. Taji: We were talking before about PSA about doing something short notice. If we did say \$280, I feel we should give them \$280. It's last notice to tell them \$180.
  1. Motion fails. 5-10-1.

\*\* Robert returns 6:58PM \*\*

xxi. Taji: Motion to allocate \$280 in supplies and \$650 in contracts totaling \$930 WIB's Style Your Success Fashion Show.

1. Motion passes. 10-5-2.

d. ASAB - Taste of Africa

- i. Gigi: This is their 10th year having it. They have \$20 in supplies and \$3000 in contracts. They're requesting \$500 in refreshments, \$3,392.42 in contracts, and \$84.16 in miscellaneous. Motion to allocate \$3,976.58 to ASAB's Taste of Africa.
- ii. ???: This year is our 10th annual fashion show. It's a platform to give you insight on different African cultures with performances, dances, and basically to get rid of misconceptions in African cultures.
- iii. Peter: Our show is to show the Baruch community about African cultures because there are a lot of misconceptions. They think it's lions and safaris. There are bustling cities. We have culture there as well. It's a way to give the Baruch community and other CUNY's a taste of Africa. We have performers, DJ's, dancers, fashion designers, they're a major part of the show.
- iv. ???: It's not excluded to anyone. The host we have is able to interact with the crowd. Just because you're not African does mean he'll make you feel weird or anything like that.
- v. Andres: Who's the host?
- vi. ???: Young Prince, famous host with other CUNYs.
- vii. Peter: One of the premier hosts, especially in the African community. We also have a line of different designers. DJ. We'll also planning on having videography and photography provided. That's a major part of our budget allocation. \$1000 for both videography and photography. They've been doing it for years. You get a package in 4k. We want to document this 10th year in. It's major for us.
- viii. ???: Last year was the first time we sold out of all tickets, but there was no documented video of the show.
- ix. Peter: We were trying to figure out where to put people. The event was sold out. I told some people you're supposed to buy two weeks ago and you didn't. We would like to improve on it this year.
- x. Basil: 2 questions. What have you spent historically? Do you have to buy tickets to attend?
- xi. Peter: The way the show has worked in previous years, we sell ticket to enter the show. The prices are \$5 for Baruch and \$7 at the door for outside students. The revenue from tickets don't come back to us. Other culture clubs that throw shows in Mason Hall also have to sell tickets to pay for Mason Hall as well. Last year, it cost us \$2,027.44 for Mason Hall. We do get the Hall, but we have to pay for lighting and sound, another \$1,265. Off the bat, over \$3000 in contractuals just for Mason Hall.
- xii. Kim: Where does the money go?
- xiii. Damali: Whenever ticket sales are sold, the money goes back to USG surplus. Clubs don't keep the money. Any shows with fixed ticket price, money goes back to USG.

\*\* Irine departs 7:07PM \*\*

- xiv. Gigi: Usually in the best, they always cosponsor for refreshments. That was the advice they were given from last year's chair of appeal. After meeting, we decided it's best to add it to the appeal so it's better for their budget years coming into the future.

1. Motion passes. 16-0-0.

e. ASAB - Africa Week

- i. Gigi: This is the first time they're having it. It's called Africa Week taking place from December 2th - 5th. All days they plan on having food which is why they need more money to refreshments. I decided to give them more than what they requested because I feel that their turn out might be a lot since it's taking place in the lobby. They have \$200 in refreshments and \$300 in contracts. They're asking for \$335 in refreshments, \$125 in contracts, \$45 in miscellaneous. I allocated \$400 in refreshments, \$125 in contracts, \$45 in miscellaneous. Motion to allocate \$570 to ASAB's Africa Week.
- ii. ??: Africa Week has been something we've been talking about, but because we planned it for a while, it was easier to make it happen. Tuesday club hours. African culture. Wednesday dance hall with Awa. Thursday is pot luck. It leads up to the show.
- iii. Peter: Builds up hype to build up the show. Just so Friday is not the only chance to get a taste of Africa. Some people may have class or work. A 3 hour show is not going to be enough to tell you about an entire continent. It's a chance for people to speak just so it's not just us telling you what culture is. It's an open week to give more different aspects of our culture.
- iv. Joshua: How do you feel about the allocation?
- v. Peter: I believe \$570 is a good allocation for the week. It'll be a majority of smaller events. It'll be \$100 spread across events. We should be able to effectively run the events.
  1. Motion passes. 16-0-0.

