



Meeting 14:

Meeting Date:	December 10th, 2019	Meeting Time:	5:31 P.M. - 7:04 P.M.
Location:	USG Conference Room	Note Taker:	Nicole Pung

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

Passing of the Minutes

1. Motion to pass Senate Meeting #13 minutes. Motion passes, 14-0-1.

Reports

1. USS Nominations
 - a. Joshua: Our USS candidate, John Mondal, had to step down for personal reasons. Our alternates will be taking that place. Arsela Mallick is the best fit for the job. Motion to nominate Arsela Mallick.
 - b. Roshen: So moved.
 - c. Kim: Seconded.
 - d. Kim: Do you know what her agenda is or specifically interested in?
 - e. Joshua: Feel free to ask her and talk. The reason we feel she is the best for it is because she’s been in attendance and aware of the problems and she’s the most active in USG within USS job.
 - i. Motion passes. 15-0-0.

2. Denise Rojas | Chair of Clubs and Organizations

- a. Denise: Today, we're going to have forensics council. I sent the presentation to you guys yesterday night. Hope you had the chance to go over it. They have representation today to give you a quick pitch and why they should be chartered and after we can have an open the floor for questions.
- b. Ace: Debate is just a formal way to discuss differences of opinions. Perhaps you have an argument with your parents about how late you want to stay out. Perhaps you have a controversial debate with your friend such as abortion and gun control. Debate presents an environment where debate of these ideas can clash in a formal structure. The ultimate purpose is to present a transformative experience that is unlike any other at Baruch.

*** Yam-Yu Li arrives 5:35PM ***

- c. Ace: Activity such as debate is a rarity that a social and intellectual opportunity unites itself for any range of students, no matter their race, age and gender. I want to provide a safe haven for students to discuss and express controversial views, especially with the upcoming 2020 elections. All different ideologies can speak their opinions with respect.
- d. Jennifer: Outside of New York, not many people know about Baruch. Even in New York, it doesn't come with the best rep and we want to challenge that. Just because we don't charge \$200,000 doesn't mean our level of education is lower or less intellectual compared to Ivy League. For this reason, we want to put together a team of elegant spoken intellectual students who are passionate about debate. Everything that can go up against other top schools and hopefully and logically probably beat them. It would be a good networking opportunity for the students and Baruch in a positive light. Think about a headline Baruch Debate team beats Cornells or Harvards.

*** Yaseen Rana arrives 5:37PM ***

- e. Matt 1: Even though we were not established at the beginning of the semester, we found there was a lot of buzz. We got positive feedback for people who attended. We cosponsored with Model UN. We split the people into teams, talked about things political and not political. We had a winner and everyone enjoyed it. There is a want for this club.
- f. Matt 2: 98.4% surveyed not only thought this club would benefit Baruch, but is necessary. Another 94% would participate.
- g. Ace: If you give us the opportunity to put together challenging environments, we will not disappoint you.
- h. Gigi: How did you carry out the survey? How many people did you survey?
- i. Matt 2: I went up to 68 people and had questions on a Google doc. I asked questions if students were interested to leave their email.
- j. Jennifer: We've found increased engagement since then. Sign in sheets and posters and Facebook as well. They leave their contact information on the survey which speaks on their willingness to be contacted by us.
- k. Genesis: Thank you for coming. What do you plan for your club?
- l. Ace: I want to make a workshop for different communication skills that we have. We don't emphasize soft skills in the business school, speaking with confidence and articulations is something we lack. Show what debate and speech is to make practice rounds.
- m. Jennifer: We want weekly meetings to practice for competitions. We were thinking council to have students with a genuine interest. Genuinely show commitment. Competitions, we would be more selective who we see fit to go against other schools.
- n. Kim: I know there's a debate club that is for CUNY. Have you stepped into that or talked to them?

