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Meeting 16:

Meeting Date:	February 4th, 2020	Meeting Time:	5:30 P.M. - 7:59 P.M.
Location:	USG Conference Room	Note Taker:	Nicole Pung

Attendees:	
Dakshatha Daggala President	Joshua Castillo Executive Vice President
Tam Phuong Executive Treasurer	Nicole Pung Executive Secretary
Briana Staten VP of Academic Affairs	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	Yam-Yu Li Representative Senator
Yaseen Rana Representative Senator	

Reports

1. Motion to pass Senate Meeting #15 minutes. Motion passes, 19-0-0.

Reports

1. Mr. Robert Curry | Chief of Public Safety
 - a. Curry: I'm a product of CUNY. I went to 3 different CUNY schools, so I have a unique perspective on the student experience. Took all my classes at night. 27 years of service in. Whatever you need, let my office know. I believe in customer service with my staff. Let me know if it's not going accordingly. I'll look into all matters.
 - b. Damali: What exactly do you do?
 - c. Curry: I'm the public safety director. My office is in H-160 where the office is. Nearest the mailroom. I've been here about 3.5 weeks, getting to know the campus. I have not had a negative experience yet.
 - d. Andres: Thank you for your time. It's refreshing to have someone new. Baruch is well known for being closed and shut out from other institutions in the CUNY system. We're hoping to change that under your administration. We have turnstiles to come in, no other school has that.
 - e. Curry: Hostos has that.

- f. Andres: Right, 2 out of 27 institutions. We feel it would be better for us to create a path to open to outside visitors and students from other campuses. There have been some recent events at a BOT meeting. They've been violent towards students.
- g. Curry: Before I started on January 13th, I came to the BOT to observe. We know our students better than outsiders. I'm more involved because this is my home now. I'm trying to get BOT to move to another college. In the event something does happen, my phone and email are available. If someone is behaving in an unprofessional manner, I take it that's what you're saying, I need to know about it whether they're from here or not.
- h. Andres: We find problems when they are from other campuses. For the most part, our officers don't seem to resort to those methods.
- i. Curry: I'll be looking into that also and we'll take it from there.

*** Kim Kazdal arrives 5:35 PM ***

- j. Andres: I appreciate you saying that. I don't know how legal it is recording and keeping videos for students protesting.
 - k. Curry: That's something that came up on the higher level and will be addressed and making adjustments. 24-hours a day, I'm available to know what's going on.
 - l. Nicole: How should we address you?
 - m. Curry: Mr. Curry. Chief Curry. Director Curry.
2. Mr. Jamell N.A. Henderson | CUNY Rising Alliance Coordinator
- a. Jamell: Happy New Year and decade. Welcome to the 2020s. My name is Jamell Henderson. I am the CUNY Rising coordinator. I'm a proud 4 time graduate with degrees from BMCC, Brooklyn, Baruch, and the Graduate Center. Also pursuing a doctorate of education. At CUNY Rising, we push and call for the state to fund CUNYs the way they did before 1976. CUNY used to be free. 2 occurrences took place that helped with the current situation. 1 was the fiscal crisis in the 1975/1976 area. City was broke. The other part was historical research, was the major uptake in historical enrollment numbers in black and brown communities. CUNY as well as the state worked together to implement tuition. It's known that tuition in CUNY is very low. However, what they don't tell you, administrators, the public, and the media, is that New York City has become increasingly expensive. 10 years ago, the rent average was \$1,000. Now, it's close to \$2,000 for 1 bedroom. My focus is to win this battle by sharing the real CUNY experience. What does that mean to you guys?
 - b. Taji: The difficulties of Baruch funding in general and how \$0.97 of every \$1 comes from the students.
 - c. Jamell: It's your story. You go to campus here. I know what it's like when you see certain things that are not here. But does the public know that? What do they know?
 - d. Andres: They know it's affordable.
 - e. Jamell: They see the wonderful statistical data, business program, diversity, but they don't understand that you're dealing with horrible services, lack of diversity, horrible professors who are tenured, the situations with public safety. We recently had the Student Power Summit at City Tech. We're happy to announce it will be at CSI next month. We have a full line of upcoming events throughout February. When I was hired, this movement has to be about black and brown students. The data says 77% are color and it's important that the public knows everything that is happening. I want to commend the members of USG for preparing a Thursday rally, which is going to be phenomenal. This is the first time major and officials in staff are not only going to be in attendance, but this is the first time they'll hear your story. You show out and you tell them

things that are important to you. We have events at various campuses. We have our Student Power Summit on March 21st at CSI. On the flyer, we have events happening at various campuses:

- i. February 7th, York College, Student Empowerment Segment
 - ii. February 20th, City Tech, Town Hall
 - iii. February 24th, First Black History Program: Unapologetically Black and Bold
 - iv. February 27th, Albany, Higher Ed Action Day
 - v. February 29th, 2nd CUNY Student Council Meeting
- f. Jamell: We're looking for student clubs and organizers. If you're talented and want to showcase your talent to come, please let us know. We want to highlight the great work you're all doing. The only way to make sure that this works, is to make sure you go out and do the work. It's my job to be your biggest cheerleader. We have a lot of great stuff coming up. Follow us on all social medias to make sure we keep you involved. March Movement Madness is happening. We're going to do 31 days of full fledge actions. We're creating a win win strategy. In the name of making sure we're fully funding CUNY, we are going to add you to our calendar because we are 1 university. We will be doing a state of student mental health conference, a sleep out to talk about the number of CUNY students who are experiencing homeless in front of the governor's office, talking about food insecurity, racial and ethic issues. We are going to be doing a lot of great work. Keep in touch. **This is my work number: 347 493 5191**. We bring in a whole list of organizations that understand the importance of why public education has to be free. We are the most powerful students in the world. Because when we come off campus, you're dealing with life, train, NYPD as soon as you come off campus. We're getting ready to go to Albany tomorrow. Just know I'm doing the work for you.

