

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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### Meeting 19:

Meeting Date:	February 25th, 2020	Meeting Time:	5:30 P.M. - 7:22 P.M.
Location:	USG Conference Room	Note Taker:	Yam-Yu Li and Genesis Calle

Attendees:	
Dakshatha Daggala   President	Joshua Castillo   EVP
Tam Phuong   Executive Treasurer	[Absent] Nicole Pung   Executive Secretary
Briana Staten   VP of Academic Affairs	Robert Da Rita   VP of Campus Affairs
[Late] Kim Kazdal   VP of Legislative Affairs	Tony Chen   VP of Student Affairs
Gigi Kaur   Chair of Appeals	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
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
Yaseen Rana   Representative Senator	

### Passing of the Minutes

1. Motion to pass Senate Meeting #18 minutes. Motion passes, 17-0-0.

### Nominations

1. USS Alternate Delegate
  - a. Joshua: As you know, we moved up one of our USS alternates, we now have an opening for USS Alternate Delegate position. E-Board discussed this and would like to make a formal nomination for Andres Aguirre for USS Alternate Delegate. Motion to nominate Andres Aguirre for USS.

\*\*\* Kim Kazdal arrives 5:32 PM \*\*\*

\*\*\* Yam-Yu Li arrives at 5:32 PM\*\*\*

- b. Andres: Hey, all. Very excited. Should I be elected, I would like to get involved and want to learn more about the processes before I get voted in, so that's why I want to run.
  - i. Motion passes, 18-0-1.
- c. Joshua: Motion to elect Andres Agurrie into USS.
- d. Roshen: So moved.

- i. Motion passes, 18-0-1.

## Reports

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1. Denise Rojas | Chair of Clubs and Organizations

- a. Denise: Hey guys, today we have a prospective club that wants to get chartered. They are going to present and we're going to have the opportunity to ask questions. They're going to have a small 5 minute presentation with a condensed version of their powerpoint.
- b. Dakshatha: If you guys remember, Denise sent you guys the powerpoint presentation. Pull it up on your screen if you need to. This is the condensed version. If you have other questions, it's been thoroughly answered there.
- c. Joshua: For everyone presenting here, please state your name, position, and year.
- d. Samantha: Hi, I'm Samantha Kishiner. I am a Sophomore and I'm the President.
- e. Kaitlyn: I'm Kaitlyn Easington, I'm also a Sophomore and I'm the Vice President.
- f. Jamilah: Hi, I'm Jamilah Conner, I am the Secretary and I'm also a Sophomore.
- g. Gauri: Hi, I'm Gauri Khanna. I'm the Treasurer and I'm also a Sophomore.
- h. Amanda: Hi, I'm Amanda Persaud. I'm the head of Outreach, also a Sophomore.
- i. Joshua: You can go ahead and start. You guys have 5-minutes.
- j. Samantha: This is us. We are Our B.I.A.S., it stands for Beauty In All Sizes. Our mission is to strive to create an environment that promotes love and acceptance of oneself and others. Here are some of our members. Some of our goals and aspirations for the Baruch community are to foster a safe, positive, and inclusive community for all of the Baruch students. We want to help create a healthier relationship with their bodies and minds and we want to provide guidance and support for every student seeking to deepen their love for themselves. We already had our general interest meeting, it was very successful. We were able to introduce ourselves to the Baruch community. That's us at our GIM and that's one of the posters we had around the school. We had around 36 people in attendance and we were able to provide pizza, decorations, cupcakes, and cookies all donated by our members. We had our first major event, this was a painting and popcorn event. We painted self-portraits and we ate a lot of popcorn and other treats. The purpose of this was to promote self confidence by painting honest self-portraits and they were a little fun and goofy also. Just to stray away from the stereotypical 'what you have to look like'. We were able to get co-hosted by UNICEF, FENCO, Himalayan Club, and the Psych Club. We had around 36 people in attendance and some people just drifted in towards the end. We had to pay for paint, paper, brushes, popcorn, other drinks and refreshments, the big expenses here were just the supplies. We have a lot of future plans, we have our Self-Love Valentine's Day, we have our WINGS power lunch, which is with WINGS, one the clubs under Hillel. We have a guest speaker which is arranged- my rabbi has agreed to do that and Hillel has agreed to co-host that event with us. We have a fundraiser for this organization called The Body Positive which raises money and helps other people become more body positive and loves themselves and it teaches those people to then teach the same thing to others. We also want to have more informative events, we want to have an unfiltered photoshoot, we want to have a challenge, eat, and celebration along with that and eventually we are hoping to co-host with the Women In Business fashion show. We've already interacted with a lot of clubs at Baruch, the top row are clubs that co-hosted our first event and the bottom row are clubs that we've already been in contact with that are willing to work with us assuming that we are fortunate enough to become a club. The structure of the club, right now, we have an E-Board, that includes the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, and then we have the normal board member which includes the Vice President of Outreach, Vice President of Marketing, Vice President of Event Coordination. We are hoping that as our club

