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Meeting 20:

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| Meeting Date: | March 3rd, 2020 | Meeting Time: | 5:32 P.M. - 7:16 P.M. |
| Location: | USG Conference Room | Note Taker: | Nicole Pung and Genesis Calle |

| Attendees: | |
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| Dakshatha Daggala President | Joshua Castillo EVP |
| Tam Phuong Executive Treasurer | Nicole Pung Executive Secretary |
| Briana Staten VP of Academic Affairs | Robert Da Rita VP of Campus Affairs |
| Kim Kazdal VP of Legislative Affairs | Tony Chen VP of Student Affairs |
| Gigi Kaur Chair of Appeals | Emmanuel Oladejo Chair of Arts |
| Denise Rojas Chair of Clubs and Orgs | [Late] 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 |
| [Late and Early Departure] 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 #19 minutes. Motion passes, 17-0-0.

Nominations

1. BOD Delegate | Ka Lye Chan
 - a. Joshua: We had an opening. Based on conversations with chairs and VP's, we would like to fill the positions with Ka Lye Chan and Emily Chavez.
 - b. Joshua: Motion to nominate Ka Lye Chan for BOD Delegate.
 - c. Delivered by Dakshatha: Hello, everyone. My sincerest apologies for not being able to attend this evening. I'd like to start off by saying it is an honor to even be considered a nominee for this position in the first place.

*** Marvin Argueta enters 5:34 PM ***

- d. Delivered by Dakshatha: From the beginning of my freshman year, I wanted to be involved in USG, but I couldn't because my schedule was too hectic; however, it is now tamer and allows for me to invest time in being a part of USG. I'm currently majoring in Public Affairs, which I believe has given me the ability to

analyse the extent of major decisions and how the decisions we make will affect the student body. I always keep an open mind towards new ideas and proposals, but I will have no trouble questioning the execution of them if I do not see it working out as planned. Every major decision has it's pros and cons, which I do not take lightly in weighing them, and it's up to the Board of Directors to ensure that our student government is spending their time and money wisely to help our peers acquire the best college experience that Baruch has to offer whether it's through clubs, giveaways, or de-stressing events.

- i. Motion passes, 17-0-1.
- e. Joshua: Motion to elect Ka Lye Chan for BOD Delegate.
- f. Andres: Seconded.
 - i. Motion passes, 17-0-1.

*** Aaron D'Souza enters 5:36 PM ***

2. BOD Alternate | Emily Chavez

- a. Joshua: In case any of the delegates are not able to make it, alternates go and attend BOD. Motion to nominate Emily Chavez for BOD Alternate.
- b. Emily: I'm excited to further involve myself into USG and thank you for this opportunity.
 - i. Motion passes, 19-0-0.
- c. Tony: Motion to elect Emily Chavez for BOD Alternate.
 - i. Motion passes, 19-0-0.

Reports

1. Gigi Kaur | Chair of Appeals

a. Archery Club's General Practice

- i. Gigi: They're not here tonight. They currently have \$51.00 in refreshments, \$52.93 in supplies, \$187.16 in equipment, and \$80.00 in miscellaneous. They're requesting bows and arrows and lockers to store these things for practice. They're requesting \$100.00 in refreshments and \$2,500.00 in equipment, totaling \$2,600.00. I'm allocating \$100.00 in refreshments and \$2,250.00 in equipment, totaling \$2,350.00. For equipment, they only showed a need for this amount, so that's how much I gave them. Motion to allocate \$2,350.00 to Archery Club's General Practice.
 - 1. The club was satisfied.
- ii. Andres: Is this a one-time thing?
- iii. Gigi: It's for equipment. The last time they got equipment was 5 years ago. This is much nicer. He said the model will last them the next 5-7 years. They're buying it to keep.
 - 1. Motion passes, 18-0-1.

b. WES's Fashion Show

- i. Gigi: They currently have \$85.00 in refreshments and \$20.00 in supplies. They're requesting \$3,849.12 in refreshments, \$273.49 in supplies, \$300.78 in equipment, \$1,600.00 in contracts, and \$1,243.36 in miscellaneous, totaling \$7,266.75. After working with them and calculating with attendance, I allocated \$726.00 in refreshments, \$254.00 in supplies, \$300.00 in equipment, \$1,600.00 in contracts, and \$1,284.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$4,164.00. Motion to allocate \$4,164.00 to WES's Fashion Show.

- ii. Essence: This fashion show represents women during WHM. This will be our second one. We had one last year in room 2-125. It had such good feedback that we wanted to have it in the MPR.

*** Emmanuel Oladejo steps out 5:40 PM ***

- 1. The club was satisfied.

