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Meeting 21:

Meeting Date:	March 10th, 2020	Meeting Time:	5:31 P.M. - 9:24 P.M.
Location:	USG Conference Room	Note Taker:	Nicole Pung and Genesis Calle

Attendees:	
Dakshatha Daggala President	Joshua Castillo EVP
Tam Phuong Executive Treasurer	Nicole Pung Executive Secretary
Briana Staten VP of Academic Affairs	[Absent] Robert Da Rita VP of Campus Affairs
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	[Absent] Sandy Dai Chair of Marketing
Genesis Calle Chair of Philanthropy	Andres Aguirre Representative Senator
Basil Harding Representative Senator	Irine Thomas Representative Senator
[Absent] Marvin Argueta Representative Senator	Roshen Varughese Representative Senator
Taji Sanders Representative Senator	Yam-Yu Li Representative Senator
Yaseen Rana Representative Senator	

Passing of the Minutes

1. Motion to pass Senate Meeting #20 minutes. Motion passes, 16-0-0.

Guest Speakers

1. Dr. Ron Jacobs | Account Manager, Be the Match
 - a. Ron: Thank you for allowing me to be here today. Shout out to Genesis for taking the initiative and leadership on bringing me in. I've had a relationship with Baruch for 12.5 years now for Be the Match. A few things changed. I'll get back to that in a little bit. I also have an existing relationship with the Dean. I didn't realize Roshen was a student here. I've known him since he was in grade school. He didn't look like this in grade school. It took me a little while and it clicked. It's nice being here. I'm the Account Manager for Be the Match. Who's heard of Be the Match? Have you heard of a bone marrow transplant? Were you taught by a professional? Where were you taught?
 - b. Andres: Somebody at my school needed one. Jackson Height.
 - c. Yaseen: House MD.
 - d. Ron: Whatever you've learned about bone marrow transplants, please put it to the side. TV as we know is not real. They're fake. They're not real. Too many people earn their degree watching these shows. Confident based on these shows. In the U.S., about 18,000 are diagnosed with an illness that can be cured if you have a blood stem cell marrow transplant. They can be cured if you

have a donor, but there's not enough registered donors to save these patients' lives. I'm going to make this as personal as possible.

- i. If you are white/European and you are diagnosed with one of 7 illnesses, what's the percentage that you'll find a committed and available donor?
 1. 80%.
 - ii. Asian?
 1. 40%
 - iii. Hispanic?
 1. 46%.
 - iv. African American?
 1. 23%
 - v. Multiracial?
 1. 19%
- e. Ron: There is an inequality that exists in the registries that needs to be addressed. Patients have a difficult time that will be hard to find a match. Like you said, patients of color have a harder time. I used to call and let people know they're a match. The first answer they say no. You find out they are not interested. At the beginning, they did not give the education or information. There was a surge of people of color who registered and brought them in and they registered them by giving them free pizza, t-shirts, and pens, never telling them why. Patients of color ended up suffering because they had matches that ended up saying no. #1 reason, they are afraid, misconceptions, and learned everything from House or Web MD. The cells we use are blood stem cells. There are two places you can get these from. Marrow transplant, which is just the location we get it from. These are immature cells. They can restart and recreate someone's immune system. Do we have any science majors? In the large bones of your body, there's a spongy material called marrow. There are blood stem cells in there. We extract the blood cells. We do not go into your spine, we do not go into your vertebrae. There's no marrow in there. You're not gonna be paralyzed or dead. You are under anesthesia. It makes no sense why we wouldn't give you anesthesia. We obtain it in that location. When the anesthesia wears off, you tend to be sore. Typically women say soreness will last 2-3 days, men 5-7 days. That's it. You've potentially saved someone's life. That procedure is only done 20% of the time. We do 500 transplants a month. We've done over 100,000 since 1987. Only 20% have been that procedure. Typically it is because babies and children do better with cells from the marrow. 80%, we obtain the same stem cells from the blood stem. I started as a volunteer, there was a buddy of mine that was diagnosed. He was handsome, charming, the guy every ex-girlfriend loved him. They would still say the greatest things about them. I give him credit for it. We went around the country trying to find a match for this guy, but he passed away. In 2014, you matched a 53 year old female, and I could only think about all the different people in my life, family members, friends, aunts, and I said yes, let's do it. I underwent PBSC. Those stem cells exist in your bloodstream. We give you a medicine that increases that amount. After the 5th day, at the local lab, your blood goes into a machine, and just those stem cells are collected and they return the blood into your body. There is no blood loss. No need for a transfusion. I thought they were going to give me strong painkillers, and they gave me TUMs. Thursday, I was back at work. Friday, I was on a plane for a meeting in Dallas. April 1st will be 6 years for me, and I'm still alive. I tell you this to understand I'm not the Honda dealer driving a Mercedes. I believe in what I speak about. We need more people of color on this registry. You tend to match people of your own racial and ethnic background. We need more African Americans, Hispanics, Asian, multiracial. That's the only way to improve those numbers. Unfortunately, due to ignorance, we lose too many people, the lack of information. I need your help. Here in Baruch, it's the perfect campus for us to teach and educate. We need to speak to professors, the general student body, athletics, tabling events, and we need more involvement from the student government. I know Corona is a big issue right now. Things might be changing with online classes. I'm in charge of 11 universities. They have already switched into online mode. This is something I want you to keep in mind. We need to figure out to really hit this campus hard. Registration is simple. Fill out a health form. There's a swap. You put it into your mouth. You sit in the registry. You might never

get called. If you get called, you matched someone you matched genetically who's life may have changed.