grows, we will be able to have committees of around 4 members or so under each one of those Vice Presidents. So far, we are very small, not very small, but small enough that all positions that we have right now are voluntary and there's no competition, but as soon as we get to a point that we're big enough that other people want certain positions and we can't create anymore, then elections and things will be in place. Thank you.

- k. Kim: You mentioned that the club would aim to give guidance and support, but what gives you guys the credibility to give guidance on such a personal journey that people go through.
- l. Samantha: One of the things is to be open about your own experiences. Sometimes, it doesn't take a huge amount of knowledge and stuff to be able to share those experiences and help people. Sharing your experience makes other people see, 'okay, I can do that too' or 'I can be like that,' but we also from The Body Positive organization, they have documents on their website that outline different activities and resources that we can give to our members and do programs around those things.
- m. Taji: More of a comment, as a PAWS peer mentor, one of the things we were trained to do wasn't to give advice as much. I think you guys could definitely work alongside PAWS and it would be a great way to increase your growth.
- n. Samantha: We've actually been in contact with Joy and she's talked to us about being able to do events with you guys and other training things.
- o. Annmarie: You mentioned the importance of developing a strong membership base. Are there membership requirements? What is the process for members that want to join the club?
- p. Samantha: Right now, it's to show that you are passionate and show up to things. We're kind of small, so the requirements aren't crazy. Our big thing is that we just want people to be really passionate and excited about what we're doing and to just genuinely be a nice person. That's our only requirement as of now and maybe that will change if we hopefully get big enough, but that's it for now.
- q. Aaron: Looking at your E-Board and your board and also in your presentation, some of the marketing statistics you guys have, what are you guys doing in terms of diversity to bring more men into your E-Board and into your club in general? I feel like this is an issue men struggle with as well, but it seems like they're targeted towards women.
- r. Amanda: Our club is inclusive of *everyone* regardless of their sexuality, gender, religion. Anyone is invited to join. Part of our mission statement is to try to break down that stigma around men in particular, seeing they can be sensitive, they can be emotional, and that's part of the problem we are trying to tackle so, of course, men are welcomed. We'll have informative events to try to draw in more men so they can learn about different perspectives on how to look at life besides the 'men are strong' and they have to be providers. We are trying to give everyone different- a new outlook that's more accepting of others who are different than you.
- s. Samantha: Part of it is also, well we've had guys come into our events. So our painting and popcorn event, in one of the slide pictures, we did have guys there, so you can see that, but also we have to communicate to people, especially guys that we are closer with that would be willing to come and show on social media that they are there, because I feel like that would also bring in more guys. We try to make our logo not too gender-specific.
- t. Joshua: Yeah, gendered.
- u. Tony: The counseling center might also be interested in working with you. Have you ever reached out to them? The Baruch Counseling Center.
- v. Samantha: We haven't talked to them, but we could.
- w. Tony: They are interested in working with students and if you have an event and want to invite them, I'm pretty sure they would be interested in coming.
- x. Samantha: Noted, thank you.