- o. Ace: I've been in contact of CUNY debate club. The biggest thing was transportation. They have weekly meeting at John Jay College. Not a lot of people want to commute there just to practice. We want to have weekly practices here. We can also have our own team to compete to go to the debate leagues.
- p. Nicole: Do any of you have prior experience?
- q. Ace: 4 years in high school. There have been members on our team that have debated before and we want to utilize strengths where we see them. Maybe divide these groups so people that have experience can teach the people who don't.
- r. Kim: Are you familiar with procedure and teach that and talked to Model UN and help you guys? How would you ensure both sides of the political spectrum are heard and not suppressed? We go to school that's predominantly blue.
- s. Ace: There are two parts. 2nd part about voices from all different sides, we have contact Model UN what we should do if certain lines are crossed. She suggested we implement protocol. We know it when we see it. If someone is crossing the line or someone is not comfortable, we'll call the dean and the officials involved to mitigate that from happening again. To have the minority of voices and an equal amount of respect the majority have, I want to divide the groups so people can still argue that viewpoint. Let's say you don't agree that climate change is not real. You'll have to debate it is real and get research on that.

*** Dakshatha Daggala arrives 5:44PM ***

- t. Jennifer: We made it clear that debate is factual, not necessarily be fueled by opinion based factors. We make sure to watch that everyone was being respectful and not throwing shots at anyone else.
- u. Joshua: What are the different topics in and outside of political topics?
- v. Jennifer: We started off a soft topic. Social media and what students believed was beneficial or detrimental to our society and the youth of America. The second was regarding abortion, which was more politically heated. We wanted to be able to keep everybody subdued. It can be touchy. We were able to keep a respectful environment on a factual basis.
- w. Ace: The American Parliamentary Debate Association is the debate league we want to get into. They provide topics beforehand to go into competition to do research.
- x. Nicole: What do your events look like in terms of what are you having the club members do?
- y. Ace: We want to make sure that people who don't want to debate or are new have the opportunity to engage. The big major separations I made was for people to observe what we're doing and learn from it from observation. We have a different section from the room that are engaging and separate into teams to challenge each other. That's the general idea. For future events, people who don't want to be active can have spontaneous argumentations on loose topics hamburger or hot dog, pineapple on pizza. It'll ease people into debating and the foot in the door.
- z. Annmarie: What is the composition of your E-board like? How are the relationships between everyone?
- aa. Jennifer: Our E-Board for now is fairly limited because we haven't started yet. Because there are all different public forms, overall President and VP of each of the sections because of the varying different styles of debate.
- bb. Nicole: How are you going to retain your members? Are there requirements to number of events they come to?
- cc. Ace: When we have a competitive team, it'll be mandatory to come to at least 10 practices. It's a competition against other schools, so we want to be as prepared as possible. Those who want to

watch actively debate can come and watch and memberships won't be retained. About 25 members, we want them to come to at least 10 practices.

- dd. Kim: Model UN does a mentorship program because it's hard when you have a big club to teach the new members. Would you be interested in a mentorship program?
- ee. Ace: When I talked to Anna, she really helped me a lot. She talked about the mentorship and she mentored me. That's a beautiful opportunity.
- ff. Aaron: I'm unclear the difference between MUN, this club, and Toastmasters.
- gg. Kim: MUN focuses on international issues and it's all parliamentary unless you do crisis, but it's all international. They can debate anything from domestic, international, social media conversation, anything. It's a niche of politics.
- hh. Joshua: And Toastmasters is speech oriented. They're inactive.
- ii. Ace: One of our biggest reasons is that people were looking for something like this to debate. There used to be a debate club, but got deactivated.
- jj. Denise: Their presentation was well articulated and they are clearly passionate about their club. I myself am interested in it. I would have tried joining it if it was available when I entered Baruch. It's something new students should have an opportunity to join. They can work with MUN, Pre-Law Society. They can work well with others and can work on its own. I think it should be chartered. Motion to charter Baruch Forensics Council.
- kk. Kim: If you need help, I'm down.
- ll. Denise: Same.
- mm. Ace: We won't disappoint you guys. I want to bring Baruch to a good light.
- nn. Marvin: I definitely think this is a club we should have on campus. It'll be adding more value to our brand name.
 - i. Motion passes. 17-0-1.