\*\* 3 minute recess at 7:12PM - 7:15PM \*\*

\*\* Gigi departs 7:15PM \*\*

5. Denise Rojas | Chair of Clubs and Organizations

- a. Denise: I got a cosponsorship email for an event called Rise to the Top: Battle of the Clubs. They wanted to know if USG can form a team for their event. 5 members. You're going to be participating in team activities. It's on Tuesday, November 19th club hours. The deadline to sign up is November 15th. Is anyone interested in making a USG tea to cosponsor this event?
- b. Robert: This is Sigma's event? We did this last year.

\*\* Briana returns 7:16PM \*\*

\*\* Tony returns 7:16PM \*\*

\*\* Basil returns 7:16PM \*\*

\*\* Emmanuel returns 7:16PM \*\*

\*\* Tam returns 7:16PM \*\*

- c. Genesis: What is the event about?
- d. Denise: It's to bring the clubs the clubs together and have like a battle royale with each other. The prize is a trophy and tickets to win raffle prize at the end.
- e. Robert: What kind of activities are there?
- f. Denise: They didn't specify. They just said fun, team building activities.
- g. Robert: Is their version of fun touching bugs in a box?
- h. Denise: No. It's more like a sports tournament.
- i. Emmanuel: Is this taking place in the gym or similar to homecoming?

- j. Denise: I believe it is the gym. Either that or they didn't specify a location. I got the email this morning.
  - k. Dakshatha: This was the event where we danced, right? Last year, me, Emma, Robert. We were all on a team. It's this cute little activities while you're there and we baton twirled. It was cute, so if y'all wanna be in that team.
  - l. Soft vote Tuesday, November 19th club hours
    - i. Genesis, Robert, Basil, Kim, Denise
  - m. Denise: We also got a cosponsorship for Feed 5000 from Intervarsity. They want us to go in attendance. It's on November 21st club hours next Thursday.
  - n. Basil: It's a really good event. I've been a part of it for the past two years and I think it's a good opportunity to meet with other Baruch students and clubs.
  - o. Taji: Is it that event where we made cards for people?
  - p. Roshen: They're care packages.
  - q. Emmanuel: Is there a limit of how many people can attend?
  - r. Basil: It's in the MPR.
  - s. Joshua: The answer is the capacity of the MPR.
  - t. Denise: If you can go for a little bit to show support, that would be great. Last thing, earlier, 2-4 hours ago, I sent out a cosponsorship Google excel sheet. My vice chair made it. It's a list of all the table members names and the list of events that are going on this month that we are cosponsoring. If you can write yes or no to attend or not, just to see how many people can go and represent at these events, that would be great. It's also color coded, so if you put yes or no, it turns green and red. I'll update it every week for any events that are cosponsoring and remind you guys to look at it with responses.
  - u. Joshua: We have a cosponsored event tonight, right?
  - v. Denise: I don't know if we can go. There's an event tonight called Stage vs Fright. It's with PAWS. It's to learn more about stage fright and communication skills. Very informative. It helps you guys build skills communication wise. If we end early, we can go together.
6. Briana Staten | VP of Academic Affairs
- a. Briana: Last Thursday, I attended faculty senate. It was less than an hour. We talked about the 17 Lex renovation and issues going on in the building. There was a faculty member complaint and suggested that when issues occur, if you're in 17 Lex, students and faculty are suggested to document everything that's happening. Take pictures of it. I just don't know where we sending it to. We would take pictures of the events happening and compile all of them and when the CUNY board has their meeting here, we can present it all to them and they'll see the issues and want to work on renovations faster. A faculty member did that in the past and it was beneficial to them. Another update on the plaza. We talked about the issues that occurred, plaza is moving forward. They're working on the above ground work now. In October, we talked about the budgeting issues. I was speaking to one of the faculty members there and she was giving suggestions on how USG can better work towards getting more funding. She mentioned not only student body, but also give back to families as well. If families are complaining about funding towards CUNY and SUNY, then there would be more likely be willing to listen.
  - b. Taji: On the topic of getting our parents to do stuff, I would assume Kim would know more about this, would we have them send mail or get involved?
  - c. Kim: How you do it is you can go in person. Each representative has an office in their district. You can go in person, which seems to be the most effective, but this is schedule based on representative. Most effective way is to call office. They have people there. Sometimes, interns will put it into a list, write down a concern and give you a call back. Me and Dak have been

working on the issue. We're meeting with PFC, the union at the end of the month to start formally planning protest in Albany. February 13th during club hours on second floor. We're meeting with them because they're concerned with funding issues. We're going to sit down, formally to discuss plans. We're going up to Albany with more of a precedent. The most effective movements are those that are consistent.