3. Joel De La Cruz and Arsela Malick | USS Delegates

- a. Joel: These are the monthly presentations for December and January. I'm going to talk about the upcoming events, resolutions, and projects. Lobbying efforts for Albany. Today, there are USS members taking questioning at a hearing regarding public education. There's going to be Caucus week with USS delegates to go lobby with politicians. Each lives in a district since they care about their constituents they're in charge of. Higher Education Action Day, happening on the 27th, another day where they're busting up people to go on the final stages of the budget. There were 3 resolutions voted on on the last USS meeting. There were some controversies on the things voted on, but they were all passed. There was the tuition freeze causing a stop on the coming \$200 increase. The bill didn't pass the first time. People wanted it to say, instead of tuition freeze, to be Free CUNY, but after debate, they decided it was the best way to go. Passed with no issue was the stop the wellness fee, a \$120 fee. This money is supposedly going to programs or staff that will help students wellbeing, whether it is a mental or physical situation. Some issues are not earmarked. USS was just able to develop the bill for the tech fee, where students have more of a say on how the tech fee is used. This wellness fee has no student input and they'll have no say on how that money is spent. The other resolution was the investment from fossil fuels. CUNY's have endowment funds. Part of it is in certain fossil fuels and certain members of the body don't like that and want to find alternatives that don't involve fossil fuels. That also had some issues for controversy. Last thing is what we've been working on. I'm officially chairing the academic affairs committee and sitting on the BOT investment committee, so I'm going to be dealing with the investments in fuels thing. The main work is the OER (Open Education to Resource). Baruch has been able to negotiate discounts for textbooks, but not every campus has been able to do that. The idea is they want every CUNY student to write textbooks. That way professors can choose a free textbook. The other part was not every campus has a student representative. Some campus

presidents simply appoint students. Something we want to work on to create a mechanism that goes to elections.

- b. Arsela: Last Sunday, we had a meeting and had 2 speakers come by, Senior Vice Chancellor and CUNY Chief Financial Officer Matthew Sapienza and State Senator of 22nd District Andrew Gounardes. We had the CUNY CFO and the Senator. I'm also on the fiscal committee now. The CUNY CFO talked about 2 main topics: tuition hikes and food vendors. He broke down why we're having tuition hikes on how to combat them. $\frac{2}{3}$ of CUNY students get tuition mostly free (TAP or Grants or FAFSA). $\frac{1}{3}$ pay out of pocket. That's why BOT have been trying to raise the tuition. The food vendors, they want to make all CUNY have the same food vendor. We are basically going to have the same food vendor from now on. They want to combat food insecurity and create more inclusivity between women and minorities. This will create a more inclusive and collective way for people to eat on campus. The second speaker was Andrew Gounardes from the 22nd district. South Brooklyn. He wants to change the way we talk about CUNY. He wants us to see ourselves in a different, better light and looking at ourselves better than we are. We represent 500,000 students. We're City University students. We should see ourselves as the City University. Another bill he was trying to get passed was the Mental Health Ratio Bill. It's demonstrating that mental health is not seen as important as other kinds of health and he's trying to make it more accessible to students. Statistically, for every 2,000 students, there's only 1 mental health professional. That's why a lot of students are not getting the service they need. He wants it to be a thing in the upcoming years. He wants NYS to be the first to have quality free education for students. Health professions, working elevators, full time staff. The last thing is the small fiscal affairs report. We passed 2 resolutions. The first is the TAP gap. You may not know, but in 2013, TAP gap was created. The tuition is not being covered by TAP enough. 2013, the tuition came up to \$5,165. The amount of people paying tuition is going up and is getting higher than what TAP is covering for them. That's been increasing along with tuition. We as USS are trying to combat and we passed a resolution to commit ourselves to eliminate the TAP gap. The 2nd thing was having transparency with the board and the students. We had some issues about having transparency between the steering committee and our members. Come to the rally on Thursday. Please email your senator if you're interested in learning more.
- c. Andres: Can you please share how you voted for the tuition freeze?
- d. Joel: There were 2 rounds. First round failed.
- e. Andres: Yeah, but I want to know how you voted.
- f. Joel: We both abstained. The graduate representative passed it. Our main concern was people complaining about the transparency issue and that people who wanted a Free CUNY instead of a tuition freeze bill didn't give their input before the resolution was brought forward. They wanted to delay it by a month to say Free CUNY instead of tuition free. After the senator spoke, a lot of people changed their mind because they felt there were time issues and wanted to have this ready for Albany right now to put in a letter. The second time I believe we both voted yes on tuition freeze.
- g. Arsela: To be clear, the reason for all the problems was people expected it to be all about Free CUNY.
- h. Andres: CFO is on the board?
- i. Joel: No, he's the senior vice chancellor. He's not a sitting member. He explained to us he's only in the administration.
- j. Andres: I find it hypocritical that you have a guy come in and lecture you about how this tuition hike and he's basically going to say $\frac{2}{3}$ of the population don't pay. You leave out 200,000 of the students who have to pay the rest of the tuition and have to pay more, and he makes you feel bad about it, and then you advertise the rally so we would not pay more, but pay less. I don't think this

was a wise decision of you to have a CFO patronize student leaders and then tell us we should feel bad about making the same thing.