*** Emmanuel Oladejo returns 5:41PM ***

- iii. Essence: We have make up artists and other people coming in to help with the setup of the event.
 - 1. Motion passes, 18-0-1.

c. AIESEC's GIM

- i. Gigi: These aren't GIM's, but more information meetings since they send people abroad and need to meet certain requirements. They currently have \$5.93 in refreshments, \$4.72 in supplies, and \$10.00 in equipment, totaling \$20.65. They're requesting \$595.50 in refreshments and \$55.02 in supplies, totaling \$650.52. I'm allocating \$596.00 in refreshments and \$55.00 in supplies, totaling \$651.00. I felt this was a fair amount. Motion to allocate \$651.00 to AIESEC's GIM.
- ii. Pres: This GIM serve to help us send more people aboard. They're going to be advertising. Obviously, the amount we have right now is not sufficient to get any food whatsoever.
- iii. Marvin: How did you end up with such a low number?
- iv. Pres: We used that line for other events.
 - 1. Motion passes, 17-0-2.

d. Baruch Himalayan Club's Himalayan Night

- i. Gigi: They currently have \$100.00 in refreshments and \$20.00 in supplies, totaling \$120.00. They're requesting \$1,638.30 in refreshments, \$196.05 in supplies, \$347.69 in equipment, and \$389.93 in miscellaneous, totaling \$2,571.97. They're getting 120 in attendance. I brought it to allocate \$900.00 in refreshments, \$196.00 in supplies, \$348.00 in equipment, and \$390.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,834.00. Motion to allocate \$1,834.00 to Baruch Himalayan Club's Himalayan Night.
- ii. Shruti: It's a cultural representation of all the countries in the region. Our focus is to bring a little culture to the students. A big focus is on the food. We're expecting a lot of people from Baruch and other CUNY's.
 - 1. The club was satisfied.
 - 2. Motion passes, 18-0-1.

e. NABA's Awards Dinner

- i. Gigi: They currently have \$1,190.00 in refreshments, \$200.00 in supplies, \$2,000.00 in contracts, and \$500.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$3,890.00. They're requesting \$327.60 in supplies, \$125.00 in contracts, and \$915.40 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,368.00. I thought this was a fair allocation. I'm allocating \$328.00 in supplies, \$234.00 in supplies, \$125.00 in contracts, and \$916.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,369.00. Motion to allocate \$1,369.00 to NABA's Awards Dinner.

- ii. Chelsea: Our annual awards dinner is happening from April 2nd 5:30pm-8pm. It's to celebrate student members who've gone above and beyond and celebrate corporate members who have continuously given back.

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

f. VSA's Miss Asia

- i. Gigi: They currently have \$200.00 in refreshments and \$110.00 in supplies, totaling \$310.00. They're requesting \$885.00 in refreshments, \$290.00 in supplies, and \$250.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,425.00. I'm allocating full allocations because what they're requesting is fair. Their appeal was late though if you want to take that into account. Motion to allocate \$1,425.00 to VSA's Miss Asia.
- ii. Kim: Why aren't they here? Did they tell you they weren't coming?
- iii. Gigi: No.
- iv. Andres: How late are we talking?
- v. Gigi: 2 weeks.
- vi. Robert: Did you meet with them to discuss this and they're satisfied?
- vii. Gigi: We met and they were satisfied.
- viii. Kim: Why did you decide to allocate everything fully with their actions?
- ix. Gigi: Looking at the amount was far below what they needed in refreshments for the amount of people attending. Everything they basically needed was what they needed. Sashes, tiaras.
- x. Nicole: Any kind of penal system?
- xi. Gigi: I don't accept late appeals at all, but they came in with 3 late appeals and this was one of their large scale events, so after a lot of back and forth, I decided to give them one of their 3 appeals. I was only going to take 1 of the 3 appeals.
- xii. Joshua: You didn't have to take any of them, just out of generosity.

- 1. Motion passes, 9-8-2.

g. BSU's Off-Campus Trip

- i. Gigi: They currently have \$500.00 in miscellaneous. They're requesting \$1,378.25 in miscellaneous for a coach bus they can get to go to a museum in DC. I allocated full amounts. They did find other options and this was the only one that can take invoice and buying would be the same price. Motion to allocate \$1,378.25 to BSU's Off-Campus Trip.
- ii. Jenebou:
- iii. Julil: We tried to get this for BHM, but nobody was taking the invoice. The Smithsonian Museum is the best experience to walk you through our history and culture.

*** Dakshatha Daggala steps out 5:52 PM ***

- iv. Julil: It's a great opportunity to do so after midterms.
- v. Briana: Who is in charge of the trip?
- vi. Denise: Is it open to the public?
- vii. Julil: We've had a Google form out for some time now. Bus loads can take about 45 given we have to have chaperones.
- viii. Genesis: How are you picking people to go to the trip?
- ix. Jenebou: We looked at responses about why they want to go and who came to our events. First come first serve, but participation is high priority.