- f. Gigi: Has anything ever gone wrong?
 - g. Ron: Over a 100,00 donations, once there was a death. 0.001%. The reason is there was an individual who was a principal who matched a 7 year old black boy. He had medical issues. We needed to do this push push push and he was sick. 999,999 never had any long term issues. It's typically soreness in the back of the hip. I believe that was an issue where 2 parties that really wanted it to happen really forced it.
 - h. Dakshatha: Is there any limit to how many times you can do it?
 - i. Ron: Twice.
 - j. Dakshatha: Why?
 - k. Ron: You've done your job. There might be exceptions. Even if you get sick, it only happens 30% of the time you match with a sibling.
 - l. Irine: Can you get scarring from it?
 - m. Ron: On the back of the hip possibly. I've had marrow donors that it's a good story to share. Good war stories.
 - n. Irine: Do you get to meet them?
 - o. Ron: If the recipients are in the U.S., and both parties agree, they can correspond through letters. If they both agree, after a year you get to meet. It's a big event. News is there. Highlight everything. Not a single person that isn't crying at the time. I've been to many of them. We give tissue packs away. It's awesome.
 - p. Gigi: Do you specialize in other donations?
 - q. Ron: No, but we often partner with other organizations in NY. We just do blood cells. I will leave my card here as well. I really need your connections to make this. Rally around this. We can shoot for September. You can really impact others' lives. Our mission is We Save Lives.
 - r. Genesis: I just want to say a quick thank you to Ron for taking the time to come in today. He was originally going to come in a few weeks ago, but we had appeals. I will be working with him to get a tabling event. Ron will be back on March 26th for Success Network's March Success Series at around 1:00. Again, thank you very much, Ron.
2. Katerina Raymond and Gabriela Peralta | Office of Health and Wellness
- a. Katerina: We have flyers. We're from the Office of Health and Wellness. We bring back every semester: Stage Vs Fright. How many of you guys have issues public speaking often? Even for me, I do a lot of presentations and get nervous. It's a little different. Rather than teaching you new things, we also teach you how to develop them further. We've been developing it each semester. We did a presentation of a national conference. Since then, it's been developed. We worked on developing it with students with disabilities and second language learners. How we can do different techniques for different people. This semester, we decided to partner with USG. A little bit about the program, it's built into 3 segments. Pre care, during, and after care. Before their presentation in class, they get the jitters and nervous about doing the research. We dive into that conversation. Then, we dive into it during care. How do I feel? Do I sway? Do I appear nervous. Post care, I've walked off the stage, but now I'm feeling anxious, like I blacked out. How do I navigate that? We have ways of getting students involved. We do 1 of 3 exercises. We do Convince Me Otherwise. We show them a picture of an image, and they have to convince me it's not a tennis ball. They'll convince me it's not a tennis ball, it's a dinosaur egg. That's a way to practice impromptu speaking. This is a way to get up on stage with no research behind it and has to be pulled from your own thoughts. We also do karaoke, where you have 30 seconds of karaoke. Song lists.
 - b. Gabriela: We also have dramatic reading. I did one for twinkle twinkle little stars. It allows students to get more comfortable for me at least I really love it.
 - c. Katerina: We try to avoid it from being lecturey, so we break it up into categories so people can get up and practice. The biggest seller, we invite performers. Any aspect of personal choice, singing, dance, it's always welcomed. We're asking USG for assistance in marketing, food, and bringing attendees. It's on March 18th. We're in the deadline now. We're interested in the

opportunity to learn and teach others. Last couple of years, Peter performed and he didn't plan on performing. There was someone who came up after asking how to get in touch with him on how he got to where he is. This is an opportunity to share your interests and what you've learned from others. There are 2 QR codes. 1 for performers and another for attendees. We'll have food to accommodate and the space. Also important, if you decide just to attend and do want to perform at the end, we can make accommodations to do so.