- k. Joel: From my understanding, this was the decision of the chair and the steering committee. Delegates can't invite people.
 - l. Arsel: That wasn't the purpose. He was there to give a detailed explanation. He was not there to go against us. Obviously, he wants the best for us.
 - m. Joel: He was there to mostly speak about the food thing. We brought that issue up on our own. He was there to talk about the food vendor and concerns about if the vendor was able to provide for halal, kosher, and other options.
 - n. Kim: Respectfully, I understand your point, Andres, but I don't think you guys had any say in that and nor was he there to do that, so to call the institution hypocritical is a little hard. Just because they are with the rally, doesn't mean they're hypocritical. They were just trying to hear both sides.
 - o. Dakshatha: Since the meetings are chaired by Tim, if you have questions, we can always set up a meeting with him. He's an Honorary Trustee, has access to Baruch and comes by often. If you want to set up a meeting, we can set up a meeting and talk about it.
 - p. Irine: In terms of the food vendor, is it supposed to be outside or inside the campus?
 - q. Arsel: In the cafeterias. And for schools who don't have a cafeteria, they will be building ones.
 - r. Joel: Obviously, we don't have a cafeteria with workers, so campuses like ours, only the vending machines would be affected. Nothing outside would be affected.
 - s. Dakshatha: Baruch is surrounded by many options. Food vendors here usually fail. CUNY wide vendors are so campuses like Queens or Brooklyn make up for the revenue they would lose at Baruch.
 - t. Kim: They spoke about Senator Andrew Gounardes. Just make it aware he's a sponsor in our rally. Thursday and advocate for public education.
 - u. Yaseen: How do they expect to entice students at Baruch? Affordable options?
 - v. Arsel: He's not sure right now. It's a tentative thing .
 - w. Damali: Like Dakshatha said, we have competitive pricing, but if you have a choice between pizza on campus or outside, we're limited and make no profit. They have to use that food vendor across all CUNY's. It'll balance out a little bit.
 - x. Joel: Concerning the vote, the first time it failed, but everyone changed their mind after the senator spoke and it got very heated. The chair literally said to some delegates some not favorable words.
 - y. Arsel: It wasn't just us who abstained. There were a lot of other delegates.
4. Denise Rojas | Chair of Clubs and Orgs
- a. Denise: We have a club who is going to present a quick pitch. They're the Armenian Club and have club representation today. They'll give an overview of what their presentation was. Afterward, the floor will be open to questions.
 - b. Pres: Our mission is uniting students of Armenian descent, but anyone is welcomed to join. Additionally, we want to promote Armenian history, heritage, culture, and cuisine.
 - c. VP: We want to create an environment where everyone feels safe to share their opinions and networking opportunities and be mutually enriching for everyone.
 - d. Sec: We'll have a cuisine day to sell food and educate the public on Armenian culture. We have Genocide Remembrance Day. We are cosponsoring with other clubs like Psychology Club, Hillel and outside clubs from Hunter and Columbia.

*** Kim Kazdal steps out 6:12 PM ***

- e. Tres: We had 2 events. GIM and a collaboration with the Psychology Clubs. We had 23 interested members so far.
- f. Andres: Are there any Armenian traditions or cultures you'll be making into events?
- g. VP: Easter is popular. It's different from how it's celebrated in the US. That's an option we're considering. There are a number of others. Maybe not too many in variety, but 2 or 3 as long as they match with the schedule.
- h. Basil: How do you plan to recruit new students and develop them into higher positions?
- i. Tres: We made a poster and got us about 10 members. After was word of mouth and got 13 from word of mouth. We plan on making social media platforms.
- j. Pres: Collaborating with different clubs.
- k. Sec: Table at club fairs and attract more members.
- l. Basil: What about the development from general member to E-Board? Is there a step process?
- m. VP: Positions are every year. We're going to have votes between the club and be tracking in a variety of ways. End of semester, we'll gather and see who deserves it the most.
- n. Nicole: I want to know what years you all are so I can see how long you'll stay and grow this club.
- o. VP: Freshman.
- p. Pres: Transfer Sophomore.
- q. Tres: Freshman.
- r. Sec: 2nd semester Sophomore.
- s. Marvin: Is there a big Armenian demographic in the area?

*** Kim Kazdal returns 6:16 PM ***

- t. Sec: A lot in Bayside and Queens and a church in the city. We hope to partner with them. Almost 20% to 15% are Armenian. We keep finding Armenian people. So we're planning to put more posters. It's really easy to find because of their last name.
- u. Denise: Although it's the Armenian society, they mentioned before you don't have to be Armenian to be a part of the club. Even if you have an interest in the culture, you can join.
- v. Pres: Everyone welcomed to come.
- w. Robert: They had to host things around campus. What have they done so far?
- x. Pres: 1 GIM and co-sponsored event with Psychology Club.
- y. Joshua: How did those go?
- z. Pres: Around 20 people. Only 2 from Psychology Club.
- aa. Denise: Motion to charter the Armenian Society.
- bb. Kim: Seconded.
 - i. Motion passes, 19-0-0.

*** Aaron D'Souza steps out 6:19 PM ***

5. Gigi Kaur | Chair of Appeals
 a. ISO's GIM

- i. Gigi: They currently have \$290.25 in refreshments, \$111.15 in supplies, and \$55.16 in miscellaneous, totaling \$456.56. They requested \$579.85 in refreshments, \$46.91 in supplies, totaling \$626.76. I'm allocating \$580.00 in refreshments, \$47.00 in supplies, totaling \$627.00. Motion to allocate \$627.00 to ISO's GIM.