3. Gigi Kaur | Chair of Appeals

a. ASCEND W3 (AKA Shark Tank)

- i. Gigi: These are for next semester shark tank weekly event Tuesday 5:30 honors lounge. There's about \$200 in refreshments. In supplies, it says \$45.76, but in reality it's much less because it's not updated. They're requesting \$1,405.96 in refreshments and \$85.02 in supplies. I decided to allocate \$1,000 in refreshments and \$46 in supplies. Based on their attendance sheet, 21 people is not an increase. Motion to allocate \$1046 to ASCEND's Shark Tank.
- ii. Shelly: A few weeks ago, I would like more money to refreshments. We would like to continue this workshop in future as well and people more interested in tech. That's our proposal for refreshments for spring semester.
- iii. Aaron: Is this a recurring event?
- iv. Shelly: It's every week. Because of availability, these events will be Tuesday instead of Thursday.
- v. Yaseen: Gigi mentioned you spent about \$45 this semester and also allocated for next semester. You still need an increase?
- vi. Shelly: We did take from general interest meeting. Supplies are for plates, cups, forks. Cups are now \$7. That'll be a lot of money on supplies.
- vii. Denise: Normally in my experience, Thursday's have more of a turn out at events. Do you think now that you're moving this to a Tuesday that you won't have as many attendees and the increase isn't necessary?

- viii. Shelly: I don't think it will be much of a change considering that for our W3 program, all out tech committee members are required to go. The members in the committee are continuing to attend events. For these, I don't think membership would change too much.
- ix. Briana: Are you satisfied with this or requesting more?
- x. Shelly: This is manageable, because I can't estimate the amount and it may be less than we wanted, but come to the case, I would appeal. I can't deny her understanding of how clubs work.
- xi. Aaron: Are we allowed to appeal for next semester?
- xii. Damali: Yes.
- xiii. Savanna: Most clubs already have their spaces for next semester.
- xiv. Andres: Is this event in 17 Lex?
- xv. Shelly: Yes.
 - 1. Motion passes. 14-1-1.

b. ASCEND LLP

- c. Gigi: Their current budget is not updated. I would say they have about \$200 in refreshment and supplies not much. Currently in their budget they have \$1,244.90 in refreshments and \$82.72 in supplies. They're requesting \$1,335.90 in refreshments and \$114.72 in supplies. I decided to allocate \$1,200 in refreshments and \$100 in supplies. I did this because they have some money left over, with that, they would be able to feed all their members next semester. Motion to allocate \$1,300 to ASCEND's LLP.
- d. Shelly: LLP is a professional development workshop on Friday from 6-8pm. It's for refreshments for the students attending this event.
- e. Taji: You can operate under this budget?
- f. Shelly: \$1,200 will be alright. It might be a little bit less, but I think we can manage.
 - i. Motion passes. 16-0-0.

g. DSP LEAD School

- h. Gigi: They want to appeal for their off campus event called LEAD School. This is taking place from February 7th-9th. They have \$1,000 in miscellaneous. They're requesting \$2,000 in contracts. With the documentation they provided, I'm allocating \$1,250 in miscellaneous for their budget. Motion to allocate \$1,250 to DSP's LEAD School.
- i. Pres: We had this event last semester, but last semester, we didn't have a budget. Aaron allocated \$1,000 for this event, but that was assuming our budget would go into effect in October. What happened was the meeting never happened. We didn't get allocated until after the event and therefore, couldn't get reimbursed for the event. We had to pay out of pocket \$1,500 for the people who went. The prices went up because last time we went to Syracuse, New York. This time it's going to be in Baltimore. On top of that, we sent 4 students last time. We're planning to send 10 this time. We have to go because to be a Chapter of DSP, the national board requires you to meet 70% of the criteria you have to meet. That involves attending LEAD School and LEAD conference. We've been going every single year. We missed it a year ago. That lead us to a probationary period. I'm here today to get more money to go and remain a chapter under DSP.
- j. Denise: You said 73% in attendance. Do you mean at least 1 person needs to be in attendance of 73%?
- k. Pres: We have an online website we need to meet to be chapter of DSP. We've always his 75%. There's a bunch of things we can't do because we don't have the accounting or it's

things we can't do because it's out of our hands. The 75% we can do is attending this event. Events sometimes they pay for, we pay for, or asking the school to help.

- l. Denise: Do you have a number of attendees required or a specific number of people that have to go to these conferences or at least one?
- m. Pres: The way we've done it in the past is we like to send all of our new members to the event. We sent for 4 last semester because it was out of pocket and too expensive. Since we do have 11 members that just joined, we want to send 10 of them and that requires 3 hotel rooms.

