

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Meeting 23:

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| Meeting Date: | April 28st, 2020 | Meeting Time: | 5:35 P.M. - 6:06 P.M. |
| Location: | Zoom Call | Note Taker: | Nicole Pung |

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

Reports

1. Dakshatha Daggala | President
 - a. Good on the card company, but waiting on CUNY to review the proposal outlining what we want to do with the money and what we will do to supplement it. Waiting for an answer. Hoping to have one by Friday.
 - b. Joshua asked OSL for updates. Proposal has to go through Jane Davis at CUNY Central. Head of Legal is reviewing and waiting on answers for questions.
 - c. Dakshatha sent an updated proposal with a new invoice. Dakshatha will forward the email to Damali after the meeting.
2. Timothy Hunter | Chairperson of USS
 - a. Situation with students being recorded while taking tests and having their tabs locked down and so on. Just cleared that up. According to the contract with CUNY and Respondus, students will have to opt in for that to be recorded. Every person that does that for their class would have to get permission. It would be illegal, otherwise. Respondus is for SAT, ACT. They're going to be sending out memos sent out saying this isn't allowed.
 - b. Even though everything is going on with COVID-19 and jobs are being lost, CUNY is still going through with their tuition increase. \$200 tuition hike and \$120 health and wellness fee. USS is

circulating a link to collect testimonies. If USG can, tell your own personal story if you were impacted by COVID-19. We have about 1,300 testimonials right now. We have 27 from Baruch.

- i. Link:
 1. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1il8SeTNRkEkuwX-k9gY9k-bBu21WPdLEJ0u5k8XHzJIU/viewform?edit_requested=true
 - ii. How long is this open:
 1. Opening form until beginning/mid June
 - iii. Get in touch - Timothy Hunter contact information
 1. Cell - (929) 327-1404
 2. Email - chairperson@usscuny.org
 - c. Also have an emergency relief fund in conjunction with the local student governments. We allocated \$25,000. Each campus will be able to receive 5 \$200 grants for any student on campus. We're going to put it on CUNYFirst so any student can access that. Student governments that have additional money left over can allocate that to the relief fund for students on that campus. We're going to be continuing on working on that.
 - d. Kim asked if USS is working with any legislatures
 - i. Timothy says USS CUNY posted and getting letters from officials to send to the Board of Trustees to call out the Board to freeze tuition this year. Albany doesn't have that much power right now. Gov. Cuomo is the most powerful right now and can cut. No state legislators can impact the budget right now. We are reaching out and they've been writing letters. If you can reach out and ask to write a letter to the BOT to freeze tuition, that would be awesome.
 - ii. Kim brings up a conversation she had previously with Marvin about an idea of a letter being drafted to work on getting more student representation on the Board of Trustees.
 - iii. Kim will get in touch with Tim offline.
 - e. Damali - In terms of Respondus, Provost told faculty members they're not allowed to use it. No faculty member should be using this, so report them if they do.
 - i. Andres - Are we allowed to tell people about this?
 1. Yes, because the Baruch faculty has put this out.
 2. CUNY will be releasing an official statement regarding Respondus.
 - ii. Nicole - Where should they report?
 - a. Dean of Students
 - b. Art King office
 - c. Davis Levin - Associate Provost
3. Kim Kazdal's mom | Zoom Call Crasher
- a. She loves Roshen. LOL.
 - b. Aaron - Who doesn't?
 - c. Tony - Agree with Aaron
4. Joshua Castillo | EVP
- a. Optional virtual check ins. Will send out a link. 1-on-1 and talk. Wants to make sure everyone is okay in the midst of a global pandemic.
 - b. Damali - Is everyone okay?
 - c. Nicole - Noooo.
 - d. Dakshatha - Will be fine if she can get out this summer.
 - e. Damali - Hard being student life without students.
 - f. Savanna - We miss you.

- g. Daniel - Hanging in there.
- h. Joshua - It'll be over soon.
- i. Dakshatha - Nicole!

Unfinished Business

1. Nicole Pung | Secretary
 - a. Will talk to people individually for the minutes.
 - b. Minutes from 3/10/2020 - going to work on them to pass next week. Keep an eye out. We talked about resolution and several reports regarding apps and other companies outside of Baruch who want to work with us.
 - c. Joshua - Update on internal guide?
 - i. Nicole - I'm letting people open and edit as they go. For an internal guide, please work on it. If you have questions, please reach out if you need help. Want to make it the best we can to be as prepared as they can be.

New Business

1. Aaron D'Souza | Chair of Finance
 - a. Some students have asked if Baruch can pay for the cap and gown for students. Is it a possibility?
 - i. Damali - We can't. It would cost over \$300,000. Even if we pay for a portion, it's \$150,000 for everyone. We have 5,000 we would have to pay for. We have one of the biggest graduating classes. 2,000 more than Hunter.
2. Genesis Calle | Chair of Philanthropy
 - a. Berta, President of WIB, is hosting their first Telethon next Thursday May 7th 7-9 for Invisible Hands. It's a volunteer service delivering groceries to the more at risk community members because of COVID-19. Asking for anyone to help and attend to support
 - i. Nicole - Did they give you more details?
 1. 3 activities - people donate for participating
 2. Bingo, performance, and talking
 - ii. Nicole - How are they collecting this money?
 1. Venmo/zelle payment. Genesis followed up asking if this is okay by OSL.
 2. They can't do it as a Baruch student group, but they can do it. They can do it as a group of friends as long as it's not under a Baruch club name. Advisor will reach out to them.
 - b. Make sure to vote.

Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #23 at 6:06 PM. 15-0-0.