- y. Marvin: How do you plan on retaining members over the semesters?
- z. Amanda: That's actually part of my job as Outreach and sending out emails and connecting with our members on a personal level. At our second event, a lot of people from the GIM came back. So I'm the one who sends out emails, trying to bridge that gap between E-Board and the members so they feel like they're in a community. It's not so separated, and people wouldn't feel scared to approach us about anything, any concerns or questions they may have. I'll talk to them about the possible events we have and also during our community meets that they can also attend with their friend and just making sure that they know that this is a safe space that they can come back to and make new friends.
- aa. Samantha: We have been working on being really active on our Instagram. We've even had people ask us questions and like our dm's and stuff. We try to post when our actual events are happening. We've even had other people in the Baruch community post about us, which was really great and also the co-hosting would probably help retain more members.
- bb. Robert: So as we know, we have PAWS on campus along with the Counseling Center to provide us with some of these resources like PAWS have events on their own to help with the same idea so what differentiates you from PAWS or other events that go on or that are similar or same concept that you girls are trying to bring up?
- cc. Samantha: One thing is that it's our main thing that we are dedicated to doing. We are just trying to create a community where we can be friends as well. We meet a lot, it's created a really awesome friendship so far and we try really hard when new people come to really talk to them and bring them in and do fun events. We stand out in the fact that it's what we're solely dedicated to doing and that we want to create a community based on that instead of just having events sometimes about that.
- dd. Kim: Will you ever consider doing events like getting a body image influencer, those types of things, it's kind of informative.
- ee. Samantha: We initially thought about having a guest speaker, that was the first thing that we looked at. If we become a club, the likelihood that we can get someone for the small amount of budget that we might end up having, it seems less realistic but I happen to- at the beginning of the school year, when the Jewish high holy days were happening, my rabbi happen to give a sermon about body positivity and I was like ding ding ding. I talked to her about it and she was super on board to do that for free. If eventually we are able to make connections with people or have the funding to have someone else, that would be totally ideal and awesome. I just don't see it as realistic for the beginning.
- ff. Emmanuel: Final question, what brought you to this club- what inspired you to say, 'I want to be a part of this'?
- gg. Jamalia: We started talking about this freshman year, and we were really excited about it basically because just when I was going around looking for clubs to join, I wasn't really feeling it was part of a community that's right off the bat, you know, when I go into a club. It was a little bit awkward at first, trying to get involved and sort of seeing how you could be more than just a general member and then body positivity is just so important and that's why I wanted to make that part of a community at Baruch.
- hh. Kaitlyn: I was with Jamilah and Samantha and we were all walking around during the club fair and it just seemed so intimidating to join some of the clubs. We were like 'we need a better environment, how can we do this'" and this was pretty much Samantha's brain child so then we just continued from there and it turned into this club.
- ii. Gauri: For me, I know that a lot of people struggle with body image in their lives, I think I was one of them. I met Samantha in our English class where I actually gave a presentation about body image and that's how we got into talking. I realize this was something I really want to do.

- jj. Amanda: Same for me, I have a lot of problems with my body and this club has helped work on that in such a small amount of time that we have existed. I think that it can be really powerful the work that we do for each other and the work that we can hopefully do to inspire others in the Baruch community and for those people in the Baruch community to go out and inspire the world.
- kk. Joshua: Did you talk yet about the current people that are involved with the club and how many go meetings and whatnot?
- ll. Samantha: Right now, we have between 10-12 people that are always coming to plan everything with us, so we've been meeting in the library every week and more when we are trying to create an event. We have a very active WhatsApp group, where we are talking all the time. We have people doing different tasks all the time. We are always in communication and there's a good 10-12 of us that are in that group always communicating and meeting. Thank you guys for listening and hopefully you guys see us on campus and maybe you want to be a part of us.
- mm. Denise: Motion to charter our B.I.A.S.
  - i. Motion passes, 19-0-0.