*** Genesis Calle steps out 6:07PM ***

- n. Kim: What do you there?
- o. Pres: Friday is networking night. There are 250 chapters. There are about 70-80 chapter going to Baltimore getting to know chapters. LinkedIn workshops. Professional workshops.
- p. Andres: Are you satisfied with the allocation?
- q. Pres: Yes.
 - i. Motion passes. 14-0-1

r. USA GIM

- s. Gigi: USA GIM program line. They're having 2 next semester. The second one is on February 13th, 2020. They have \$75.87 in refreshments and \$65 in supplies. They're requesting \$288.59 in refreshments. They have a guest speaking coming in, and they're requesting \$550 for that. Totaling \$838.59. I allocated full amounts. Motion to allocate \$838.59 to USA's GIM.
- t. Tres: We've noticed from past two semesters, our club has grown significantly new dynamic. We only have \$75.87 in refreshments and need more since we're introducing a new dynamic to the GIM.
- u. Pres: We want to present love in a different perspective.

*** Genesis Calle returns 6:10PM ***

- v. Pres: This will be hitting on how we can communicate and express love to our peers and how we can express love for ourselves.

*** Emmanuel Oladejo arrives 6:10PM ***

- w. Pres: We're going to be asking questions like how do we make the most and where does love start. We're bringing in a renowned speaker who is over qualified to speak at this event. We want our members to see how to bring love into our everyday lives. Not only theoretically, but also practically. One of the most important things about the event is we're hitting on mental health and self care. Now the club is getting bigger, we want to start focusing on members just this semester. We're implementing a mentorship program this semester. We want to make sure our club is representing ourselves to create community. As a larger club, it's hard to maintain that.
- x. Kim: You mentioned health and wellness. Have you talked to those departments to see what their perspective is on it?

- y. Pres: This is more of a faith based event. We'll be talking about love in conventional ways and how we should be focused on the divide and how that connection can help us better our lives.
- z. Tres: USA is a religious and social club.
- aa. Andres: Attendance is 95 for the 2nd GIM?
- bb. Pres: Actually it was 101. This is what we anticipate for GIM number 2. We usually get 100 people coming. We had 75 new members join and the club is growing tremendously.
- cc. Andres: Are you satisfied with the allocation?
- dd. Pres: Yes
- ee. Denise: Just to make it clear, this is for 1 GIM?
- ff. Pres: 2
- gg. Denise: Is the guest speaker coming for both?
- hh. Pres: Just 1.
 - i. Motion passes. 16-0-2.

4. Briana Staten | VP of Academic Affairs

- a. Briana: A few weeks ago, Arthur Downing was asking us to fund textbooks. We had a meeting and he sent list of textbook. I'll show you the list. He sent over cost asking for 15K, which is leeway for him for next semester. It's for all different majors and important books that people need for Baruch. Wanted to talk to you about opinions and how you feel about it.
- b. Dakshatha: What's the spread? How many majors and departments does it help out?
- c. Briana: Business, public affairs, the different sciences, law, math textbooks, major accounting, finance, management.
- d. Dakshatha: A lot of textbooks do come with a code. What happens to the code?
- e. Briana: I don't think it'll come with the code. I think they just get the textbook.
- f. Savanna: Just the textbook.
- g. Tam: Most business majors require codes. Textbooks to me at least, if the school is spending more without the code, I think they should spend on classes that are textbook heavy.
- h. Annmarie: I feel depending on the class, some don't need the code. I don't know what level books are at for into. A lot of people go to photocopy. I think it's a good idea.
- i. Damali: This is an existing program. Downing is aware of request by students. These are books that they run out of and don't have enough of. Budget cuts can't buy new addition of textbooks. USG helped them out 3 years ago and last time they weren't able to buy textbooks.
- j. Taji: I see a lot of loose leaf editions over there. Do they come in binders?
- k. Damali: I don't know about format.
- l. Aaron: What do we do when textbook is outdated? What happens?
- m. Damali: We use them, but they're just not what faculty want.
- n. Savanna: Sometimes they put out a new one and only a few paragraphs are new. It can still be used.
- o. Briana: There are a lot of upper level classes. I sent the list in the Academic Affairs folder. Shows you courses and edition and cost and format. Just go through quickly. It's a lot of upper level classes, which are helpful.
- p. Joshua: He's requesting \$15,000 and the bottom number is?
- q. Briana: \$8,871.
- r. Joshua: And the difference is?
- s. Briana: He just wants to have for the spring semester in case they need more or different editions.
- t. Savanna: He reached out to professors. Some professors didn't make that deadline, so he guesstimated up to 15.

