

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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### Meeting 22:

Meeting Date:	April 21st, 2020	Meeting Time:	5:35 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Location:	Zoom Call	Note Taker:	Nicole Pung

Attendees:	
Dakshatha Daggala   President	Joshua Castillo   EVP
Tam Phuong   Executive Treasurer	Nicole Pung   Executive Secretary   FRAUD
[Late] 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	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
[Late] Basil Harding   Representative Senator	Irine Thomas   Representative Senator
[Late] Marvin Argueta   Representative Senator	Roshen Varughese   Representative Senator
Taji Sanders   Representative Senator	Yam-Yu Li   Representative Senator
[Absent] Yaseen Rana   Representative Senator	

### Reports

1. Tam Phuong | Treasurer
  - a. OSL and Accounting Unit asked to repossess the budget we gave out at the start of the year and they need to recollect to know how much there is available for next year and the year after.
  - b. Shared 4 spreadsheets with the table with each club budget. Considered each club's work ethic and history of submitting vouchers.
  - c. Total repossession for club - \$169,757.78
  - d. Waiting to see what can be repossessed from USG's budget.
  - e. Money goes back to USG surplus.
  - f. \$35,000 estimate went towards computers. \$30,000 going towards gift cards. Total \$65,000 already used.
  - g. Tam will use the leftover money in USG towards any reimbursements that need to be filed from clubs.
  - h. Repossessing items include Fixed Assets, Office expenses, Special Projects.
  - i. Gift cards 3 weeks 100 students \$100 each. Meant for students to have food stability. \$30,000 proposed, but can be adjusted.
    - i. Andres proposing extending the number of weeks

- ii. Genesis claims it's nice to give out \$100, but we can't help every student. Maybe decrease the amount from \$100 to \$50 and increase the outreach of the number of students
- iii. Options proposed for available \$60,000 budget:
  - 1. \$100 for 100 students for 3 weeks
  - 2. \$75 for 200 students for 4 weeks
  - 3. \$75 for 160 students for 5 weeks
- iv. Discussion:
  - 1. Briana - Qualtrics survey predetermines their needs
    - a. Dakshatha - How would we market this? Do we say up to \$100?
  - 2. Damali - Don't make this complicated with making a questionnaire. Give them out in good faith. Lottery based.
  - 3. Kim - Equality and equity are not the same.
  - 4. Aaron - We can do it as a raffle. We should steer away from the needs based approach. The table can't determine that. We have to decide on money and the amount of people.
  - 5. Robert - Mimic petry fund requirements.
  - 6. Briana's student - He bought up the Amazon gift card idea with daily raffles throughout the day.
  - 7. Joshua - Proposes 4 weeks with \$40,000 budget and allocating a portion to petrie fund
- v. Soft vote
  - 1. Wait or don't wait to put a plan into motion
    - a. Majority - don't wait, get the ball rolling
- vi. Tabling discussion for petrie fund; awaiting more information from the Dean of Students
- vii. Options proposed for available \$60,000 budget towards gift cards:
  - 1. \$75 for 5 weeks, 160 students per week (total 800 students, \$60k)
  - 2. \$75 for 4 weeks, 200 students per week (totaling 800 students, \$60k)
  - 3. \$50 for 4 weeks, 300 students per week (totaling 1200 students, \$60k)
  - 4. \$50 for 5 weeks, 240 students per week (totaling 1200 students, \$60k)
- viii. Soft vote
  - 1. \$75 or not \$75
    - a. Majority \$75
  - 2. 5 weeks (160 students per week) or 4 weeks (200 students per week)
    - a. Majority 5 weeks
- ix. Card company
  - 1. Dakshatha is currently handling talks with companies, but would like **2 people** to contact others for safety
    - a. Giftcard.com
    - b. VISA
    - c. Volunteer(s):
      - i. Andres Aguirre
- x. Soft vote
  - 1. Student can get it more than one or students only get it once
    - a. Majority only get it once

- a. Zoom call with committee member and Allison Lehr Samuels, the Director of the Baruch Center for Teaching and Learning
- b. CUNY Central placing an online proctoring system - Respondus - faculty against this proctoring system due to privacy concerns for the students
- c. Working on alternatives for what professors can do
- d. “Are you smarter than a first year” event this Thursday online via Zoom.

### Unfinished Business

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1. Nicole Pung | Secretary
  - a. Reminder to work on the internal guide. If you have questions about how you should edit, what to include, or any other concerns, please reach out to E-Board.

### New Business

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1. Kim Kazdal | VP of Legislative Affairs
  - a. Work out session on IG live weekly starting next Wednesday
  - b. 1000 rep challenge
  - c. Will be working with people from the table
2. Andres Aguirre | Representative Senator
  - a. The \$320 tuition increase is still happening.
  - b. USS link below is collecting testimonials on how COVID-19 is affecting students.
    - i. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1il8SeTNrEkuwX-k9gY9k-bBu21WPdLEJ0u5k8XHzJlU/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1il8SeTNrEkuwX-k9gY9k-bBu21WPdLEJ0u5k8XHzJlU/viewform?edit_requested=true)
  - c. USS has been conducting social media campaigns - mass mentioning of political candidates to get answers through Twitter and other online media.
3. Damali Smith Tolson | OSL
  - a. Soft vote
    - i. Would we rather have more events during club hours or 6pm-8pm
      1. Majority 6pm-8pm
  - b. Online graduation ceremony event
    - i. Monday, June 8th. Online website with 3 parts for the Class of 2020.
    - ii. Full Saturday event when we're able to be on campus again.

### Adjournment

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1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #22 at 8:00 PM. 18-0-0.