## 2. Marvin Argueta | Representative Senator

- a. Marvin: I'll be covering two different things today. First, I'll be covering the call I had with Arthur, Michael, and Unifyed, which is the company that we'll be working with, who's making the app for us. Then, I will be talking about the results from the survey that Tony's team gave out during the beginning of the semester. With the call with Unifyed, they gave us a run-through of how the apps are made, the different features that the apps have, the different examples and types of apps that they have. It was a very productive call, a lot of stuff happened. I don't want to go too much in detail just because it's just more for us to understand what we can have. Then, I followed up with Arthur and Michael to see what the next steps for us are. Arthur and Michael are waiting for a proposal of how much it's going to cost and all the other details. Once we get that proposal from the Unifyed representative, Arthur wants me to sit down with them and go over the proposal with them just to review everything. He also wants me to help him to develop a project plan. I will see if I can get some other people to help me with that project plan. I have to confirm with him first. Also, I remember the last time I brought this up, somebody asked what would be the timeline of getting the app launched. It's actually pretty fast, since they have already worked with other CUNYs, they already have a backlogged systems already built in, so we just have to make one just for Baruch, or I think they already have one set up for Baruch just ready to be made. The quickest they can do it is in two weeks but we're not going to do that just because we want to make sure that everything is really good. Estimating would be about two months, definitely by the end of the semester we will be having something running. But he said within a month, you can have something decently running, but again, I don't want to launch something and get a lot of bugs or issues, so I am just going to say two months or three months just to be safe. That's that with the app updates, does anyone have any questions about that?
- b. Denise: If it's an app created for Baruch, wouldn't you have to download it through another system to your phones or the App Store?
- c. Marvin: You'll be going through the App Store and searching up Baruch College, then the app would just come up. It's not going to say Unifyed, they're just making the app for us. Anyone else?
- d. Taji: Is it on the App Store or on Google Play?
- e. Marvin: It's going to be on both. I remember the engineer saying there are Android capabilities.
- f. Dakshatha: If you look up the QCC App or Kingsboro- I downloaded it when I went to the initial meeting, I downloaded the other school's app to see how it works. They were pretty good, you can

access the map around the school and look at Blackboard and everything all in one app. So it would be a really convenient app for students.

- g. Marvin: They also have a social media feature which I found really interesting. You can join specific groups with each org having the capability to manage what's happening in the background. You know how the college sends you messages about stuff that are happening at Baruch, they can set one up just for Baruch College. Clubs will also be allowed to send you notifications about any updates they have. There's a lot of features that are involved in it, you can also see your grades on it, which can be connected to Blackboard. One thing I should also mention is that basically what you see on the app, you will also be able to see on your browser. I'm not sure what the URL would look like, but you'll be able to go on your computer and also look it up online.
- h. Taji: Last question, will there be integration to MyBaruch site?
- i. Joshua: I think it's separate.
- j. Damali: They have a separate app.
- k. Marvin: MyBaruch is only for club stuff, right?
- l. Damali: It's for clubs and different departments, but they have their own app and it's not a great app, so they wouldn't support someone else's app. They chose not to integrate themselves with our app.
- m. Joshua: Do you have the results of the survey?
- n. Marvin: Yeah. One more thing, if you're interested in helping out or coming up with the project plan, just message me a sign and I'll see how you can get involved with that. So these are the results of the survey that Tony took. One thing I should mention as a disclaimer, Tony had made an original survey however, there were a lot of written answers, which made it hard to track the results, so then I helped him make a new one. The new one was used for the last two events, so we had 178 respondents. That's still a good number, not as great as it could've been, but the other one had over 200, so combined would have been better, but we could still get some sort of idea of what we're getting here. The other one was useful in terms of getting what types of responses I should write down in this survey so you can get an idea of where I got these answers from. For 'Would you like to sign up for our newsletter?', it seems like everything is broken up into different sections and equal proportions here. We have a good amount of students who already signed up for the newsletter, a lot of students are interested in signing up for the newsletter, and just a small percentage are not interested. For their grade, you can see here that a lot of first-year students stopped by our events for the tabling stuff and a lot of seniors and the other two are broken down between Juniors and Sophomores. Sophomores tend to be the smallest group. It was kind of interesting that Grad students were also coming in. There's probably 11 or 10 Grad students that showed up and someone else also put their GPA down.
- o. Joshua: They had to flex that hard.
- p. Marvin: We also got to look at what days students are on campus, Tuesday and Thursday are primarily the main days a lot of students have classes. Next two are Monday and Wednesday. This could be really useful in terms of whenever you're planning out events. One thing I feel like that could have made this a little bit better is asking what time during the day they were on campus. It could've given us a clearer idea in terms of is it better to have most events during club hours or maybe better to have an alternate time to have it in the evening. Then Saturday and Sunday, not a lot of people are here on campus. Friday is sort of an ehh day. 'How do you usually hear about our events?' Instagram, Facebook, email, word of mouth from friends. I was kind of surprised to see that Facebook was this low, primarily because we push a lot of our marketing stuff on Facebook, but still keep doing that, it was just something that caught my attention. Instagram again, from last semester, still a huge player, it seems like that's a common thing that everyone at Baruch has and