- d. Gabriela: We had an amazing keynote speaker, Professor Heather Soultz? She talked about how to confront public speaking with an open mind. Power poses. Self care. She will be returning once again. We'll be having her do her speech.
 - e. Katerina: She was able to unleash her inner self. It's an interesting keynote. Please assist us.
 - f. Dakshatha: Can you send me or Denise what you expect in terms of food, so we can get that order?
 - g. Katerina: Yes, when would you need it by?
 - h. Dakshatha: This Thursday.
 - i. Tony: Can we send invitations to people interested in open mic?
 - j. Katerina: Yes.
3. Kay Rivera | Office of Enrollment Management at Baruch College
- a. Kay: We're here today to share with you our Bearcat portal. Backstory: This will be a 1 stop shop for students to see various information as one centralized location instead of different pages to find those important key information and resources as a Baruch student. It's currently under development. With some testing, we can push it for April 1st. It'll have various resources. How the portal works is a file is sent from CUNYfirst every day. Everything will be up-to-date from 11:59 PM, all the information will have adjustments. You can see any holds, registration dates, next steps to get rid of the hold or payment due dates. A way of communication from enrollment management to students. Classes with information. Academic support. SACC. EMPLID. Finances. All these things will be actionable. Sends you to the webpage. Certain documents, take you right to it. Gives you an up-to-date GPA. AdvisorTrac. This is a living breathing portal. This has been a very long project for Alex and it was very important for me as a Baruch student to engage with the student experience and wanting to make your life easier as well. We have connected 2 worlds together to have easier access as a student. We would love to have a USG pilot and use the interface to give feedback on how to improve it. I'm going to be putting surveys on here. If you like the interface, if you don't. We want to make it as best for students as possible. I know there were talks about having a similar app. We also have been planning this for a while.
 - b. Basil: At the top where it said Blackboard, is it a situation where we're directly logged in?
 - c. Kay: To get into the Bearcat portal is the same login. That CUNY login is CUNY owned. The Baruch login is owned by CUNY.
 - d. Alex: There is no system that will ever integrate with CUNY. That's one of the big challenges we face. Nothing will lead you straight into CUNY information without logging into CUNY. That's why we're pulling this information, but you'll have to log into those.
 - e. Yam-Yu: I have a question for Marvin. He mentioned having similar features. Would it overlap?
 - f. Joshua: I know Marvin's is more geared to mobile friendly.
 - g. Kay: This is mobile friendly. You can save it as a homepage. We are very sensitive to the data. That's why keeping it safe under our terms. There's another system that might also have an app that is willing to work with. This is a placeholder until we get those systems.
 - h. Alex: We got AdvisorTrac. Next year, we'll get on something called EAD. Marvin had been talking to Arthur Downing and Keki. CUNYFirst is CUNY first. We're deep diving into that data and pulling those names in the system. That would come up 7 or 8 times, we've gone there and picked those fields and mapped them into this system. When we move onto phase 2, it'll be easy to find. How do we manage students and their continuation here at Baruch?
 - i. Mary: Can we include a section for what's going on on campus right now?
 - j. Kay: We have 2 calendars for current Baruch events and campus life. That includes club life.
 - k. Alex: It does not look so great, we're trying to figure out how to make it nicer.

- l. Kay: It's the system we have right now. The CRN that we use isn't that pretty. 8 years they have not updated the app, so it's the best we can do. It's a CUNY contract so we use rules from CUNY. I can't fix these calendars, but we are trying and it's there. This is not the finished product, this is what we have right now with the tools we have, but her work has been done. There's like, 2,000 files being pulled in CUNYFirst that's been mapped, pulled over, put into plain English, such as your major, whereas in CUNYFirst is a code. The work has been done on our end. We would love to use this going forward and have students promote it as a resource for themselves.
- m. Alex: I know there's no information in there. We met with Bursar today. They have agreed to give us that information for balance and due date, and agreed to give access to that information. We're trying to figure out how to make a bill to make it look nice to digest.
- n. Joshua: What we're working on is an application to download from App stores, Google play. It's centered around the Baruch experience, events and updates. In addition to the connection just to CUNY first as a one stop shop.
- o. Kay: In the college plan, however, due to staff implementation, it's one stop shop for financial aid, bursar. Nothing will ever talk back to CUNYFirst.
- p. Joshua: With Arthur Downing, is there any overlap here?
- q. Alex: There might be. I know they're working on the app and some information may feed into the app and it may not. When you're talking about the app, it's something very different. Think about your transaction history going forward with Baruch. Update your emergency contact information and where that emergency contact is. It'll give you your schedule. This will give you the opportunity to update that information. When you click into the schedule, the contact info and email your professor. Also including their location so if you need to go visit, you can just pinpoint right here and visit.

*** Kim Kazdal steps out 6:16 PM ***

- r. Alex: We want to work in conjunction. If there's no buy in from students, it's not going to work.
- s. Annmarie: Is your prototype also going to have a mobile component? If not, would it be possible to turn it into an application that can interface with USG's mobile application?
- t. Alex: Combined. It'll be an app for everything. How can we combine all of them to live together and not have to move to 5 different areas but 1 or 2 and not make it a guessing game. Our website needs a lot of help.
- u. Dakshatha: For clarification. When we were looking at what we needed as students, we looked at Queens Colleges app. They have their academics, financial aid, maps, shuttles, library, book rooms, rent things. They have something called social networking, where you can talk to other students. I think your preference is to have 1 of these.
- v. Alex: Yes. Next steps, making a URL and sending it out to bob around. Claim account and login. Suggestions, edits, improvements, let us know and we'll put it into our meetings with our group.
- w. Denise: It's not up yet?
- x. Kay: It's in the final stages. Next week, we're going to share it with SEEK. and then push it to all students.
- y. Alex: Need to finish with the Bursar information and make sure we get all that information in.