- u. Dakshatha: If we're doing to appeal to the BOD, should we use the guesstimate or wait for solid numbers?
- v. Savanna: When Briana and I met with him, we talked about if you're not comfortable with 15k, we don't need to allocated for the \$15,000. Leeway for another \$1,000, that's also something.
- w. Dakshatha: Is there a process to keep track of the textbooks?
- x. Taji: I'm not comfortable with 15K. If we need leeway, I don't think we need double the original amount. Maybe more like 10K-12K. Would that be fair?
- y. Savanna: I think that's up to you guys.
- z. Denise: Say we give them 8K or 10K. If they need more money, can he ask us again?
- aa. Savanna: Yes, but he didn't ask for this. We had a meeting to see how USG can help students. Us doing this is great, but I don't think he'll ask again.
- bb. Dakshatha: It's not coming out of our budget, we're appealing to BOD for our surplus. It would be another whole process. I say we decide and then knock it out or help in the future. Personally, I think \$15,000 isn't too bad because we know how expensive textbooks are. We have an opportunity to help the library and our resources and positions to help out the school.
- cc. Annmarie: Can USG give less money that what has been proposed or is this the minimum amount that must be allocated? In addition, if we were to give less money, how would they choose which books to purchase?
- dd. Joshua: This is what at minimum needed. Not a wise course of action to give less.
- ee. Emmanuel: Textbooks subject wise, is it equal?
- ff. Briana: There's 4 pages with all different courses in academic folder.
- gg. Kim: Let's say we allocate 15k. Can we use that for other resources besides textbooks?
- hh. Briana: Regarding calculators, he let us know he has enough calculator with their loan program, they were able to order 100 more. They were a bit short before, but they have enough now and maybe more for next semester.
- ii. Annmarie: Is there still a lottery system?
- jj. Briana: There still is. Last semester, 720 applied and about 650-670 got. There was a gap, but they have more now.
- kk. Tam: I agree we should give more leeway. Briana gave us a report about them changing the curriculum and more students are attending Baruch every year. It's a good incentive, but also agreed double is too much. I suggest 12K is a good amount.
- ll. Briana: I think we should give more than what they're asking. They haven't been funded in 2 years for textbooks. This will go a long way for this year and next year and have surplus left. They won't have to stress it out.
- mm. Aaron: I think we should give them more than they need textbooks for students. Why we debating so hard? Why give them less? These directly help students. This isn't a club. "Oh we're going to give food to 100 students."
 - i. Soft amount exact amount or more money. Majority more money.
- nn. Taji: Do we want to provide a blanket for future years or next semester?
- oo. Damali: They must spend the money in the fiscal year that it's allocated.
- pp. Aaron: Even if they spend more this year, giving more or larger variety of books is not a bad thing. It's coming out of our surplus.
- qq. Taji: I did see a lot of 1's in there.
- rr. Kim: Y'all wanna spend money on different things. Oh giveaways. Oh big thing at the end of the year. No. NO. This is what we should be spending our money on. So if you're thinking we're not spending enough money, I don't know what you're thinking. This is a necessity.
- ss. Annmarie: When USG allocated money for textbooks three years ago, how much money did they give? It would be helpful to have a reference point when making this decision.

- tt. Savanna: It was a proposal. I can pull it, but not right now.
- uu. Dakshatha: A lot of these events, we want to do them because we do have money in our surplus to work with. There's no reason to sit there. Last time I talked to May in the accounting department, we have about 200K left, so doing things like this will not only help, but also minimize the surplus.
- vv. Andres: I don't think it matters too much about how much we spent years before.
- ww. Robert: Homecoming costs more than this money they're asking for. It would be sad to give money to Homecoming, but not for textbooks.
- xx. Denise: Are we going to soft vote for 15K or more than 15K.
 - i. Soft vote between 8K-15K or 15K+. Majority 15K+.