also word of mouth or friends, that's another great way to find out about events. Flyers actually do better than Facebook according to these results. Some said through our Senate meetings, some said some people just see our stuff and decide 'oh, let me check it out'. 'What's your favorite thing about Baruch'? The thing most people said here are the people, the food, diversity, club life, and yes, some put themselves. You all have access to this, so you can go in and see who responded to these. The least favorite thing people have about the school is the overcrowding. I remember Briana mentioning that the school wants to increase more students coming in but it already seems like the students already feel overcrowded. This is something we can utilize to talk about during those conversations. People seem to not like the elevators. Those are the two main things. Also for the least favorite and the most favorite, those are only one answer, so people can only choose one thing. Moving along, why did people choose Baruch? Affordability, and that's almost half of the responses. I believe this was also a one-choice answer. The next one was the business programs and the other answers just made up a small percentage of the results. Next thing, 'how likely are you to get involved in USG'? I was kind of surprised to see that these were a lot higher, I don't know for some reason, I feel like people don't want to get involved or just want the free stuff and then go, but it seems like people do want to be involved in USG. A few people said no. So then we left an open-ended response section. There were more, but some people were like no, no, no, they have nothing else to say. I decided to leave these on because I found them kind of funny, 'I don't know what USG is', 'I have a crush on you guys', 'where are the cookies'.

- q. Joshua: Pretty good. I thought they were going to be worse.
  - r. Marvin: That was it for the surveys. Do you guys have any questions?
  - s. Irine: This is actually a question for Tony. What events were the survey taken during?  
Tony: Neon Night and the ice cream event. So the ice cream event, it was during Friday, there weren't a lot of people. At Neon Night, we were about to give the survey when we gave out the t-shirts, but in the end, we kinda just gave out the t-shirts.
  - t. Joshua: We'll get them next time.
  - u. Marvin: Just wanted to say, if you need help making surveys or stuff like that, my internship's all about surveys, so just hit me up. I'd be more than happy to help.
  - v. Joshua: Sweet.
3. Tony Chen | Vice President of Student Affairs
- a. Tony: Hi everyone, next week on Tuesday, March 3rd, we are going to have an event called Lettuce Eat. We will be working with Just Salad. People are going to serve salad on the 2nd floor lobby. That's going to be one pop-up event happening next week on Tuesday during club hours. Midterms week, our first event would be Study Buddies. We are working with the Good Dog Foundation. They are going to bring their puppies here again. This time, there is no RSVP, just first-come-first-serve because the last time we had RSVP, people did not come even if they did RSVP. I was talking to Savannah about this and have people who come to separate them into groups. Starting March, there's going to be a plastic bag ban. The beginning of March, I think it's New York State or City will be banning plastic bags. I was thinking about ordering tote bags with USG logos where students can color their own tote bags. There's going to be crayons with each tote bag so people can just grab it, and maybe go to the Bearcat Den to color and bring it home, use it as their tote bag.
  - b. Sandy Xia: The tote bags, are they just regular totes?
  - c. Tony: I have a picture of it. It's good quality.
  - d. Sandy Xia: I was wondering if it's those portable totes.
  - e. Tony: No, not those. It's going to be either Tuesday or Wednesday. Our second event is going to be bubble tea club hour on the second floor lobby during Thursday. Rainbow Carnival will be