*** Dakshatha Daggala returns 5:54 PM ***

- x. Kim: Are there other trips that aren't academic?
- xi. Savanna: Absolute Adrenaline and Intervarsity.
- xii. Irine: Is this a 1 day trip?
- xiii. Julil: Yes. Looking to leave 7am. Stay there at about 4 and then head back.
- xiv. Tony: How are you making sure everyone who signs up goes?
- xv. Julil: We thought about doing a \$10 hold or placing fee once you get on the bus.
- xvi. Sandy: Was this an event that you've done before?
- xvii. Julil: OSL has taken folks to the museum, but BSU has not to my knowledge. We had it in our budget for \$500 and the bus cost more than that.
- xviii. Dan: It's a smart move for the \$10 placement.
- xix. Emmanuel: Go through with that plan, maybe even make it more than \$10. Things happen.

*** Robert Da Rita steps out 5:57 PM ***

1. Motion passes, 17-0-1.

h. BSU's Various Forums and Events

- i. Gigi: These amounts They currently have \$0.00 in this line. They're requesting \$1,096.50 in refreshments, \$150.00 in supplies, \$500.00 in contracts, and \$880.00 in miscellaneous. I'm allocating \$920.00 in refreshments, \$150.00 in supplies, \$500.00 in contracts, and \$180.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$1,750.00.

*** Robert Da Rita returns 5:57 PM ***

- ii. Gigi: These amounts are for across 3 different events. One of them was a movie screening for \$700 along with \$70 for food for that event. I did not allocate for that event. I feel it's very expensive for the amount of people who can show up in the TV room. It wouldn't be beneficial to enough Baruch students. Then, there's also a BSU Lip Sync which got a full allocation and a brunch. I did decrease refreshments a bit because it's in the bearcat den and the projected number of people who will come is lower. Motion to allocate \$1,750.00 to BSU's Various Forums and Events.
- iii. Jenebou: We don't agree with it.
- iv. Julil: With the screening, there's a really great scholar that went around the world and documented the diaspora for it. We have native Africans and descendants like myself. Because of the cultural disconnect, we have these wars with each other. This movie addresses that. I shared this in a chat we have and a lot of students were like "oh my god I would really want to see it" based off of the trailer. I think it's important because it's how we want to unify the students. The \$700 you see now is the price he asked for without negotiations. However, I just considered what we were trying to do with the Princess of the Frog show and it was way more. This was going to address something that is really important to our community. That's the goal with that. I've been told it was very well curated and really holistic view. I want to see it and other folks have expressed interest. It's good for not just the black students, but other students.

- v. Jenebou: We requested a bigger room, but got the TV room as the last option. We had over 100 people at our event. If anything, they can stand, but this wasn't the first request. If it's in the TV room, it was the last option.
- vi. Kim: It's a great idea, but in practice, I'm taking Gigi's word on this. Even a movie about Latin America, I feel it's not a great investment. I don't think it's worth the amount of money.
- vii. Taji: How many people expressed interest?
- viii. Julil: In terms of the folks in the chat, we have well over 100 folks. Let me see who liked it. I can go based on the folks who liked it.
- ix. Taji: On average, 50 people can fit with \$15 per person. That would equal \$750 exactly and could cover the costs for those tickets. Also, cosponsorship is also an option as well. I feel the last events you had with Shiggy, what's the attendance there? If you can get these numbers, it would be worth it.
- x. Julil: I know Chester from public safety recorded the entry in and out. For people who RSVP, 154 people RSVPed and that included Baruch students. I don't have the exact answer. About 200. They were not all representatives of Baruch College. Not that it passed 15% or anything.
- xi. Taji: Can you really get the baseline of 50 students?
- xii. Julil: No doubt. Given we get a bigger space, the turnout would be different.
- xiii. Annmarie: You mentioned that you didn't bargain with the director. Is there a reason for that?
- xiv. Jenebou: That was the set price. There was also the price for the Q&A which was well over \$2,000, so we only stuck with the rights for the film.
- xv. Annmarie: Do you have a backup option?
- xvi. Julil: No.
- xvii. Annmarie: Have you seen the film?
- xviii. Julil: I've seen the trailer.
- xix. Annmarie: Have you read reviews for the film since it has not been released yet? Why did you choose this film in particular?
- xx. Julil: He's done a few special screenings and a few theatres and schools throughout the US. I just wanted to be the next school to have the opportunity.
- xxi. Joshua: Is the director aware this is a CUNY school and the demographic?
- xxii. Jenebou: We always let him know first. This was his price.
- xxiii. Roshen: What's the rule on the rooms that the club can use. Like lecture halls?
- xxiv. Joshua: Certain spaces are reserved under OSL and those are the ones that are up for grabs.
- xxv. Savanna: Only during classrooms.
- xxvi. Roshen: How long is the movie?
- xxvii. Julil: About 90 minutes.
- xxviii. Roshen: So it's under 2 hours. If we can do it during club hours with the 3rd floor lecture hall?
- xxix. Julil: That would be ideal.
- xxx. Yaseen: You do have the option of cosponsorship. With that, if you charge \$5 per student, you can determine who really wants to see this film. It's an investment for them.
- xxxi. Jenebou: If people have to pay, they're going to go to an event that's free. Why would they come if there are multiple events. It belittles the purpose of the movie, even if they do care.