*** Aaron D'Souza returns 6:21 PM ***

- ii. Nadia: We wanted to explain the refreshments. We plan on moving money out of the budget because we have an event the day before Valentines Day. MPR during club hours. There were some things we didn't decide on. There were a lot of other things needed. About \$200 out of the \$290 will be moved out from refreshments.
 - iii. Robert: What event in the MPR?
 - iv. Nadia: World Bizarre. Valentine's Day around the world. We have clubs and everyone gets a table with \$80 stipend to have food and activities and show what love looks like around the world.
 - v. Club was satisfied with the allocation.
 - 1. Motion passes, 18-0-1.
- b. BSA's Defying Gravity
- i. Gigi: They currently have \$200.00 in refreshments, \$20.00 in supplies, and \$10.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$230.00. They requested \$800.00 in refreshments, \$130.00 in supplies, and \$240.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,170.00. I'm allocating full amounts. Motion to allocate \$1,170.00 to BSA's Defying Gravity.
 - ii. Fahim: We have about 110 new kids sign up. Defying Gravity is about analysts and professionals. Half will be on stage. The other half is among the students. We're calling in young professionals to teach kids from grad to job. We have a full time DJ and artist. We ran out of plates last time. We had food for about 120 kids. I'm thinking 200 this semester.
 - iii. Club was satisfied with the allocation.
 - 1. Motion passes, 18-0-1.
- c. MSA's Reshifting Our Focus
- i. Gigi: They currently have nothing in this event. They requested \$900.00 in refreshments, \$120.00 in supplies, \$2,000.00 in contracts, and \$75.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$3,095.00. I'm allocating \$900.00 in refreshments, \$120.00 in supplies, \$2,000.00 in contracts, and \$50.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$3,075.00. They wanted to give a \$50 gift to one of their speakers, but I thought that was a bit too high, so I thought they could deal with \$30. Motion to allocate \$3,070.00 to MSA's Reshifting Our Focus.
 - ii. Pres: We held this event last year with almost 100 attendees. We originally had \$650, but moved it for other lines. Last year, we did have \$1000, but we're not getting drinks from that vendor, which is why it went down \$100. Getting utensils cost money, Contractuals, we do have a speaker named Jonathan AC Brown. He does have to travel from DC, so he said \$2,000 seems like a reasonable amount. Miscellaneous is for gifts.
 - iii. Club was satisfied with the allocation.
 - 1. Motion passes, 18-0-1.
- d. MSA's GIM
- i. Gigi: This is for 2 GIMs. They currently have \$42.69 in refreshments, \$1.34 in supplies, and \$500.00 in contracts, totaling \$544.03. They requested \$500.00 in refreshments, \$120.00 in supplies, and \$100.00 in equipment, totaling \$720.00. I'm allocating full amounts. Motion to allocate \$720.00 to MSA's GIM.
 - ii. Pres: We're planning 2 GIMS, February 25 and March 10th. Around 30-50 heads come. Around \$250 for each seems reasonable. Supplies, we do have 1 being a paint day and does cost a lot of money. Utensils as well. Equipment, we don't have a retractable banner but would like to invest in one from vistaprint.

1. Motion passes, 18-0-1.

e. MSA's Halaqa

- i. Gigi: They currently have \$20.00 in refreshments. They requested \$780.00 in refreshments, \$1,000.00 in contracts, and \$50.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,830.00. I'm allocating \$780.00 in refreshments, \$1,000.00 in supplies, and \$30.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,810.00. I thought \$50 for a gift for the speaker was too much, so \$30 is fine. Motion to allocate \$1,810.00 to MSA's Halaqa.
- ii. Pres: Refreshments are over the course of a few days. Halaqa is classes where we bring in a scholar and have him teach. He'll be speaking with us and charges \$250-\$300 when he comes. We're asking for \$1000 because that's how much we normally ask for.
- iii. Denise: Quick Question where did you move all your money to?
- iv. Pres: We had 2 big events and a lot in October. We had to raise money. A lot of scholars came in. We didn't have enough for certain events, like \$300-\$400 for large scale events.
- v. Yam-yu: You said just 1 speaker all 4 days? Is it the same presentation?
- vi. Pres: Same speaker. We're going in depth with 4 different companions.

1. Motion passes, 18-0-1.

f. Cybersecurity Club's GIM

- i. Gigi: They currently have nothing in this line. They requested \$1,100.00 in refreshments and \$120.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,220.00. I'm allocating \$850.00 in refreshments and \$120.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$970.00. The Miscellaneous is for gifts for their guest speakers. Refreshments, 1 of the event was an E-Board election. I felt they didn't need food for that event. Motion to allocate \$970.00 to Cybersecurity Club's GIM.
- ii. VP: We'll be having 3 GIM's this semester. We'll also have an IQ Forum. IQ is a platform that provides internships to students. We're planning on bringing them back. 2nd GIM, planning technical skills workshop cosponsoring with STARR. 3 GIM, woman who lead and we'll be launching our women technology mentorship program for spring 2020.
- iii. Club was satisfied with the allocation.

1. Motion passes, 18-0-1.

g. NABA's 8th Annual Alumni Dinner

- i. Gigi: They currently have \$1,100.00 in refreshments, \$1,600.00 in contracts, and \$280.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$2,980.00. They requested \$30.00 in refreshments, \$521.95 in supplies, and \$39.95 in miscellaneous, totaling \$591.90. I'm allocating \$0.00 in refreshments, \$522.00 in supplies, and \$40.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$562.00. Attendance is 100. I usually allow \$7 per student. With the current refreshment budget they already have, they will be able to buy enough for everyone. Motion to allocate \$562.00 to NABA's 8th Annual Alumni Dinner.
- ii. Pres: We are appealing for our 8th annual dinner to celebrate our alumni for our chapters and members. For the agenda, we'll have speakers, networking, and dinner. Theme is generational wealth of today and tomorrow. The speakers will go and say how each of us define wealth.
- iii. Club was satisfied with the allocation.