- d. Briana: Had a meeting today with Savanna and Arthur downing. There's going to be more construction to fixing the atrium wood. The scaffolding pushed against wood that was already there. Starting on Wednesday, scaffolding is going back, and it won't be done until finals week. They think it'll be done by the time classes start back up in February.
- e. Aaron: Is the new scaffolding going to press on the wood?
- f. Briana: No comment.

#### 7. Tony Chen | VP of Student Affairs

- a. Tony: There's a change to lip sync hosts. It's changed to Basil and Marvin.
- b. Tony: We have a total of 12 teams, including the USG team. Judges, still the same. We need help setting up the MPR at 4PM, if you're free November 21st. You can go after USG GIM. If you want more detail on how MPR is going to be set up, I'll send you a picture of the floor plan.
- c. Savanna: Does anyone at the table want to run student life social media during lip sync battle.
- d. Joshua: It's a social media take over.
- e. Annmarie: I would love to do it.
- f. Joshua: You gotta be peppy. It's really fun, really cool.
- g. Andres: Any other submissions for teams? Or we good?
- h. Tony: We closed the form on Friday, but if you know a team, you can talk to me about it.
- i. Genesis: In the case that a team wants to do it, what's the latest they have to get to you by?
- j. Tony: Next Tuesday if they have everything ready.
- k. Denise: Can you remind me, are we giving away cosponsorship money?
- l. Tony: We are. \$500 for 1st, \$300 for 2nd, \$200 for 3rd. I made a poll in lip sync chat. We decided USG will perform at the end of the first half. Middle of the event before we go on break.
- m. Joshua: The mix is on the way. Should be finalized tomorrow morning.
- n. Emmanuel: Is there going to be choreography?
- o. Dakshatha: Nicole and I made it last year. If you guys are interested in choreo, you can come to us. Whenever we get the mix, we can teach it to you guys.
- p. Damali: Can we get videos. We just want to give feedback.
- q. Joshua: Are you guys participating?
- r. Nicole: Are you dancing? I mean... Please?
- s. Tony: Rehearsal will be November 20th 2:45pm-4:45pm. Yam-Yu and Amber will be running the rehearsal. We're already started planning finals week weeks ago. Currently still on the planning of it. I'm going to be having a committee meeting next Tuesday to run over lip sync and future planning for finals week. We're going to meet in my office. We also thinking about care package, but that's for my vice chair.
- t. Joshua: What's the week for finals week?
- u. Tony: Start at December 12th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th.
- v. Joshua: Manny, you wanted to do Chaoserenity.
- w. Emmanuel: It's on the 12th.
- x. Genesis: Tony, would you mind if I collaborated with you on the carapaces when I get my committee up and running?
- y. Tony: Yam-Yu will be working on it.