- xxxii. Robert: I'm pretty sure they can't charge students that are on campus that's coming from the student fee. Regarding the movie, is this the only option to view it?
- xxxiii. Julil: This is his movie that he put together. It's not like a Marvel. Something he was working on the past 15 years. In terms of the message, this speaks directly to that point of our communities. That's the entire purpose of the movie. If folks see it, the goal will be unified. For the record, we put on 21 events last month. We have more people supporting BSU. I think they'll come and still show support.
- xxxiv. Joshua: For clarification, you are allowed to charge students. However, it's not an encouraged action. It'd be similar to a bake sale.
- xxxv. Denise: Are we allowed to approve and appeal with a contingency?
- xxxvi. Joshua: As long as it is agreed upon by the senate.
- xxxvii. Denise: In the appeal info submitted, the date says Friday?
- xxxviii. Jenebou: It's on a Thursday from 6PM-9PM.
- xxxix. Denise: If you're able to get a larger lecture hall, and get it during club hours or the evening, you can get the money kind and have the conditions as a contingency? I don't know if that works.
- xl. Gigi: During our meeting, you told us it was March 20th. That's a Friday.
- xli. Jenebou: I thought I said March 19th. I thought I was looking at April.
- xlii. Joshua: It says March 27th.
- xliii. Gigi: It's 3 different events.
- xliv. Julil: We wouldn't do it on a Friday. We'll be doing it on a Thursday.
- xlv. Emmanuel: I think the screening is reasonable. I think it's meaningful. My advice, if you can get a bigger hall, it would be wise to partner with other cultural clubs on it. The purpose of the film is to educate us and you would have a much bigger turn out after partnering with them.
- xlvi. Taji: Besides this, is there anything else that you didn't agree with?
- xlvii. Julil: To my knowledge, everything else is fine. The brunch and the lip sync have been accounted for. It's the \$700 we're having a discussion for.
- xlviii. Annmarie: The meaning behind the film is powerful and important; it tells a story that all Baruch students would benefit from. However, \$700 is a lot of money to spend for a one-time movie showing in such a small space. This, combined with the fact that nobody on the Executive Board has seen the film in its entirety, is concerning. There are other options to show an equally as rewarding film at a much cheaper price point.
- xliv. Emmanuel: Is this happening in the TV room?
- l. Jenebou: It's not confirmed yet. If we ask for club hours, there are multiple classrooms for club hours like a lecture hall or bigger classroom.
- li. Joshua: If we appeal this, and for some reason it doesn't go through, would that money go on ice?
- lii. Jenebou: We do it in the TV room and if anything, people can stand and add more chairs. People standing weren't complaining.
- liii. Kim: Can we move this appeal until we have confirmation?
- liv. Dakshatha: Can't.
- lv. Joshua: They would have to move the date of the event.
- lvi. Jenebou: And we can't because we have black grad in April event.
- lvii. Genesis: Taking into account how dedicated your people are and they would stand. The option to cosponsor and charge a \$5 fee sounds more reasonable. If I wanted to support, I would totally pay it.

lviii. Jenebou: I don't like the idea of making people pay when they have already paid for club fees.