*** Kim Kazdal returns 6:20 PM ***

*** Recess 6:20 PM ***

*** Resumes 6:22 PM ***

Reports

1. Denise Rojas | Chair Clubs and Organizations
 - a. Denise: Today, we have a new organization presenting to us.

*** Briana Staten returns 6:23 PM ***

- b. Denise: They're going to give a quick pitch. Hopefully, you had a chance to go over the powerpoint I sent out. You can ask questions once they finish.
- c. Pres: Currently a Junior studying sociology. There's a lot of Afghans in the community and I wanted everyone to feel more comfortable.
- d. Co-Tres: Our mission statement is simple. Creating a club with like minded individuals. What relates us to other people is that we're first generation students. Just that one thing that connects us. That will attract members to our club. Our first GIM had about 25 members. We had ice breakers and homemade food. We had similar upbringings and fascinating stories. First event was Chi Palm. We don't really drink and stuff, but had chi into the mix. It's tea if you didn't know. Really fun. It had a competitive environment.
- e. Pres: We also want to have events aimed towards professional, social, and service events. We want to have the Purshain New Year. I don't know if we'll be able to do that this year because of coronavirus. We always have families together and 7 special foods that are really cool to showcase the culture. Anyone around the pure incoming pair up someone with someone older or experienced with Baruch and how to succeed at Baruch. We want to build wells in Afghanistan and fundraising and send them to organizations that do that. We dance a lot. It'll be a lot of fun to do.
- f. Taji: I was impressed with your club. Your attendance, how has it been?
- g. Pres: Moderate amount of people. For the 2nd event, not as much. There was a bigger event going on. Some miscommunication because cultures clashed. They had more food and we didn't have the funds. Hopefully, we could collaborate.
- h. Taji: Do you have a system set in place for the next E-Board?
- i. Pres: We wanted to do voting each year. I know that there's a lot of incoming freshmen who are excited. Some sophomore as well. As we do progress, we plan on expanding with younger audiences.
- j. Taji: Do you have social media?
- k. Pres: Yes.
- l. Denise: Motion to charter Afgan American Club.
- m. Emmanuel: Very happy with everything you've done and can't wait for this to go to new heights.
 - i. Motion passes, 17-0-0.

*** Aaron D'Souza steps out 6:30 PM ***

2. Joel and Arsela | USS Delegates

- a. Arsela: Hello everyone. We have our February plenary report. We had 2 resolutions passed, similar to the January plenary, the first topic is tap gap. It's the difference between tap funding and actual tuition. The 2nd resolution we had was the tuition freeze report. That changed into the Free and Fully Funded CUNY because of the controversy of the name. At the end of the day, our goal is to have a free CUNY. Since we had similar resolutions, we're focused on lobbying, protesting and spreading awareness. We have rallies coming up. Last thing, we're working on co-sponsorships between clubs. I know some clubs said we haven't been cosponsoring properly. We've been working with that. It was a really great success thankfully for SASA. Some issues, but trying to work with that. Change the policies. BSA, Joel is working with them. Resolved thankfully. We're expanding outside of Baruch. SASA received \$700. \$1000 for Boshask Night.
- b. Joel: Updates on events. Caucus Weekend. It's a very big lobbying effort. Baruch and other colleges were there. USS was there as a CUNY wide effort. It was the first time they announced they were seriously going to take a look into higher education and proper funding.

*** Aaron D'Souza returns 6:34 PM ***

- c. Joel: Big deal with the thing that happened over there. Another conference is the latino conference. That was its own effort. Nothing much happened, other than the coronavirus. Because the chancellor and 14 college presidents were all together, they were all speaking on the logistics on how each college could help with resources. There was Higher Education Action Day which happened I believe on February 27th when they went up on a Thursday to go lobby and speak at hearings to fund CUNY. Picking up the veterans issue, this was some of the initiatives I've been working on in addition to helping the clubs. The moral of the issue was with the club. They were asking about veterans directors. They were wondering why there wasn't one. It was an issue that I was asked to look into by some. <3
- d. Damali: The school did hire someone who turned down a week before they were supposed to start. They're now in the process of another search.
- e. Joel: In addition to being chair of academic affairs and sitting on the committee, I'm also the alternative student rep of the faculty staff and administration committee.

*** Dakshatha Daggala steps out 6:38 PM ***

- f. Joel: At the end of the meeting, coronavirus came up and it was discussed at length. Basically summarize the CUNY perspective. There's a lot of students who think that CUNY is going to be shut down. Chancellor said there is no plan to shut down. The only circumstance is that a student was infected and it was confirmed that a student had been infected and on campus. At that point, they would speak to the major department and come to the decision to shut down a campus, but not all campuses.