1. Motion passes, 18-0-1.

h. ALPHA's Special Events

- i. Gigi: They currently have \$650.00 in refreshments, \$50.00 in supplies, and \$50.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$750.00. Special events include a lot, it's not just 1. They requested \$1,100.00 in refreshments, \$250.00 in supplies, and \$200.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,550.00. Based on breakdown, I allocated \$1,010.00 in refreshments, \$230.00 in supplies, and \$200.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,440.00. Motion to allocate \$1,440.00 to ALPHA's Special Events.
- ii. Tres: Special Events includes different events throughout the year to cover non-recurring, small scale events. Usually, we have it as a small scale event, but because of the representation, we decided to appeal for a larger budget to accommodate more students.
- iii. Pres: We already have 200 interested in attending and panelists are going to be C-level executives and politicians. Putting these important people in the event requires more budget.
- iv. Andres: Would you be suggesting you would like to see more allocation?
- v. Pres: Definitely.
- vi. Emmanuel: Do you have a number of how many events?
- vii. Tres: Ongoing basis. We don't know for sure if they're going to follow through with that event. That's an event we don't plan for. It's non-recurring.
- viii. Joshua: You're looking for more money to be allocated. Your request was for \$1,550 and the allocations was \$1,440, a difference of \$110.
- ix. Tres: The refreshments were based off of events used the budget for events similar to this, which was \$1,100, but only allocated \$1,010. Past events we had gone above our budget fill out gaps with other co sponsorships from other clubs. Supplies, the list was exactly \$250.
- x. Denise: Since this is an ongoing basis, I think Gigi's allocation is fair. You can always cosponsor with USG to make up that difference.
- xi. Tres: The ones requested are for this event. What we already have is for events we already have in mind. We use the same budget for the other event. Given that we got another event, we don't want to appeal again for more special events funding.
- xii. Robert: You mentioned cancelled events, what would you do from there? That would be money that goes to waste.
- xiii. Tres: We always have companies who are willing to come back to ALPFA. We always use our full budget because of our alumni.
 - 1. Motion passes, 11-7-1.

i. MBA's Networking Event

- i. Gigi: They currently have \$260.00 in refreshments, \$150.00 in supplies, \$70.00 in equipment, and \$250.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$730.00. They requested \$510.00 in refreshments, \$10.00 in supplies, and \$150.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$670.00. I'm allocating full amounts. Motion to allocate \$670.00 to MBA's Networking Event.
- ii. Pres: We're hosting out networking event later this month with professionals to build connections. It's one of our biggest event of the year. Since it'll be in this bigger space, we expect bigger attendance. We're asking for that extra \$260 because it will be enough for the refreshments. This is why we need it.
- iii. Club was satisfied with the allocation.
- iv. Denise: Don't you think you need more money because it's in the MPR and it's 110 people and \$7 for each person.
- v. Pres: We found a place and most are around that range and we have discounts. We think we can make it work.

- vi. Joshua: If you need more money, you know where to find us.
 - 1. Motion passes, 18-0-1.

- j. SASA's SASA Formal
 - i. Gigi: They currently have \$1,000.00 in refreshments, \$300.00 in supplies, \$10.00 in equipment, \$350.00 in contracts, totaling \$1,660.00. They requested \$300.00 in refreshments, \$230.00 in supplies, \$600.00 in contracts, and \$70.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,200.00. I'm allocating \$300.00 in refreshments, \$230.00 in supplies, \$550.00 in contracts, and \$70.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,150.00. Contracts they estimated a little above, so I just gave them the exact amount. Motion to allocate \$1,150.00 to SASA's SASA Formal.
 - ii. Maham: We're doing this because a lot of our members asked for it. \$300 is just boosting the food budget. We ran out of food at the end. The \$230 for supplies are plates, napkins, and decorations. We have a DJ contract and photos lined up. Miscellaneous, we have 3 raffle prizes. We want it to be more interactive. We'll be giving out raffle tickets and stations to compete and get more tickets.
 - iii. Club was satisfied with the allocation.
 - 1. Motion passes, 18-0-1.

- k. BSU's Black Business Expo
 - i. Gigi: They currently have \$200.00 in refreshments and \$20.00 in supplies, totaling \$220.00. They requested \$224.20 in equipment and \$500.00 in contracts, totaling \$724.20. I'm allocating \$224.00 in equipment and \$500.00 in contracts, totaling \$724.00. Motion to allocate \$724.00 to BSU's Black Business Expo.
 - ii. Pres: Last year was the first hit at it. We collaborated. This is half of the cost. It's a great event to showcase black leadership. A lot of folks want to illustrate that but bringing in successful folks.
 - iii. Club was satisfied with the allocation.
 - 1. Motion passes, 18-0-1.

- l. BSU's Various Forums and Events
 - i. Gigi: They currently have \$20.00 in supplies, totaling \$20.00. They requested \$510.00 in refreshments and \$1,039.23 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,549.23. I'm allocating \$510.00 in refreshments and \$0.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$510.00. For miscellaneous, we're not allowed to give money for marketing materials. Motion to allocate \$510.00 to BSU's Various Forums and Events.
 - ii. Pres: We were told about the t-shirts. We're going to figure out a way to be creative and make marketing material. We have nothing Black History Month related, but we'll figure out something.
 - 1. Motion passes, 18-0-1.