*** Kim Kazdal steps out 6:15 PM ***

- lix. Jenebou: I went to club events and never paid anything. I got tote bags. I got cups to drink. All free. I don't think it's right to charge to sit and watch a movie.
- lx. Chelsea: How likely is it to get a larger hall?
- lxi. Savanna: During club hours, the biggest space for a lecture hall holds 114 students. There's only 1 still available for the 19th. I don't have a request, so they need to go to their advisor to work on that. Outside of that, if they did 6-9, are no more 1-107 events and that's our biggest space. The next biggest space is the TV room that holds 65. We don't have access to lecture halls that hold classes.
- lxii. Robert: We can't move the date and it's coming up in 2 weeks?
- lxiii. Jenebou: We can move to club hours. He's not required to be there. He's just required to give us the film 10 days before. He's going to mail it to us. It's just about speaking to an advisor. Most of the time, it's very rare we don't get the room we request. It can be moved to club hours. We have over 100 at our event. There's 9% black community. Over 1,000 at Baruch. There would be 100 students regardless. The amount of people interested is probably 100. We all go to each other's events as well. We all want to see. It's opened to everyone as well. The interest is there. Even myself, I'm interested in as well. It's something everyone can learn from. We don't want to move it to April
- lxiv. Robert: Given the uncertainty of the room, I feel we got a little off-topic and offering ideas, which is great, but the topic is \$700, yes or no. Whether or not we give it to them is up to them. We gave them the option to move it so they would have time and figure out the room situation. They need it now. We keep suggesting other things to them instead of doing our part and allocating them the money right now.
- lxv. Briana: This would be a good opportunity for Baruch students in general. Regardless, if you do the math, it's not going to be exactly \$700, but would be close to \$700. It's reasonable for them to get it.
- lxvi. Basil: Will you be showing this film again in the future?
- lxvii. Julil: It's a 1 time showing. Hopefully it'll be on the big screen one day.
- lxviii. Joshua: \$700 for a 1 time show of the film and the director's not there?
- lxix. Julil: It would be \$2000 for him to do a Q and A. The screening I think given off of the trailer gets the point across.
- lxx. Jenebou: He played it at a university in Chicago. There were students crying because it really hit home. Baruch itself is not much diversity at Baruch to come and learn about the event. No one really knows about Black culture. Black culture is belittled.
- lxxi. Joshua: Do you have the name of the director?
- lxxii. Julil: Zadi Zokou. The film is called Black N Black.
- lxxiii. Jenebou: We have an event on March 27th that can't be moved. Other clubs have other events in March as well. We created a calendar to not overarch each other's events. We want to go to each other's events.
- lxxiv. Taji: If you do the math, it's close to \$700 anyway. It doesn't matter if its \$40 or \$50 difference.
- lxxv. Robert: BOD is next week and if they do want this event, it needs to be done today. Which brings up the point, there's still \$700 that we need to decide. I feel like we're not

getting anywhere. I feel like there's a lot of points that are being repeated over and over again. My opinion.

- lxxvi. Aaron: Guys. Even if 50 people show up and it's \$700, it's like regular students going to the movies. It's not like \$40 a student for them to see a movie. If they can bring more than 50 people, the price just keeps dropping. It's not that bad to see an influential movie that's related. It's not like we're paying \$700 for 50 students to go see Finding Nemo. Like come on. It seems like they did their research, they know what they're talking about. And \$750 at most. It's not like they're asking for \$10,000 to see this movie. I don't see why there's this much debate to see a good movie by supposedly a decent director for students to enjoy a movie. Even if it is 1 time for 90 minutes, it's not that big a deal.

*** Tam Phuong steps out 6:24 PM ***

- lxxvii. Andres: Regarding what Taji said, BSU made the point clear. They're not comfortable charging students. We should be prepared to take on the \$700 charge.
- lxxviii. Marvin: Are you allowed to show it multiple times the same day?
- lxxix. Julil: To my understanding, we're going to have a DVD and a flashdrive for the full day.
- lxxx. Marvin: Why not showing it during club hours and at night?
- lxxxi. Robert: You get to keep the rental?
- lxxxii. Julil: He said, "If my presence is not requested, mail them back immediately as instructed". We're being sent the movie on DVD to make sure it works perfectly.
- lxxxiii. Marvin: Would you be open to that? Doing two showings in the same day?
- lxxxiv. Jenebou: Yeah.
- lxxxv. Joshua: It's strange to me that it's \$700 to show the film and you have full access to the means of distribution to the film. Hypothetically speaking, he's giving you opportunity to copy the film.
- lxxxvi. Jenebou: He also sends a contract on his own. We wouldn't do that to someone.
- lxxxvii. Joshua: Not suggesting you do, but what's to stop a student to film it on a phone or finding the flash drive? There are so many holes.
- lxxxviii. Dan: What they're talking about is pretty standard. Most movies cost \$300-\$700. Depends how many people will fit, the size of the school.

*** Tam Phuong returns 6:28 PM ***

- lxxxix. They typically send it to you to test it out and return. The contract is pretty thorough, but you can be sued for \$100,000 of dollars. It's the standard.
- xc. Joshua: The directors are not there.
- xci. Savanna: The contract stops it.
- xcii. Julil: I'm there. I'm not going to allow folks to take it. We can bring it up before the beginning of the movie. If folks are filming a piece of it, if someone pulls out their phone, I don't think I'll stop them. If I do see anything pop up, I'll let the gentleman know. I think if we tell them, "hey you can film this movie", they won't do it.
- xciii. Chelsea: Being a black club, I can see where they're coming from. We're always supporting one another. This is an opportunity for people to learn more about our culture.. We're trying to break through here. We're trying to educate the Baruch community about our culture and history. I believe they've done their research and come to the conclusion to show this as this college.
- xciv. Robert: Can we skip to voting?