5. Joshua Castillo | EVP

- a. Joshua: We're going to be doing hero of the month.
 - i. Hero of the Month (Senate) - Annmarie Gajdos
 1. Work goes unnoticed.
 2. Graphics god and GIF master.
 3. Any event would not happen without you.
 4. She deserves as much credit as she can get for every event we have.
 5. Every choice she makes with graphics are beautiful.
 6. I love you, Annmarie.
 7. She's on top of her graphics game even before the semester started.
 8. Can get them done ASAP and they look amazing, too.
 9. We need to appreciate her work more.
 10. She's been efficient in creating quality flyers for USG events, even when on late notice, she still does it and works hella hard on those graphics.
 - ii. Hero of the Month (All) - Sandy Xia
 1. Always energized and willing to do work for both the Marketing Committee and Student Affairs Committee. She is definitely an individual USG needs. Wo Ai Ni (Translation (Chinese): I love you.)
 2. In 2 committees and still works hard in both! A Yes person who's always ready to help!
- b. Joshua: I want to give you all a round of applause. I'll be here for the rest of this week and have open office hours. I'll be around.

6. Dakshatha Daggala | President

- a. Dakshatha: Tuition is increasing. On top of tuition, there's \$160 fee for health and wellness. I was at a BOT testifying event. It was intense. Students from all campuses were there testify saying this increase is not something beneficial to students. If it doesn't make sense, the health and wellness fee is \$80 per semester, \$160 throughout the year. They're not exactly sure what they're gonna do with it. It's about the principal about the increasing of fees. A lot of the points I heard was you're increasing these fees for our health and wellness, but the increase is why our health and wellness is deteriorating. They're asking for the BOT to ask the state for this kind of funding and not take it from students pockets. They picked this time of year to vote. It was talked about yesterday about how they pick finals week and Lehman College to testify, which is very hard to get to. All things considering for CUNY, a lot of Bronx Community College and Lehman were there. Brooklyn, Queens and Lehman were testifying as well. People worked hard to be there. We're lucky enough the BOT Meeting will be in Baruch next Monday. I'm working on getting the dates. We would like you to be there and show support. Baruch is always a little low on attendance game. I want to

make sure we show up and show out. We're waiting on the exact time. I will check that. This is the agenda for tomorrow. The increase is article 7. It's a long list of things and towards the middle of the meeting. There is New York's Higher Education meeting. Monday 11:30AM. I have final during that time. We're looking for 1 person to testify from Baruch. This is a serious thing. This is a public testimony. We would help you type it up. 2-3 pages. 2-3 minutes. If you are signing up for this, you *have* to be there. You're representing Baruch. No last minute cancellations.

- i. Soft vote to testify Monday 16th 11:30AM at City Hall
 1. Andres, Marvin.
- b. Dakshatha: This is the New York State Senate Higher Education meeting. This is to testify struggles and need for funding at this school. We'll help you with that.
- c. Briana: Board of Trustees meeting is at 4:30PM.
- d. Andres: Do we know which senators will be there?
- e. Dakshatha: I'm not quite sure. Whoever is on higher education committee.
- f. Annmarie: What is the health and wellness fee being used for?
- g. Dakshatha: There's no detailed report about it. It's for general health and wellness of students. I guess it depends on the college and what they want to do with the individual fee. "To generate revenue that will be dedicated to health and wellness services and education."
- h. Kim: Was it the actual department that pushed for it?
- i. Damali: No our health and wellness is from student activity fee. This is a CUNY fee. Nothing Baruch specific. If it was health and wellness, then you would have to put it on the ballot as a referendum. It's very vague.
- j. Dakshatha. I guess they want colleges to spend on whatever. Main argument is the state should be funding any resources students should be getting. If they introduce this fee now, they have the opportunity to continue increasing it, not only add to tuition, but overall cost of CUNY.