*** Dakshatha Daggala returns 6:39 PM ***

- g. Joel: They would only consider shutting down all the campuses in the situation that this was repeated in 7 or 6 campuses. If you hear any students asking, from what they told me yesterday, that is nowhere near the plan. For students studying abroad right now, it's a big thing. They're trying to bring students back and give students the option to stay if they want to. I brought up a specific issue for students studying in Japan who start in April. From what they told me in the meeting, there might be a solution. The study aboard stuff seems to be something they're working through. If students are forced to come back, there will be alternative options, like e-permits. The last thing is also to do with the coronavirus. USS has a lot of discussion. USS officially announced a paper we're sending to the governor to formally ask to close down the CUNY campuses because of the other instances because others have already closed. CUNY should follow suit. 1 of the things we're going to bring up is March in March. USS is also considering holding back public events.
- h. Briana: President Wallerstein was preparing for online classes and faculty was able to function for online work. It would have to be a CUNY wide decision to close.
- i. Damali: Be patient with the corona situation. I've been sitting in emergency meetings all day. It's continuously evolving. There's a large percentage who don't eat if they don't go to school. Who don't get free meals unless they go to school. We have moved all jumbo classes 75+ students to online platforms in case the campus does need to go down. We don't want students on campus with nowhere to go and then congregating. We're looking at what's reasonable to cancel. There's no one on any CUNY campuses that have been confirmed to have corona. This is just continuously evolving. Hope for the best. We do follow the public service system.
- j. Joshua: We do have a resolution coming from all of us to closing the school. It's a statement from us about our state of emergency.
- k. Roshen: Class with 75 students or more, is there going to be an email sent out?
- l. Damali: We're trying to get everyone up and running. They're working with faculty right now.
- m. Kim: Has it been proposed to professors to switch?
- n. Damali: They're trying to see what their capabilities are.
- o. Basil: Is there an option in terms of professors recommending to make it online or?
- p. Damali: I think that's what happening.

- q. Joshua: It's totally up to professors what they want.
 - r. Manny: An email from professor, informed by President that classes might be online and be prepared, nothing confirmed, just in case.
 - s. Nicole: Student opinion: if the virus does spread, the entire institution could crumble. One of the five students that reached out to have CUNY closed.
 - t. Joshua: They should show up to a senate meeting.
 - u. Damali: This is a system. That's a call on the chancellor. It's not just President Wallerstein.
 - v. Yam-Yu: I believe social media has a big role, just so everyone is aware. Baruch page, there's a lot of students trying to enforce closing off the schools. They're trying to make a collaboration as well.
 - w. Tony: The meeting you discussed, I looked up the minutes, there was only minutes from last year posted. Do you know when they would update it?
 - x. Joel: Our website is not very good. Don't expect to see the minutes in a reasonable time.
 - y. Arsela: We can forward it to you. We get it every month. We can send it. Thank you for coming to our rally last month. It was a really great event. We're having more events similar to this and continuing to have these things. We hope you come next week. Very powerful events. Bigger and better. March in March. 11AM-2PM. Sunday. Basically to fund CUNY, invest more into us. We want as many students as we can bring. This is happening right before the state finalizes the budget for CUNY. The more students, the more budget we can get.
 - z. Joel: Currently right now, there are discussions if they should do it. In the circumstance, that March in March won't happen, on that day, still getting people to send signed letters, tweets, saying fund CUNY, sharing the resolutions that we've passed if we don't physically have the March.
 - aa. Kim: A lot of students came up to me and thought the rally was really effective and we should do more of it because it works. In that vein, I was thinking about doing another one at the end of the semester. On the record, would you want to collaborate?
 - bb. Joel: Yeah sure.
 - cc. Arsela: We really support you guys.
 - dd. Denise: When would you know if you are going to cancel the event? It is this Sunday.
 - ee. Joel: I'll message the USG chat the minute it happens. This weekend, everybody was doing their thing in Albany. Trustee's meeting happened yesterday saying no campuses are closing. Other things, Queens College, Baruch, the president preparing to close. Nothing is concrete.
3. Tony Chen | VP of Student Affairs
- a. Tony: Hello everyone, this will be the third time I'll be talking about Midterms Week. Constant changes with what we're going to do. It's a collaboration between the Student, Legislative, and Campus Affairs Committee. Campus affairs will be distributing the survey regarding athletics during study buddies and other 3 events. Then in the event, they will need to fill out the survey to attend or get something from the event. Kim sent me a fact sheet for the plastic ban and the effects. Annmarie will help me with it. Thursday, Bubble tea event, we're ordering from the Nugget Spot and Bar Pa Tea. We'll need as many people there to fill out the census to get something. We encourage as many people to fill the survey. As many as possible. After that, rainbow carnival. Not sure how she would add the survey. That's all for midterms week.
 - b. Nicole: There's no chance of these events canceling because of coronavirus, right?
 - c. Savanna: No study buddies. It's been postponed.
 - d. Tony: Bar Par Tea emailed asking if the campus will close, so I will respond to them. So far, it looks like we're having it?
 - e. Savanna: Maybe?
 - f. Tony: Ok, then everything is TBD now.
 - g. Genesis: If Rainbow Carnival doesn't get cancelled, we could have a table set up in the front as people are signing up to get pied to fill out Rob's survey.
 - h. Kim: For Nugget Spot, do we email them, saying it's on for now, but give them a heads up.