- xcv. Joshua: You can not be impatient with these things because then in the middle of the vote, “wait.” It happens. Let him make the point.
- xcvi. Emmanuel: Is there a problem? I strongly suggest that you reach out to the SEEK Department. You can fill up every single seat if you talk to them. In the past, there was a screening. The staff were there. Students were there. This would be impactful. We can talk after.
- xcvii. Kim: I’m in SEEK. I know there are FYS classes Thursday club hours. See if they can do that instead of class. They’ve done that with my events. You should reach out to the councilors.
- xcviii. Jenebou: I know everyone has concerns about the attendance, but I have no concern about the attendance of the event.
- xcix. Kim: This is more of the standpoint of, “Let’s get this message across” because it’s an important thing.
 - c. Julil: We have a BOD and first year representatives. $\frac{2}{3}$ are SEEK students. They’re in FYS who are to get freshmen. I hope USG pops out and learns. I think you’d all resonate with it.
 - 1. Motion fails, 1-17-1.
 - ci. Tony: Motion to allocate \$920.00 in refreshments, \$150.00 in supplies, \$1,200.00 in contracts, and \$180.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$2,450.00.
 - 1. Motion passes, 16-2-1.

*** Yaseen Rana steps out 6:37 PM ***

*** Recess 6:38 PM ***

*** Session resumes 6:43 PM ***

2. Genesis Calle | Chair of Philanthropy

- a. Genesis: Hi, guys. Two things to discuss. One, this was a little last minute, but I got it E-Board approved. A student reached out to Robert, who then reached out to me about the Jeans for Teens drive that DoSomething.org hosts every year. Hillel is helping out, and now so is USG. I put a box in the table in our USG suite lobby, so please feel free to donate any pair of jeans you have. A student will be coming on Friday at 5pm to pick them up. The second thing is Rainbow Carnival. The budget has been approved by Tam. It will be on March 19th in the MPR from 6-9 pm. Ball pit, cotton candy, and photobooth have been ordered, as well as merch. I will be sending out a club sign out form by tomorrow to get clubs to sign up their E-Boards or members. Pieing will be cash-only, prices will be released next week on a flyer via Annmarie and Sandy. I do encourage anyone on the table who wants to get pied to let me know soon.
 - i. Briana, Aaron, Andres, Tony, Dakshatha, Annmarie, Joshua, Denise, Gigi, Nicole
- b. Genesis: I do ask that if you are getting pied to please market it on social media to have people come to spend more money on pies for a good cause. I haven’t determined the charity or organization yet, but you guys will be the first to know.
- c. Roshen: Will it be BYOP? Bring your own pie?
- d. Genesis: No.
- e. Joshua: Savanna getting pied? How about Dan?
- f. Nicole: We can ask him.
- g. Savanna: I am not getting pied.

- h. Briana: I know last year with USG table members who got pied, they had a specific color of the rainbow. Will we do that too?
 - i. Genesis: There's 7 colors, so I would need 7 people.
 - j. Joshua: Instead of one person per color, we can do duos, or even add purple or pink.
 - k. Genesis: I would like to do that.
 - l. Taji: Can we get President Wallerstein?
 - m. Joshua: No.
 - n. Tony: How do club leaders sign up?
 - o. Genesis: I am releasing a form for clubs to sign up beforehand. If clubs get involved, they will market it like, "hey want to pie VSA's president or WIB's secretary?" so then more people will want to come and spend more money on pies.
 - p. Nicole: When did you say the prices would be settled?
 - q. Genesis: I have the prices settled. Going to concur with my committee by the end of this week then I'll have Annmarie make a flyer with the prices, that specifically state prices and cash only.
 - r. Annmarie: Can you submit a graphic request?
 - s. Genesis: Yes, I will. I forgot to include the prices in the original graphic request form. You got it.
3. Joshua Castillo | EVP
- a. Joshua: Hope your recess went as well as mine. A quick update on the things I have been juggling with which are BASH, student center, and spring fling. For BASH, the venue we were currently looking at had a bit of a price surge compared to last year's. Technically within budget, but it's now on the higher end of things. So me and Basil will be looking at other venues to offset that cost and to be able to include other things. If we did this venue, it would just be food, party, and DJ. I know we want to go above and beyond. So we will be looking at other venues and other options for things to do. If you want to be included in the planning for this, let me know.
 - b. Hero of the Month (USG ALL) - Emily Chavez
 - i. She's such an adorable person and she always has a smile on her face. She attends so many of the events and is engaging with the students or serving food to them!
 - ii. She's killing it with the marketing committee and helping Sandy out with flyers. Within the arts committee, she's helped with the set up for all the events.
 - iii. So hardworking, gives everything her all. She deserves praise and love for her dedication and hard work!!
 - c. Hero of the Month (USG Senate) - Gigi Kaur
 - i. She blessed with those explanations on appeals, and she is really warm and helpful to everyone.
 - ii. There have been MAD APPEALS.
 - iii. Appreciation for all the hard work she does. That night when we had 15 appeals, I saw her up at 3-4 am trying to figure them out and was transparent about needing more time.
 - iv. Chair of appeals isn't always the same easiest job, but Gigi is killing at it. She is a boss B and is super competent with what she does and how she handles clubs. If anyone comes after mi esposa we beefin. Punto final.
 - v. For being amazing.
4. Dakshatha Daggala | President
- a. Dakshatha: A couple of events coming your way. CUNY "March in March" is a month of activism that USS is working on. The main event being on March 15th which is a Sunday at 11am. A march through Brooklyn Bridge, from Brooklyn Borough Hall to City Hall. Anyone that will be going for sure.