8. Dakshatha Daggala | President

- a. Dakshatha: I'm going to be throwing a lot of dates at you right now. Town Hall, little short notice, but 2 Town Halls in the next 2 weeks. We've been working with Ticker on it. We're going to do one on the 20th 6pm-9pm and 26th club hours. They're both in room 2-125. We're going to be sending out the questionnaire hopefully tomorrow. There will be an OSL moderated question form and Ticker will be moderating the Town Hall.
- b. Roshen: If we can only meet a portion of the time, is that okay?
- c. Dakshatha: Yes.
- d. Denise: Can we come late?
- e. Joshua: Yes.
- f. Soft vote Wednesday, 20th 6pm-9pm
  - i. Tam, Tony, Briana, Genesis, Robert, Yam-Yu, Annmarie, Roshen, Emmanuel, Basil, Denise
- g. Soft vote Tuesday, November 26th club hours
  - i. Yaseen, Robert, Aaron, Andres, Emmanuel, Kim, Denise
- h. Dakshatha: We have our GIM coming up. Tony and Genesis have been working hard on it. It'll be a really good way for you guys to talk to constituents and get your face out and answer any pressing questions they have for you in a more casual setting. 21st next week during club hours room 5-165.
  - i. Briana: Can you leave early if you have another event?
  - j. Dakshatha: Yes.
  - k. Denise: If we can't attend, can our vice chairs go to represent?
  - l. Dakshatha: Yes. It'll be introducing senators. We'll have your pictures and powerpoint. Cute things like that. You know.
- m. Soft vote Thursday, November 21st club hours
  - i. Tony, Briana, Yaseen, Genesis, Robert, Yam-Yu, Emmanuel, Roshen 50%
- n. Dakshatha: Save the date December 6th for Winter Graduation Reception. It'll be in H750, which is the library building, 7th floor. Basically the whole 7th floor, so you'll see it. 6pm-9pm. We'll need people to set up at 5PM.
- o. Soft vote Friday, December 6th 5pm
  - i. Tony, Genesis, Yam-Yu, Roshen, Emmanuel, Andres
- q. Dakshatha: February 6th, Battle of Lex. It's a battle between Hunter and Baruch. Basketball game for both women and men's team. We're working with athletics to increase turnout at sports team. It's been tradition to celebrate and want to bring that back. Tony has been working with me and other people. It's a week of events leading up to it. Basketball themed. Cute little giveaways. At the event, we're going to be doing mascot free throws. Dance club performing. Things like that.
- r. Roshen: Is Hunter USG vs... no?
- s. Dakshatha: Athletics will not. We asked.
- t. Aaron: I was about to dunk on them.
- u. Dakshatha: We tried, but it's a no. As it gets closer, we'll keep you updated throughout the winter. We're going to be doing a series of videos with Sandy to promote. Either videos with the bearcat or student athletes. If Kim, you want to take over for me. We have the Albany trip coming up.
- v. Kim: I'm planning to close the application the 18th. We have to do training sessions, so I would want to know the group. I might extend it just because I want to get a wider variety of people applying. I don't think we're reaching everyone.
- w. Dakshatha: We're still require senators to apply if you want to go on the trip. There are only a few people who can go from USG. We're taking it by application.

- x. Kim: If you've been, give another chance to go. A lot of people should try to experience it. I have a meeting next week to talk about what legislatives we'll be talking to and specifics in regards to lobbying. If you have questions, hit me up.
  - y. Tony: Battle of lex, we can't have USG versus in our gym, can we have it in their gym?
  - z. Dakshatha: I'll keep you updated.
  - aa. Joshua: Seems like y'all really wanna play.
  - bb. Denise: I know that you've mentioned that there are trainings to go to Albany. When are these trainings?
  - cc. Kim: 2 or 3 during club hours on a Thursday. I'm going to get the group first to get their availabilities.
  - dd. Dakshatha: The reason we're doing multiple trainings this year is because we felt students don't understand their purpose going up to Albany. It was USG explaining what we're fighting for. We want to take 2-3 meetings or training to explain what causes we're fighting for, the facts, what we need for the school, and what the experience will be like.
  - ee. Kim: When I went last year, being at the first event, I remember there was an architect, and had no clue he was an architect. I was lobbying the wrong people at first, so yeah.
  - ff. Dakshatha: If you ever do go to an event not Albany based, look for CUNY pins you're trying to lobby. They probably work in an office that can relay your message.
9. Nicole Pung | Executive Secretary
- a. Nicole: I sent out an email over the weekend or even last week for the secret Santa exchange. Everyone on the table, elected board members, and vice chairs have been invited. It might have been gone into their spam mail. It's through Elfster. Last day to RSVP is November 23rd. We will exchange gifts December 10th 6pm. If you have questions, we can talk offline.

## Unfinished Business

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### 1. No unfinished business.