executed by Genesis and her committee. She can talk more about that. That's it for midterms week.

- f. Taji: About the dogs, how will you keep track of people who come in and out?
- g. Tony: The event lasts an hour. The study buddies will have a rotation every 10 minutes, with about 60 people in each session. There's going to be 4 groups and they can rotate.
- h. Taji: Multiple hours or just one hour?
- i. Tony: Just one hour.
- j. Kim: If you're interested, for your tote event, my committee can draft up a fact sheet on sustainability. You can put it in the totes as people take them.
- k. Tony: We can do that and also at the same time I was talking to Dak about asking the counseling center and collaborating with them to come and talk about how to relieve stress.
- l. Denise: For the puppy event, is that on a Thursday?
- m. Tony: Monday night.
- n. Robert: Do you mind sending me all your events for March just so I can arrange to have my survey at time.
- o. Tony: Okay. Also on March 19th, during club hours, Kim is going to have her census survey at these events. We will figure out the rest offline.

\*\*\* Yaseen Rana steps out 6:09 PM \*\*\*

#### 4. Aaron D'Souza | Chair of Finance

- a. Joshua: You get snaps.
- b. Aaron: Budget season is around the corner. In 3 weeks. Seeing that you guys will be voting on all the budgets, it's important that the table knows the process my committee will use so you guys can make better informed decisions. As you're talking to me or the other clubs seeing the things I present or my committee members present is all a recommendation. You guys are going to get trained in a very brief manner. Budget is broken down into 5 different sections. The real difference in supplies and equipment. Supplies are less than 1 year. Equipment is more than 1 year. My committee reviews all proposals. We already released the budget proposal. It's in your emails. Tell your friends who are club leaders so we can get the ball rolling. We meet with their E-Board, that's treasurer, Vice President, and president. This is important for you guys to know. Before me and my committee present here, we asked clubs multiple times if they are okay with their allocations. I will not present if I have not asked the club if they're okay with it. But there will be circumstances where we will have to present clubs that didn't respond. Clubs are also welcomed to show up here. After that, then it goes to BOD for approval. What do we consider when doing budgets? I've been telling my committee members that 90% of what we look at is the first two, which is current budget spending and past years budget spendings. People can make stuff up about their membership, about their club goals. There are people who are great at speaking, but don't actually do any work, like myself.
- c. Joshua: Well.
- d. Aaron: Because of that, the only thing I can really look at that shows solid evidence is the first two because that shows me actual spending. The last 10% is there a high demand for your club? At the end of the day, we want to fund clubs as best as we can. They're here to be here for students. If you are not serving a huge student population, it's not fair to give you an excessively large budget. Basically, are you doing what you're telling us you're going to do. We're here to promote clubs and give clubs the money that they need to be successful. But not so much that they're overwhelmed. If we do give a club too much money, it's just a recipe for them to not spend and harder for them to get back on track. We do work within strict rules of the club. I'd be more than



happy to share that with you if you're interested, but I'm sure that you aren't. We must remain fair and impartial to all clubs.