- i. Kim, Andres, Joshua
- b. Andres: Who do I reach out to about speaking at the march?
- c. Dakshatha: It doesn't specify a rally for people to be speaking at.
- d. Andres: I went to the march last year and that's how they did it, but I'll reach out to some people to find out more.
- e. Dakshatha: In addition, if you noticed a big silver box in the front of the suite, we are doing a hygiene drive in honor of Women's History Month. We are partnering with Period NYC, Smile on me, Sanctuary with Families. It's throughout March. If you want to blast it in your committee chats, items can be dropped off at USG, the Office of Health and Wellness, OSL, and Baruch Honors Program office. Any sort of hygiene products welcome like mouthwash, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, menstrual wipes, individually packaged toothbrushes, dental floss. Up and coming is Starr's annual 'Suit Up for Success' event on Tuesday, March 17. USG always collabs with them. This is during club hours to my best knowledge. I'm going to ask for people to volunteer to be there. STARR takes used clothing and sells it at a cheap cost like \$5 for a suit. They just need USG volunteers to help be there.
- f. Nicole: You can also donate clothes or like they did last year you exchange clothes for an item as well.
 - i. Joshua, Briana, Yam-Yu, Roshen, Denise, Gigi, Yaseen.
- g. Dakshatha: CUNY TV is working on a project highlighting the homeless at CUNY. I know this is a very sensitive topic, and we can talk more offline, but if you know people who have experienced it while going to CUNY, specifically Baruch, please refer them to me and I'll refer them to Smitha. Only if they are comfortable talking about their experience.
- h. Nicole: If we know someone and we ask, but they're not comfortable, don't refer them right?
- i. Dakshatha: Yeah.
- j. Nicole: Follow up question is what specifically are they asking these students?
- k. Dakshatha: They are creating a video. I'm sure you've heard the statistic that 50% of CUNY students experience homeless or food insecurity. So this is to help raise awareness with legislators and having a point video of student testimonies to advocate for programs. I know some CUNYs have single stop or getting more funding for our own food banks
- l. Nicole: So does it only have to be for only homelessness?
- m. Denise: While they were in CUNY as a student or in general?
- n. Dakshatha: As a CUNY college student. For reference, if they're not okay being interviewed by CUNY TV, they can also give me their experience and we can share it with them.
- o. Savanna: Do we know what food insecurity is?
- p. Yaseen: Not knowing if you are going to eat that day.
- q. Savanna: Do you know where to go if we or students encounter that?
- r. Kim: OSL.
- s. Tony: Dean's office.
- t. Taji: Office of Health and wellness.

Unfinished Business

- 1. Briana Staten | VP of Campus Affairs
 - a. Briana: "Are You Smarter than a First Year?" Next Thursday, March 12th. So far I have 8 people signed up. I'm looking to get at least 15 people to sign up, to have 12 people for 3 rounds and then have 3 people to sub in as the helpers. Savanna is posting it on the big bulletin board starting tomorrow for more people to sign up. Prizes have been approved by Tam. The person that wins

the 1st and 4th round will get AirPods. Smaller prizes are Amazon Alexa and Amazon tablets. If you're in USG, you can't win the prizes.

- b. Genesis: This is from 6PM-9PM? I can volunteer if you need it.
- c. Briana: Yes, 6-9 in room 3-215. Questions might be a bit hard; I couldn't even answer some.

2. Dakshatha Daggala | President

- a. Dakshatha: Thank you for the people that came to the Middle States Evaluation today. It was much appreciated. The team will be giving a report at 9:30am in the library building 750H. If you're interested and want to know how the college is doing, you're welcome to join me.
- b. Joshua: This will determine whether or not your degrees are valid in about 6 months. Accreditation is about providing validity for degrees from any academic institution. It's happened before where not that degrees were invalidated, but certain colleges with or outside CUNY did not meet certain criteria and so they have 6 months to fix it. Tomorrow, they will let us know.
- c. Taji: Question for Savanna or Dan. Will this be retroactive? Let's say you go back 7 years, will it affect those students?
- d. Savanna: The accreditation affects everyone. Like Josh said, there's a period of time where we can become up to standards if they find that we're not. If we don't go that route, then worst case scenario, degrees won't have the same value as they have currently, so it'll be harder for people to have jobs which is what we try to avoid.
- e. Dan: Don't worry. That's like extreme situations. There's a suggested thing and a gray area of things that you have to fix. I've only been here a little bit, but knowing about the culture of the campus and the prestige of the academics, you have very little to worry about.