- i. Damali: Hopefully, I will know something more definite tomorrow. I think everyone is aware it's a possibility of being postponed. Don't want to cancel it when it can be postponed. "Welcome back from corona."
 - j. Joshua: You survived!
 - k. Damali: "Welcome back to campus."
 - l. Tony: If an event is postponed, does that mean we have to redo all the paperwork?
 - m. Tam: Depends. If it's invoiced, chances are Lorna probably didn't do it yet. This is a question I have to ask Lorna. Prebill, probably. Check has to be voided and redo the paperwork and cut the check for that day specifically. I'll talk to her.
 - n. Anmarie: I'm a little confused about the USS, there's no chance.
 - o. Damali: Maybe they had that meeting last week. My last meeting was this afternoon and I still don't know anything. It hadn't hit NY, but right now, the national guard quarantined a town.
 - p. Basil: Oh don't remind me, that's my hometown.
 - q. Denise: Would you be canceling the other clubs and organizations events?
 - r. Damali: I just really don't know what the parameters are right now. We might cancel large events.
 - s. Denise: Did you let them know about the possibility?
 - t. Damali: No. I don't want to have everyone panic.
 - u. Denise: If a club comes up and asks about their large events for appeals and co-sponsorships what should we do?
 - v. Damali: Continue until you hear from our office.
4. Andres Aguirre | Representative Senator
- a. Joshua: Can you guys hear me in the back? Awesome. That was a rhetorical question. Andres has a resolution that he wants to present to the higher up government. We go through each clause one by one. Eventually, we'll all agree on what it's going to say on our behalf.
 - b. Kim: Is this CUNY wide? Does this affect other public schools?
 - c. Joshua: CUNY speaking on CUNY.
 - d. Taji: Do we have to say anything in the first place?
 - e. Joshua: You can vote this down if you want to.
 - f. Dakshatha: I was reading about the social benefits of school. If CUNY were to close, is there any chance that the public schools won't close?
 - g. Damali: Yes. I think it'll just put extra pressure for public schools to close. Historically we've always done that.
 - h. Andres: In terms of what's been going on, I've been in conversation with one of the Board of Trustees. In Michael's own words, things are changing everyday. This is why I think it's so urgent. The more we wait, the higher the possibility of getting infected. The only time when they will act is when they have a confirmed case. I don't think we should wait. I've been in contact with CCNY USG, Brooklyn USG, and Bronx USG who are working on resolutions of their own. Goal is to get all 25 USG's to show unity to send a message.

*** Kim Kazdal steps out 7:06 PM ***

- i. Andres: It's a health risk, not only to us, but to the people we represent.

*** Kim Kazdal returns 7:07 PM ***

- i. *WHEREAS, In December of 2019, COVID-19, or Coronavirus, was discovered in the province of Wuhan, China;*
 - 1. Statement changes: **WHEREAS**, In December of 2019, COVID-19 was discovered in the city of Wuhan, China,¹

¹ Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the U.S. (2020, March 9). Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

- a. Passes.
- ii. *WHEREAS, the virus has spread rapidly to 30 countries in 3 months, infecting over 100,000 and killing nearly 4,000;*
 1. Statement changes: **WHEREAS**, the virus has spread rapidly to 30 countries in 3 months, infecting over 100,000 and killing over 4,000;² (footnote included)
- iii. *WHEREAS, 729 cases have been found in the United States, with New York State having 142 and counting;*
 1. Statement changes: **WHEREAS**, 647 cases have been found in the United States, with New York State having 142 and counting;³
- iv. *WHEREAS, the Governor of New York has declared a State of Emergency for the State of New York as a direct result of the outbreak;*
 1. Statement changes: None.
 - a. Passes.
- v. *WHEREAS, universities in the New York metropolitan area, including New York University (located less than a mile away from Baruch College) have already begun the process of shutting down their campuses and transitioning to online courses;*
 1. Statement changes: None.
 - a. Passes.
- vi. *WHEREAS, CUNY student governments have already begun to call for a universitywide shutdown as a direct result of the COVID-19 outbreak;*
 1. Statement changes: **WHEREAS**, a significant number of CUNY students and faculty have called for a universitywide shutdown as a direct result of the COVID-19 outbreak;
 - a. Passes.
- vii. *RESOLVED, the Baruch U.S.G. is committed to ensuring the safety and security of the students they serve, and expresses its support for student petitions in favor of a university-wide shutdown;*
 1. Statement changes: **RESOLVED**, the Baruch U.S.G. is committed to ensuring the safety and security of the students they serve, and expresses its support for student petitions in favor of a university-wide shutdown;
 - a. Passes.
- viii. *RESOLVED, the Baruch U.S.G. calls for the closure of the campuses of Baruch College and the twenty-four remaining campuses as a matter of public safety and precaution;*
 1. Statement changes: **RESOLVED**, the Baruch U.S.G. calls for the closure of all CUNY campuses and for the transition of all courses to an online format, as a matter of public safety.
 - a. Passes.