- e. Dakshatha: What are you doing for incentives?
- f. Aaron: I believed I sent it in an email, but from 16 to 21st or something like that is \$250, the next week is \$150, the next week is \$50. Then no incentives. Any budgets submitted over spring break, we're going to come up with our allocation and deduct from that allocation cause I really don't want to be dealing with them.
- g. Denise: When you present the clubs, is it going to be like what Gigi does when they're asking for allocation or-
- h. Aaron: It'll be what they ask for and then other information from the meeting. And their spending from the last 2 meetings.
- i. Gigi: What is the point of the incentives?

\*\*\* Yaseen Rana returns 6:16 PM \*\*\*

- j. Aaron: So I can be done with budgets faster.
- k. Gigi: So they get more money the sooner they submit their budget?
- l. Aaron: If they submit their budget within that week or before hand and they schedule the meeting that week or the week after, it's to be eligible for incentive. It gives us the chance to meet with them, make sure they have transition set up and in place. It's so my committee can get to work. We don't want to get swamped until the last BOD meeting.
- m. Marvin: Is it just going to be you coming in for the budget meetings or are your committee members going to be joining you as well?
- n. Aaron: Basil and Roshen are in my committee. I also have 2 vice chairs helping me out. They might be here occasionally. I will be presenting at almost all of them.
- o. Damali: All the clubs wait until the day before the deadline. I've sat here until 1AM, 2AM doing club budgets where the first budget meeting we're done at 7 and the second we're here until all hours of the night because all the clubs waited. It gets a little crazy.
- p. Yam-Yu: Would it be helpful for you to create a checklist of the clubs that responded and have help from the table to chase clubs?
- q. Aaron: No. I don't think we're in the business of chasing clubs. If they don't want to submit a budget, I won't deal with their budget. They're the club leaders. They should be proactive. I'll send out multiple emails. Everything has been on the website since September. We are not here to police or chase clubs.
- r. Denise: Do clubs come with representation when you're allocating a budget?
- s. Aaron: Generally, they'll only come when there's a disagreement between my committee and what they want. Usually, I'll mark all the budgets that they're okay with. If they are okay with it, I'll let you guys know.
- t. Daniel: In an ideal world, when would you like for clubs to send in all of their budgets for next year?
- u. Aaron: Within the next four weeks. A week before the end of March.
- v. Taji: You said we would deal with budgets the week after spring break?
- w. Aaron: We're going to be starting budgets the week before spring break. We're going to be getting those first couple. The more spaced out we can have them. The sooner we have them, the sooner we can split them up. We can do 3 meetings of 30-ish budgets.
- x. Taji: Second question, can we do a social media blast? A lot of clubs last year said they struggled with budgets and it would be useful to market it for them and for you to get their budgets done.
- y. Aaron: I'm down for that. I'll talk with Sandy and Annmarie about that.

- z. Tony: If a club submits their budget between April 7th-16th?
  - aa. Aaron: Last day to submit a budget is the 16th. I'll tell them to wait until next year.
  - bb. Emmanuel: What would happen if the table vote down a budget?
  - cc. Aaron: You guys can come up with your own allocation, similar to appeals. Just for your information, you can increase even above what they ask for. You can increase or pass whatever I allocated or whatever was passed.
  - dd. Dakshatha: There was one instance when a club wasn't ready last year. So we voted down a budget to discuss it at the next meeting.
  - ee. Joshua: That's the worst case scenario.
  - ff. Damali: The reason there's usually issues with club budgets is because clubs haven't turned in their papers to Tam. Budget looks like it's not up to date. It's usually in the club.
  - gg. Joshua: You will be surprised by a lot of clubs not spending the money. Fun fact, some clubs last year just spent 10% of the budget in March.
  - hh. Dakshatha: One of our goals is to minimize the surplus, which is any money not spent where you have to go through BOD to access it. When Aaron works hard to allocate the correct amount, we want to make sure they can spend it for the next year.
  - ii. Aaron: Another comment is that last year with late budgets the club wasn't satisfied and the senate recommended appealing or cosponsor. For these budgets, don't recommend that. We don't know who the next chair of appeals or club and orgs will be next year. Let's just try to fix it now and ensure next year is set up for success. You guys are experts at this now.
5. Joshua Castillo | Executive Vice President
- a. Joshua: Updates and announcement. Hero of the Month for February, application will be due this coming Sunday. Announce everything next Tuesday the 3rd for February.
  - b. Taji: Hero of the senate or all?
  - c. Joshua: Both. Everyone on the table votes for both. Today, we did a venue visit for one of the Bash sites. Anyone else want to be in the Bash planning chat that currently isn't?
    - i. Gigi, Annmarie, Denise, Roshen, Marvin, Emmanuel, Tony
  - d. Joshua: I'll add it to the chat. Bash is going to be 18 or over, Baruch students only. In the past, outside guests were able to come. I wanted my mama to come. We're still finalizing details with alcohol. I'll get back to you on that. Lastly, after this meeting, we are going to be having a real quick executive session for housekeeping things.
  - e. Denise: Date for Bash?
  - f. Joshua: Thursday before Memorial Day. May 21st. We won't clash with Bernies or Graduation.