Unfinished Business

1. Briana Staten | VP of Academic Affairs
 - a. Briana: Textbook drive started. Genesis and I walked around club suite yesterday. With that, next semester student giving back will have the opportunity to pick up.
2. Robert Da Rita | VP of Campus Affairs
 - a. Robert: I should have mentioned maybe a month ago, but campus affairs shouldn't have legislative side and changed that subcommittee to resources, which I felt fit the subcommittee to provide new resources for the campus. There was some disagreement about it and for multiple people on the table. For that reason, I changed it and you guys should know.
3. Nicole Pung | Secretary
 - a. Nicole: If you're a part of the gift exchange, please stay. We're also taking photos of the people who are here. I put up signs to keep quiet hours going. I'll pop in to check to make sure it's at a reasonable volume. If you're in the suite or conference room and realize they're being too loud, please remind them about the quiet hours. This is effective throughout finals week.
4. Tony Chen | VP of Student Affairs
 - a. Tony: Finals week event flyer is everywhere around here. The event we need help with is care packages, cookies, and breakfast at Bernies. If you're free, please arrive 15 minutes early.
5. Genesis Calle | Chair of Philanthropy
 - a. Genesis: Textbook drive started. I got a lot of people. No reading books. No looseleaf. They have to fill out the form with the QR code or else you won't be in the drive for the cosponsorship.
 - b. Denise: Why not loose leaf textbooks?

- c. Nicole: For the past times, people handed in no binder, pages missing, crumbled. A lot of loose leaf copies have a code.
 - d. Sandy: From Genesis, is the form for club and individual students.
 - e. Genesis: There are two different forms. We went and told clubs about the form.
 - f. Denise: I sent out an email to all the clubs. Questions about that email with the information can be directed to me.
6. Emmanuel Oladejo | Chair of Arts
- a. Emmanuel: ChaoSerenity is on their way. On the day of the event. There's a lot of setting up. If anyone can come help, it'll happen starting at 11am. I'm meeting up with my committee tomorrow and assigning people to stations. I want you all to bless us with your presence.
 - i. Denise, Tam, Genesis, Briana, Sandy, Yaseen, Tony, Kim, Andres, Roshen, Yam-Yu.

New Business

1. Kim Kazdal | VP of Legislative Affairs
- a. Kim: Today, some of us met with Harvey Epstein. Cool guy. We talked about the tuition hikes. He was really nice. He's one of the assembly people who really push for higher education, public education. He said he should be able to attend the rally. We're thinking about moving it to February 6th instead of the 13th because I just realize the 13th a lot of legislatures are in session and will be Albany. I've emailed Dina Richardson. Harvey Epstein said to reach out. I want you to keep that in your mind. I want all you guys there and get clubs involved, too.
 - b. Joshua: February 6th is also Battle of Lex. Just keep that in mind.
 - c. Kim: Definitely want it to keep it going. Probably do it twice next semester.
2. Damali Smith | Office of Student Life
- a. Damali: Thank you for everyone who came for the interviews for the Associate Director position. I made an offer to Daniel Schwartz, who currently works at Stevenson. He'll be starting on January 6th. We'll have an Associate Director of Student Life. This person will oversee all the activities of clubs and large scale programming with the exception of commencement, heritage months. In addition, this person is supposed to be the USG advisor. They're going to start coming in to meeting so I can transition Savanna out. You'll be the last USG Savanna watches over.
 - b. Joshua: What's happening with Savanna?
 - c. Damali: Savanna stepped in when we had an opening. She's just gonna do her job.
 - d. Joshua: She will be here with us for the rest of the year?
 - e. Damali: I think so.
 - f. Tony: Can we still come to you?
 - g. Savanna: This semester yes.
 - h. Robert: So I does that mean I have to repeat my whole campus affair thing?
 - i. Savanna: I mean you all will.
 - j. Damali: You have Savanna until June 30th.
3. Briana Staten | VP of Academic Affairs
- a. Briana: You know how Kevin Taylor is leaving? What's going to happen with convocation next year?
 - b. Joshua: I do know he's going to be here until December 20th. In terms of what's happening next semester, that is all one big TBD.
 - c. Damali: Calm down, guys. Decisions will be made from there. You guys will still be involved. We're not kicking it to the curb.
 - d. Dakshatha: Usually USG is not involved in Convocation. We just took extra initiative this year. It's up to next USG's what they want to do.

Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #14 at 7:04 PM. 18-0-0.