² The First Few X (FFX) Cases and contact investigation protocol for 2019-novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) infection. (2020, January 29). Retrieved March 10, 2020, from [https://www.who.int/publications-detail/the-first-few-x-\(ffx\)-cases-and-contact-investigation-protocol-for-2019-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)-infection](https://www.who.int/publications-detail/the-first-few-x-(ffx)-cases-and-contact-investigation-protocol-for-2019-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)-infection)

³ Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the U.S. (2020, March 9). Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

- ix. *RESOLVED, the Baruch U.S.G calls for faculty members to begin training on how to appropriately teach courses online, through video conference apps like Zoom or live streaming apps like Periscope;*
 - 1. Statement changes: **RESOLVED**, the Baruch U.S.G. calls for the closure of all CUNY campuses and to begin the transition of all courses to an online format as a matter of public safety;
 - a. Passes.
- x. *RESOLVED, the Baruch U.S.G. will release a public statement highlighting the aforementioned calls to action*
 - 1. Statement changes: **RESOLVED**, the Baruch U.S.G. will release a public statement highlighting the aforementioned calls to action;
 - a. Passes.
- xi. *FINALLY RESOLVED, this resolution shall be sent to the City University Board of Trustees, and to every CUNY student government.*
 - 1. Statement changes: **FINALLY RESOLVED**, this resolution shall be sent to the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York, and every CUNY student government;
 - a. Passes.
- xii. Statement additions: **URGES** the Chancellor of the City University of New York, Felix Mátos Rodríguez, and the Board of Trustees to take action during this time of crisis
 - a. Passes.
- j. Andres: Motion to adopt Close CUNY Resolution
 - i. Motion passes, 12-4-1.
- k. Representatives who signed
 - i. Need names

5. Briana Staten | VP of Academic Affairs

- a. Briana: Last week, for the faculty senate, there were 2 main points. For middle states, Baruch did pretty well. Faculty were satisfied. Official reports will be sent over in June. Sent to the facilities to fully approve it. Second report, President Wallerstein and the Provost talking about the coronavirus to prepare for online classes. Baruch can't close campus, because it has to be a CUNY wide decision. This week, there will be classes. Next week, possible campus will be closed. This Thursday, hopefully, if school is still open, Are you Smarter than a First Year will happen. 12 spots were filled. 6 spots in case people drop out. The flow is 3 rounds. Come out to support.
- b. Nicole: If there is a report in terms of school closing next week, how would we hear about that?
- c. Briana: Either to Baruch email and possibly text.
- d. Roshen: Damali mentioned the 75+ class thing. Is that when it'll actually become online? Did they confirm when it would start?
- e. Savanna: They did not confirm it. When they do, everyone would be emailed.
- f. Joshua: It's not official.

*** Recess 8:51 PM ***

*** Resumes ends 8:57 PM ***

6. Emmanuel Oladejo | Chair of Arts

- a. Emmanuel: Prelude to 48 hour film challenge has begun. Baruch film challenge is up. Like it and share. Word of mouth is a powerful tool. Inform your friends. Hype it up. Some of you will make videos. Encourage your friends. Maybe teachers. It's on the way. We'll be rolling out more things in the future.

7. Dakshatha Daggala | President

- a. Dakshatha: Everyone knows about the appeal with VSA.

*** Andres Aguirre returns 8:59 PM ***

- b. Dakshatha: A lot of people were confused why it reached the table if it was late. If this ever happens in the future, you guys know what's up.

*** Yaseen Rana returns 8:59 PM ***

- c. Gigi: This was the first time a large scale event was late. Miss Asia I've been hearing about since freshman year. I didn't want to give them any of their appeals because of precedent. Other clubs would say, "You gave it to them, you didn't give it to us." I didn't take 2 appeals. Rejected those. For Miss Asia, it was going to affect a lot of people. I'm going to allocate what I think is fair, but that is not a yes from me. I didn't want the full burden of saying no to an event never cancelled. I thought you would sway towards no and as a USG, say this event shouldn't have passed. Maybe you guys got confused. In the future, if I bring an appeal, I usually abstain. I'm going to vote no, too. I'm going to be more transparent about it. That means the club is going back and forth with me. I'll bring it to the table as a show for them.
- d. Joshua: When meeting with the club, make it clear to them, "I am a table member, you are going to see me vote no for this."
- e. Dakshatha: A club used VSA's passing as a reason for their late appeal to be put through. We talked about precedence earlier. If one club uses it, it can be used against Gigi's kindness. Be aware, if she brings a club to the table, it doesn't mean we don't want the club to pass. I've done that because I didn't know enough about their niche to make a decision on that, so the table made the decision for me.
- f. Irine: If we voted Miss Asia down, the event wouldn't have happened?
- g. Joshua: It might have happened, but with outside courses. When it's brought to the table, it's negotiation.
- h. Tam: Just a clarification. They have money. They can host. It's to ask for more money. They can do it without our appeal money. They have other options. It's up to them to find out.
- i. Basil: What was confusing for me, you didn't want it to pass, but made an allocation on what you thought was fair. Why not put \$0.00 straight across?
- j. Joshua: Comes down to showing what numbers are reasonable.
- k. Gigi: I do it in advance. It's not about the numbers anymore, it's about if they deserve the appeal. If you do believe they should, the work is already done and it can pass.
- l. Joshua: The appeal was late and the club did not show up assuming that it would pass. Those are two very big reasons why it shouldn't have passed. With that being said, it doesn't mean the club doesn't have to show face for an appeal to pass. It's the fact it was 2 weeks late, showing up in good faith. Those two things associated with the appeals. It's a difficult conversation to have with other clubs that present future appeals. The vote was 9-8. 1 vote. Don't think this was a huge mistake we made. It was 1 vote. A lot of the yes were based on the notion Gigi presented and thought it was fair. Just keep that in mind moving forward.
- m. Nicole: Is VSA aware of what happened?
- n. Joshua: Probably. If not I can speak with them.
- o. Nicole: Is it our place to speak to club leaders about this?
- p. Joshua: This is out in the open, not executive session.
- q. Dakshatha: Gigi can also talk about it if she wants to pass on the information.
- r. Basil: If a club submits a late appeal, are you just going to straight out say no?
- s. Gigi: If clubs don't fight me on it, then it's a no. If they really want their events, at that point, I'll say let me bring it to the table. Being able to make this case in front of anyone. I'll still probably vote no.
- t. Annmarie: For clarity's sake, it would be helpful to explain this information both before and during Senate Meetings, as many table members were confused about the situation.