- m. BSU's Black Excellence Gala
 - i. Gigi: They currently have \$120.00 in refreshments and \$380.00 in contracts, totaling \$500.00. They requested \$925.00 in refreshments, \$200.00 in supplies, \$11,970.00 in contracts, and \$50.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$13,145.00. I'm allocating \$925.00 in refreshments, \$200.00 in supplies, \$8,970.00 in contracts, and \$50.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$10,145.00. They wanted Shiggy to host for \$9,000. I gave them \$6,000 so they can get their second option, but after talking to them, he will be hosting for 3 full hours.

It's getting the money's worth. Motion to allocate \$10,145.00 to BSU's Black Excellence Gala.

- ii. Tres: Usually, for the past couple of years, we had fashion shows. If we want people to understand Black History Month and get a formal event, a gala is better. We want a host with interaction and is the main attraction. Shiggy is from New York and created the dance to the Drake song. He has his own agenda about what to do. We feel it would bring more crowds to BSU. We want a mixed event. He'd be a good way to connect everyone.
- iii. Pres: This Black History Month, over the past 2 months, we worked hard to make this happen. We have 22 events and it would be ending that month. It's to showcase everything we've done and acknowledge a professor that's been teaching for 40 years. This is important to us. We're steering away from the fashion show and hope you see the value in this and open this up for CUNY and max out the MPR.
- iv. Joshua: Is the event officially a part of Black History Month?
- v. Pres: Yes, February 28th. It's funded through BSU.
- vi. Roshen: With the 6 grand, your second option was Diggy Simmons? He's also a very famous person. Are you satisfied with Diggy Simmons?
- vii. Pres: No. Shiggy is an entertainer and dancer and if he doesn't agree to our stipulations, then we'll move forward with Diggy. But he did agree and he's been doing this student tour. It would be a great opportunity.
- viii. Marvin: What's included in the 9K? Was it higher than that before?
- ix. Tres: The original was 15K, but I let them know we're a CUNY college and he brought it down to 10K and then 9K. That was his final price.
- x. Pres: We didn't negotiate the full package because we didn't know if we would get this through or not. Bare minimum, I want this dance challenge.
- xi. Genesis: I commend you on going in a different direction from the fashion show. I feel the amount Gigi allocated is very just. It's not the host that makes the experience, it's the people who are there. I feel no matter who you have hosting, as long as you have this event for everyone, it's worth it.
- xii. Tres: For the fashion show, a host is just a host. A gala, the host would be doing more than a host for a fashion show. He's the main entertainment. It's more important for the gala.
- xiii. Emmanuel: I do feel that Shiggy would add more value to the night. The fact they were able to bring it down from 15 to 9K is a feat in itself. In my experience, there have been contracts that have cost a lot and the performer only stayed for 15-30 minutes but to get Shiggy for 3 hours, that's a massive deal and it would attract anybody who listened to In My Feelings. Additionally, who knows who else he might bring, we might not only get Shiggy, we might get someone else as well. For 9K, that's a good deal for Baruch.
- xiv. Marvin: It's also open to other CUNY students, right?
- xv. Denise: I think it shouldn't be open to all CUNY students. From previous events, students at Baruch were upset because they couldn't get in because other CUNY students got in before them. They're Baruch students who can't go into their own event. Since the money is coming from Baruch, it should be Baruch exclusive.
- xvi. Robert: It's our budget that should go to our population.
- xvii. Dakshatha: Since it's an MPR, we're not allowed to charge our students?
- xviii. Damali: These are my thoughts, you can do maybe a lottery for a certain amount of CUNY spots. If for some reason it's an RSVP list and it's not filling up but you want as much capacity as possible, you can open it up.

- xix. Pres: This event is happening on a Friday. We would love if everyone came, but the reality is it just doesn't happen on Friday. That's why we want to open it up to other CUNY students.
- xx. Tres: From previous experience, not many students have class, we'll open up an RSVP to see how many people will be coming.
- xxi. Irine: How many attended?
- xxii. Tres: A lot were interested and a lot of different people come to our events and so on because they like it. We're doing good with our marketing this year because we're getting a lot of interest. We even want standing tables for more room and mingling.
- xxiii. Kim: It's an important event and if we're putting our money anywhere, this event is important. Everyone can gain from this. The 9K is a fair amount for this event.
- xxiv. Tony: RSVP is not recommended because people who RSVP may not all come, first come first serve is the better alternative.
- xxv. Damali: How much did you guys spend on the fashion show? I think it was almost twice as much. A lot of the questions from USG were about attendance. They are trying to do something different and new. They're doing what you guys asked, so why not set them up to do what you asked? Don't cut them off at the knee.
- xxvi. Dakshatha: Since this is a Friday event, I know Friday events are rough to get people down to. What are you doing to make sure the room is filled?
- xxvii. Pres: There are 21 events prior to that event. We're in everyone's ear all month. The idea is we're paying this guy as an influencer to come in. We have great marketing this semester. We're looking forward to it.
- xxviii. Irine: Last year, you guys had a DJ on the 2nd floor. Are you doing that again?
- xxix. Tres: Yes, Thursday.
- xxx. Irine: Since it's a Gala, what's the attire? Can people just come in?
- xxxi. Pres: Anyone can come. We won't turn them away. Nice attire is preferred.
- xxxii. Tres: Come as you like, but dress nice.
- xxxiii. Marvin: What other clubs are cosponsoring?
- xxxiv. Tres: Marketing wise and student life, but not financially.
- xxxv. Basil: With the current motion, at \$8,970.00, you will be able to get what you need?
- xxxvi. Tres: No.
- xxxvii. Joshua: They want this to cover everything, Shiggy and the DJ, which would be \$11,970.
- xxxviii. Pres: We want people to pull through.
- xxxix. Yam-Yu: Have you tried to reach out to WBMB?
- xl. Pres: We're using them for this Thursday. But for the final, we want a professional who does this full time.
 - 1. Motion fails, 0-16-3.
- xli. Basil: Motion to allocate \$925 in refreshments, \$200 in supplies, \$11,970 in contracts, \$50 in miscellaneous, totalling \$13,145 to BSU's Black Excellence Gala.
 - 1. Motion passes, 15-4-0.