## New Business

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- 1. Kim Kazdal | VP of Legislative Affairs
  - a. Kim: Just wanted to remind you guys about food drive, Richard handling it. Dates are from November 25th to December 6th. We're going to have a box here. We're partnering with Pi Alpha, Sigma, and SEEK to make it a mandatory thing for FYS. Please, if you can, bring a canned good.
- 2. Robert Da Rita | VP of Campus Affairs
  - a. Robert: November 26th, Tony is having an event on the 2nd floor. I'm also doing a sustainability event/giveaway with him. We're doing reusable straw giveaway with a cleaner. We ordered 200 of them. We're doing sustainability game with them. I have my committee members working on trivia questions and if they get it right, they get a straw. Two other ideas are in the process because ideas are in the works. We're going an informative activity about stating facts and about how much plastic you save. The event is supposed to be more educational and we do need graphics.
  - b. Joshua: When you do your research, you're going to find plastic straws are accountable for less than 2% of the plastic in the ocean. You might want to rebrand what you're pushing the initiative towards. I love straws. I'm just saying, for the trivia stuff: expand the information with what you're doing it towards.

- c. Nicole: Save the turtles.
- d. Briana: Last year, me and Kevin Seise worked on a project for the welcome center and came up with the straw rap. If you want to reach out, you can reach out and see if he can perform.
- e. Joshua: Is it clean?
- f. Briana: Yes, it's clean.
- g. Nicole: Did you use the cleaner?
- h. Briana: Reach out to Kevin. He has a whole rap. It's so funny.
- i. Kim: The straws are a great idea, but maybe rebrand it to make it bigger so it's more about sustainability and eco friendliness. I would say don't make it facts about straws. I can help you.
- j. Robert: We're working more outside of the straws.
- k. Nicole: Can it be VSCO themed?
- l. Dakshatha: Vetoed. No.
- m. Nicole: It's for a marketing tactic. I'm being completely serious, but also not serious.

### 3. Yam-Yu Li | Representative Senator

- a. Yam-Yu: We mentioned about winter final week. We're working on care package. 12th, 18th, 20th. What would you want as a student? It's a heartfelt gift for them, but also for emergencies. I only have a few things in mind. Pencils, sharpeners, pens, highlighters, tissues, energy bars, breath mints.

\*\* Aaron steps out 7:59PM \*\*

- b. Robert: Are the tissues for tears after finals?
- c. Nicole: Yes.
- d. Genesis: Finance or basic calculator, maybe \$10 gift card to Dunkin.
- e. Tam: Woah woah woah pause.
- f. Joshua: No.
- g. Tony: If you're worried about coffees and snacks, on December 17th, we going to have the bookstore giving out free coffee club hours. It's an open tab. \$2,000 on it.
- h. Denise: General question, are we allowed to get corporate sponsors?

\*\* Basil steps out 8:00PM \*\*

- i. Damali: Yes.
- j. Denise: Can I help you guys get corporate sponsors? I was the VP of corporate relations in my previous club. It's a great thing we can start doing to help save money for events.

\*\* Aaron returns 8:02PM \*\*

\*\* Basil returns 8:02PM \*\*

- k. Yam-Yu: That's perfect.
- l. Andres: Stress balls. Oh damn I said balls really weird.
- m. Tam: Face wipes or blotting paper.
- n. Robert: Hair styling products. I literally pull my hair out during a final, so if you need to fix yourself after a test. Random, but important.
- o. Dakshatha: A comb would be nice or mini version of things we can get. I was thinking lotion because winter.
- p. Joshua: We ashy.



- q. Dakshatha: Lip balm vaseline. The store brand version of it.
  - r. Briana: What about blankets? Like a pop up type of thing.
  - s. Emmanuel: We could have people fly into Chaoserenity event having the blanket giveaway there.
  - t. Roshen: If it's a giveaway, what if it was a prize? This is gaining traction, weighted blankets. Comforting and helps with anxiety.
  - u. Nicole: I think that's a Tam question that should be discussed offline. Another point, hugs and kisses in a bag for the giveaways.
4. Emmanuel Oladejo | Chair of Arts
- a. Emmanuel: Today, the art committee met and it was a huge success. Thank you to Annmarie, Sandy, Roshen, Andres, and Genesis for pulling up. Thank you to Joshua. Expected date Chaserenity December 12th. Be on the lookout for that. I'll be updating you as time goes on.

### **Executive Session**

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- 1. Enters at 8:08PM.

### **Adjournment**

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- 1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #10 at 10:16PM. 13-0-0.