## Unfinished Business

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- 1. Nicole Pung | Secretary
  - a. Report delivered by Genesis Calle: Hi, everyone. I hope this senate meeting went smoothly! I'll be sitting through the minutes for them. I want to say a special thank you today to Yam-Yu and Genesis for helping me with recording and typing the minutes. I went home to celebrate both my birthday and my mother's birthday. Just a reminder, Lexicon should be coming after Senate to take your photos, so please stay for your headshots! They will also do a group photo. If you miss your headshot today, please coordinate with Walter Oro from Lexicon. They're on a tight schedule to print the yearbooks, so we want to allow them as much flexibility as possible. Be safe and I'll see you all next week.
- 2. Briana Staten | VP of Academic Affairs

- a. Briana: March 12th is “Are you smarter than a first year?” Forms will be up. Annmarie made the flyer. Probably four rounds. We’re still working out prizes. Share this around. March 12, 6-9PM, room 3-215.

## New Business

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1. Nicole Pung | Secretary
  - a. Report delivered by Yam-Yu Li: If you need the conference room reserved anytime for March, please let me know midnight tonight. I want to extend the option to the table before the clubs take all, literally all, of the times available. I'll send another reminder into the chat after the senate meeting.
  - b. Joshua: Just for us, the deadline is tonight for March. After tonight, it'll be really tight.
  - c. Basil: In terms of the dates, for all March it will be close?
  - d. Joshua: It will be during popular times such as club hours.
  - e. Tony: Is there one club that reserved all March?
  - f. Joshua: No, multiple clubs will want it multiple times. We want to prioritize your committee meetings first.
  - g. Roshen: Is there anything in place for maximum times a club can rent out the room?
  - h. Joshua: I believe so.
  - i. Yam-Yu: The reasons why it's so popular is for midterm events and clubs are shadowing their future E-Boards.
2. Denise Rojas | Chair of Clubs and Orgs
  - a. Denise: Bernies is happening on May 15th. If anyone wants to help me come up with ideas, decorations, food, vendors, let me know. We'll be buying things soon. The theme is Moulin Rouge.
  - b. Roshen: That's a Friday, right?
  - c. Denise: Yes, in the evening.
3. Damali Smith Tolson | Office of Student Life
  - a. Damali: Who on this table is graduating this year?
    - i. Joshua, Annmarie, Sandy, Tam, Gigi, Nicole, Denise, Roshen.
4. Joshua Castillo | EVP
  - a. Joshua: I am the proud innovator of USG's first virtual happy birthday. We didn't call her. It counts.
  - b. Aaron: There's no cake for us?
  - c. Dakshatha: She already ate it.

\*\*\* Recess 6:37 PM \*\*\*

## Executive Session

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\*\*\* Executive session at 6:46 PM \*\*\*

## Adjournment

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1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #19 at 7:22PM. 19-0-0.