3. Kim Kazdal | VP of Legislative Affairs

- a. Kim: Census 2020 event happening March 19th and 26th. It will be very similar to how voter registration went. Soft vote to volunteer Thursday 19th and the 26th for club hours.
 - i. 19th and 26th - Tony, Dakshatha, Gigi, Irine
- b. Dakshatha: This is a really important event and we would like a really big USG presence there. We will have people monitoring ipads, laptops, giving out merch and food so we need more than 2 people to be there.
- c. Roshen: I know we mentioned during the appeals beforehand that for the BSU movie screening if they did it during club hours, should we split it the day on that?
- d. Josh: I can't speak for how things will go. I'm more than positive of the flexibility of going to *both*.

*** Marvin Argueta departs 7:07 PM ***

- e. Annmarie: It would be beneficial to give helpers a script and some background information about the Census due to growing public concerns about a citizenship question and uncertainty about the data security protocols put in place to protect consumer data. We need to make sure that people feel safe filling out the Census and are well-informed about why it is important to do so.
- f. Tony: So I ordered about 200 servings of bubble tea. I talked with Kim and decided that only people who fill out the survey can get one.
- g. Kim: Me and Dakshatha had a meeting about the census and once it is completed, they can screenshot a message at the end to show us as confirmation.
- h. Tony: Kim also ordered around 200 servings from nugget spot. Projected number of people we expect is 400. We're going to need a lot of people to help out with crowd control. People are going

to be sneaky and try to cut the line. So be careful with that, I will talk with Savanna more. If you're free that day I encourage you to go.

New Business

1. Nicole Pung | Secretary
 - a. Nicole: On March 10th from 10am-12pm it's Coffee and Donuts. The office we work with is asking for student representation. From what I have seen, there has not been that much student representation at this event, so I ask if you are available to come for a few minutes, please come. You will be giving out coffee and donuts and talking with students and building connections.
 - i. Annmarie, Genesis, Dak, Emmanuel, Andres, Joshua, Yaseen
2. Denise Rojas | Chair of Clubs & Orgs
 - a. Denise: Recently, Emmanuel and I had a meeting with one of the SEEK advisors. They had mentioned they wanted USG to get more involved in events they're having. One event she really wants us to get involved with was their annual freshman elevator pitch professional event. Being in SEEK is different than being a regular student because they have FYS all year round and then in the second semester they host a large event on the 14th floor where the first years sit down with older students and professionals to practice with them. What they really want from us is to sign up to be one of the students that sit at the table and practice pitches too, Emmanuel and I will create a Google sheet and pass it around the table. You will put your name, major and minor. They want a variety of us to sign up especially because they want to have different majors available at the event. If you're not a business major you can still sign up. The event would be on a Thursday during club hours. No specific date just yet but I will find out. It's this month. You would have to stay for the whole event because a majority of the event will be you sitting down and helping out with the pitches, and then at the end, the students will give testimonies as to how they thought the experience was. It's definitely a great way to get more involved not just with Baruch students but also with the SEEK program.
 - b. Kim: The SEEK FYS Personal pitch is on Tuesday, March 10th. The networking event is on Thursday, March 19th. It's the same time as the census event.
 - c. Denise: The one they need volunteers for is for March 19th. Be on the lookout for the excel sheet. Please fill it out. Even if you can't come, just for future reference for future events.
 - d. Joshua: That's alright, we have plenty of people to help out.
3. Tony Chen | VP of Student Affairs
 - a. Tony: I met with the PAWS peer mentors Gabriela and Katerina. The event we will be collaborating with is called "Stage versus Fright." The event helps people with public speaking and presenting on stage. I think I can have a PAWS peer mentor would like to explain.
 - b. Zariana: This is an event that PAWS runs every semester. It's targeted to battle issues towards public speaking as well as to strengthen your skills. Those who are good at public speaking are definitely encouraged to come and enjoy as well. There's usually a presentation about different ways to enhance your own skills and opening activities for people to participate and have fun.
 - c. Tony: How do people sign up?
 - d. Zariana: Not sure yet, we can talk after.
 - e. Tony: The event will be on March 18th from 6-8 pm in NVC 3-215. It's the room across the media suite. It's not small, it's like a conference room. Check it out. If you have anyone interested in open mic, you can also recommend them for this event. I will talk to Sandy about marketing this event.

Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #20 at 7:16 PM. 18-0-0.