- u. Joshua: I think it's beneficial because it's in the open forum. We can talk in the chat or behind closed doors, but here in front of the club, it's a respect thing. Listen to what you have to say. Benefits to discussing stuff, but decisions should not be made in full before the meeting.
 - v. Gigi: Don't say 'no' just because I said 'no'.
 - w. Dakshatha: March on Sunday. If it's happening. I don't want to be alone, please join me.
 - x. Taji: There was a line with a grouped event that had \$0 across the budget and they appealed for a lot of money for multiple events that weren't GIM.
 - y. Dakshatha: The reason they're appealing is to get money in that line. GIM is 1 line in a budget. For various forms and events, it's a loophole for events that come under that line. Vague, but there for a reason. What are you confused about?
 - z. Taji: Why are they allowed to have that line? I don't understand.
 - aa. Tam: How things work, you divide by programs. Programs are by your own definition. Let's say I start my own fanclub. In that program, you can have GIM as a program name. It's flexible. It's a new program that they didn't plan to allocate money for.
 - bb. Tony: Would it be possible for a club to fund using various clubs and events?
 - cc. Joshua: Wouldn't say so.
 - dd. Dakshatha: A club came up to me asking me to overtake Gigi's decision and approve the appeal. I guess they don't realize I'm not going to do that. While in that meeting, they asked VSA was able to submit a late appeal, why can't we. We're explaining the situation that happened and everything in between.
 - ee. Nicole: So the club that we said 'no' to before, are they still coming?
 - ff. Gigi: They are. I'll still bring it to the table, but it's a no from me. Can there be a limit or cap in an ambiguous program line?
 - gg. Joshua: I don't think there can be.
 - hh. Taji: Even if they can, doesn't mean we have to pass 20-30 of them.
 - ii. Joshua: We give them the benefit of the doubt. We're here to be the gatekeeper.
8. Nicole Pung | Secretary
- a. Nicole: At the beginning of the semester, we talked about updating the internal guides. We did say that we wanted to update it by the end of March. I can resend the link to everyone's email so you have it in your inbox. You can ask E-Board for any questions, but we do want to update it from last year to have your viewpoints in there, especially if you felt like you had an identity crisis beforehand.
 - b. Dakshatha: Since it is election season, you might have people reaching out to you about your position and what to do about it. Be ready to have a conversation.
 - c. Kim: Do they have to be done before people are elected?
 - d. Joshua: There are no requirements. You can list what you believe are the important things. Paperwork and so on. Once you know, you can do whatever you want.
 - e. Genesis: Even though you said the deadline is the end of March, when is there a final deadline?
 - f. Nicole: End of March is what we want to update it now since the experiences are fresh, but by the time we leave office is when we finalize these changes, which will be at the end of June.
 - g. Tony: If a person wants to talk about their position and they are running in the election, that's allowed?
 - h. Joshua: Yes. Outside of USG.

Unfinished Business

1. Nicole Pung | Secretary
- a. Thank you for coming out to coffee and donuts: Annmarie, Genesis, Dakshatha, Emmanuel, Andres, Joshua, Yaseen. We did get an email back from Nicole Souza. She said, "Thank you all for volunteering today. The event ran super smoothly thanks to all of you. We had a little over 300 students show up, which is about average for our coffee break. Unfortunately, the Baruch College Fund trustees were unable to make it, but they should be there for the next coffee break in May."

2. Genesis Calle | Chair of Philanthropy
 - a. Genesis: I want to thank Joshua, Annmarie, Dakshatha, Andres, and Briana. You are my 5 confirmed people to get pied.
 - b. Dakshatha: I thought that was to volunteer! Damn it.
 - c. Genesis: It's to confirm. For the color for each, I need to know. Let me know now if you want to get pied. Thank you to those who did confirm. I'll keep you updated if the event does get postponed.
3. Kim Kazdal | VP of Legislative Affairs
 - a. Kim: Reminder about the census on the 26th. I will give more details next week. Rich and Alfonso will run the event.

New Business

1. Joshua Castillo | EVP
 - a. Joshua: I have new business. This is me postponing this meeting right now. I am stalling. You can put this in the minutes right now. abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz aye aye aye aye aye now i know my abc's next time wont you sing with me?

Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #21 at 9:24 PM. 16-0-0.