*** 5 minute recess 7:20 PM ***

*** Resumes 7:25 PM ***

6. Yam-Yu Li | Representative Senator

- a. Yam-Yu: This new event is Heartbeats for Bearcat. It's being held February 13th 12:30-2:30. We will be needing a host. Would anyone like to volunteer?

- b. Alex: It's basically a battle of the couples. They're asked questions to see who knows more about each other. It's a fun event for everyone. Blue Notes are performing.
- c. Nicole: What are the responsibilities of the host?
- d. Alex: To guide and ask the questions. Mediator.
- e. Joshua: So the host is typically funny and charismatic. Makes jokes.
- f. Genesis: Club hours?
- g. Alex: Yes.
- h. Annmarie: How do people sign up?
- i. Alex: Google form with name and email.
- j. Marvin: Speaking for Tony, it doesn't have to be couples. They can be best friends.
- k. Nicole: How are you going to go about looking for a host if you can't get someone from the table?
- l. Alex: Probably going around USG.
- m. Andres: I'm interested in hosting.
- n. Denise: Do you just need 1 host?
- o. Alex: Yes.
- p. Denise: Can table members be a part of a couple?
- q. Joshua: Yes, but you can not win prizes.
- r. Marvin: Tony-
- s. Joshua: What is he, the mob boss?
- t. Marvin: Tony already has 1 host but wanted another person from the table. It's Julia DiMarcello.
- u. Genesis: Since this is your event, have you considered hosting?
- v. Alex: I'm not particularly funny.
- w. Briana: Are you going to be there? We have Success Network on that day.
- x. Alex: I'm going to be there.
- y. Yaseen: Are you going to be participating?
- z. Alex: I might be.
- aa. Robert: I think you guys are getting off topic and these questions are irrelevant to the public. Regarding your host, remember there are committee members also available. You should open up a Google form and excel sheet to see.
- bb. Andres: If anyone else is interested in being a host, I'm very fine with stepping back.
- cc. Marvin: In terms of winning, if you are paired up with someone who isn't on the table, the person not on the table can win, but you can't.
- dd. Yam-Yu: Information about the event will be on the form. You can spread through word of mouth. Sandy will help us with marketing. Since this is a new event, please market it and put it out there.
- ee. Nicole: Who's making this form?
- ff. Alex: It's already been made. It'll be sent out tonight.
- gg. Sandy: I'm waiting for Annmarie to finish the graphic.
- hh. Annmarie: I received the graphic request today and will have it finished by tomorrow. I recommend that the form is sent out tonight so that people have sufficient time to sign up for the event.
- ii. Nicole: Is there a limit of how many partners there can be?
- jj. Marvin: Depends on how many sign up.
- kk. Nicole: Make sure to include some form of contact in the form.

7. Kim Kazdal | VP of Legislative Affairs

- a. Kim: If you're not good at checking group chats or responding, I'm going to give a quick overview of the rally. Everything has been finalized. We 14 legislators who are sponsoring, helping and advocating for the issue.

- i. Assembly Member Harvey Epstein
 - ii. Assembly Member Carmen De La Rosa
 - iii. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
 - iv. Assembly Member Catalina Cruz
 - v. Assembly Member Mathylde Frontus
 - vi. Assembly Member Deborah Glick
 - vii. Assembly Member Dick Gottfried
 - viii. Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal
 - ix. Assembly Member Yuh-line Niou
 - x. Assembly Member Victor Richardo
 - xi. Assembly Member Diana Richardson
 - xii. State Senator Brad Hoylman
 - xiii. State Senator Robert Jackson
 - xiv. State Senator Andrew Gounades
- b. Kim: They're all advocates for public education. Even if they're not there, someone who represents them will be there, liek chief of staff. Itinerary is separated into 5 minute intervals. They have 5 minutes to talk about the topic we have given them. If they choose not to speak, that spot will be filled in by students and organizations. There are already spots in the itinerary for them. Students organizations that are sponsoring are CUNY Rising, USS, ECO Club, CAE and USG, covered by Lexicon, Ticker, and Encounters. It's February Thursday in the plaza from 12:30-2:30. I'd really like everyone to be there. I need help to spread the word and get them registered to vote. Our mission statement CUNY community to rally the increase tuition, use your voice, together we are powerful. It's going to be really fun, really interactive, really chaotic. I'm going to be overwhelmed that day. That is the overview, the itinerary is really detailed.
- c. Dakshatha: This is not a first, but a really big deal for Baruch. We are typically left out of the CUNY talk because we're the closed off campus and because we're pretty self sustainable because of student activity fees. We're lucky enough to have Kim work on this. So many representatives are coming. The Chair of the Higher Education committee will be there. Getting our point across as students especially with tuition hikes happening. They're all discussing the future of CUNY. Make sure you come out with full attitudes and ready to represent the students.
- d. Kim: Those 20 people attending Albany Caucus, it's mandatory. And my committee meeting. Highly recommended. Really want to get kids who are not traditionally involved. I'm going to talk to the SEEK counselors as well.
- e. Briana: Faculty senate is on that day. Would I be able to speak at the faculty senate letting them know about the rally?
- f. Damali: Pretty sure they'll hear it. They can't rally on the steps in front of the school, and since Kim outdid herself, we need to make sure they're safe. They're going to have to be in the plaza toward the 25th street side.
- g. Kim: I know I'm a PAF major. It would be awesome to have professors there. We are 1 CUNY. It's not just students.
- h. Yam-Yu: It would be a good idea to post on Baruch College class pages. That way, we can attract more students to come out.
- i. Marvin: Where do you want us to go? I'm going to try and get there 10-15 minutes beforehand.
- j. Kim: It will be the first day of my internship, so I will be running and coming over. Richard and Alfonso and Andres will be on deck until I get there. If you're running late, go straight to the plaza. Come down as a group if you can. I'll be running to the plaza straight.
- k. Dakshatha: We can meet at 12:15 PM in the USG conference room and walk down together.
- l. Kim: Depends on the other legislativers, you might have to pivot.

- m. Damali: Do you want USG to wear their merch?
- n. Kim: Prefer Baruch College merch. No USG on it. We're CUNY students first.
- o. Joshua: It's the same day as Battle of Lex. I think most of you own Baruch, but if you don't, you can wear USG merch. It's to not differentiate yourself. USG merch is better than no merch. You can bring both.
- p. Denise: In order to have more faculty members attend the rally what about printing out some flyers and handing them out to different departments.
- q. Kim: I have 4 classes back to back tomorrow, but if you can do that, that would be amazing. Also walking around the club rooms and be like, "are you pulling up on Thursday?"

Unfinished Business

1. Dakshatha Daggala | President
 - a. Dakshatha: In order to make Annmarie's job easier, please submit your event proposals on time, 3-4 weeks before your event. She will get bombarded with many requests. If you truly want a successful event, make sure you submit your things on time.
 - b. Nicole: I just want her to say no.
 - c. Dakshatha: Sandy needs to have time to get the graphic. It's a chain of events. And before all that, Tam should be getting your budget. Please please please make sure you're on top of your events this semester so we won't have to be on your backs about it.
2. Kim Kazdal | VP of Legislative Affairs
 - a. Kim: Rally is rain or shine. You're going to be out there with an umbrella.
3. Marvin Argueta | Representative Senator
 - a. Marvin: I've been in talks with Arthur and Mike from the technology department about the mobile application. We're having a conference call on the 20th to get a demo from Unified. Dakshatha will also be on the call. Just wanted to give an update on that and will keep you updated on what happens during the demo.
4. Nicole Pung | Secretary
 - a. Nicole: I put in the request for the office supplies. I just have to approve it at this point. I don't think I have to order anything else, but if you need anything, please let me know. If I don't know about it, I won't order it.
5. Dakshatha Daggala | President
 - a. Dakshatha: We've talked about Battle of Lex. E-Board was thinking if you want to have a mini competition within ourselves. The gift card amounts up to debate. At least \$25. This will be for the Battle of Lex. People show up in full blue paint. We would love that. It would be a mini competition, so please dress up.
 - b. Damali: Shirt and shoes are required. AND PANTS. It's not a clothing optional event.
6. Emmanuel Oladejo | Chair of Arts
 - a. Emmanuel: Neon Night was successful. Thank you so much everybody. We made the front page! If you did not get any merch and want it, just come talk to me. Tomorrow, I will be stopping by OSL to give out merch there as well because I appreciate everything they've done for the committee.
 - b. Joshua: From one old Chair of Arts to another.

New Business

1. Nicole Pung | Secretary

- a. Nicole: I know I send a lot of emails, but I promise they're important. For the minutes, I want to make sure I quote you right, and there's a whole bunch of grammar and spelling I always miss. I know that, and I'm not perfect, but I'm hoping if everyone reads at least where it has their name, we can catch all the mistakes. Please read the minutes. I tend to send them out Friday or Saturday, but it's enough time to review. Another thing I've been noticing about the food, I try to order enough for the people on the table and for the people outside. Unfortunately, I am noticing people are taking quite a bit of food. I don't know if it's because you're trying to save it for yourself or serve it to other students, but just eat what you can at the table. If you're storing food, I'm going to ask you to stop. It's not fair to the people waiting outside.
- b. Damali: If anyone is taking food for later or knows someone who does not have food, we have food bags for the office. USG does not have to be their only resource. You can talk to me offline.

2. Joshua Castillo | EVP

- a. Joshua: Check-ins, I sent out the link. Only 3 of you signed up. I miss y'all. I'll buy you food. We can go wherever. I have questions. I want to make sure you're comfortable with your positions and your goals for next year. Moving on from that USG elections. They're opened. Due February 20th. A lot of people are asking for signatures. You're allowed to sign others, but it can't be here. None of the suites are open for that kind of stuff. If you see it happening, or are doing it here, please stay out of here.
- b. Savanna: They are due February 20th, online 11:59 PM. Anything physically handed in, has to be 8PM that day.
- c. Dakshatha: If you do see people talking about it, you can tell us or Savannah. Warning will be issued, but we will be very strict about this area isn't bias in any way.

3. Dakshatha Daggala | President

- a. Dakshatha: I wanted to focus more on mental health this semester and work with the counseling center. If anyone is interested in working those events, reach out to me and we can talk about it.

4. Damali Smith Tolson | Office of Student Life

- a. Damali: Baruch College has officially a new president at Baruch. He started July 1st and was on campus this morning on a small tour. I know you were interested in doing something with Wallerstein. Let me know. Commencement date will be announced next week.
- b. Dakshatha: He truly cares for Baruch and did a lot for George Mason. I think he's gonna do a lot for Baruch as well.

Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #16 at 7:59 PM. 19-0-0.