



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF **BARUCH COLLEGE**
CONFERENCE ROOM SUITE 3-270, 55 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10010

Meeting #1

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

Meeting Start Time 5:34 PM

Meeting End Time 7:58 PM

Attendance

Annie Sourbis | President
Nardine Salama | Executive VP
Isabel Zhao | Treasurer
Katy Yu | Executive Secretary
Sau Fong Lin | Chair of Inter-Club Affairs
Salma Mohamed | Chair of Finance
Agata Poniatowski | Chair of PR
Ben Chatham | Chair of Appeals
Selina Lee | Chair of Marketing
Cherry Aung | VP of Academic Affairs
Daniel Dorbaum | VP of Legislative Affairs

Nora Salama | VP of Campus Affairs
Candice Chatterpaul | VP of Student Affairs
Andrew Armoogan | Representative Senator
Alvin Daniel | Representative Senator
Ehtasham Bhatti | Representative Senator
Joanne Beloy | Representative Senator
Larry Biscette | Representative Senator
Laura Martinez | Representative Senator
Rebecca Clabby | Representative Senator
Sean Liu | Representative Senator
Viral Shah | Representative Senator

I. Introduction

1. Agata | Chair of PR – In charge of reaching out to students and clubs, so USG can be more approachable. If students have any concerns please reach out and she will present suggestions to the USG
2. Cherry | VP of Academic Affairs – In charge of reaching out to school administration and academic policy
3. Candice | VP of Student Affairs – In charge of headline events that obtain to the student body and tell students about the resources that are available on campus
4. Ben | Chair of Appeals – Work with club leaders who need help seeking additional funding and processing budget for clubs
5. Sean | Senator – I vote
6. Alvin | Senator- I Vote
7. Nora | VP of Campus Affairs – Deals with facilities and event planning
8. Selina | Chair of Marketing – Promotion of Material
9. Selma | Chair of Finance – In charge of allocating clubs budgets for the year
10. Laura | Senator & Vice Chair of Public Relation
11. Ehtasham | Senator
12. Andrew | Senator
13. Viral | Senator
14. Joan | VC of Appeal & Senator
15. Larry | Senator
16. Daniel | VP of Legislative Affairs – Making sure our elected officials hear from students, and lobby for more funding for the school.
17. Rebecca | Senator
18. Nardine – There are 36 board member, please introduce yourself
 - a. Sam | Board of Director
 - b. Morissa | VC of Student Affairs
 - c. Ryan | VC of Student Affairs & Board of Disciplinary Committee
 - d. Albert | VC of Academic Affairs & Student Building Fund
19. Alex Sun | Health Advisory Board
20. Sau Fong | Chair of Clubs and Organizations- Deal with Co-sponsorship
21. Isabel | Treasurer – In charge of the money
22. Annie | President

- 23. Nardine | VP
- 24. Katy | Secretary

II. Passing of the Minutes

- A. Minutes of Meetings 29 and 30 from the Spring of 2015
 - i. Motion Passes 18-0-0

III. Reports

A. President's Report | Annie Sourbis

- i. Nominating each Chair and VP individually for formality and anyone can oppose or comment on an individual chair
- ii. Entertain the motion to nominate...

- 1. Daniel VP of Legislative Affairs 17-0-1
- 2. Cherry VP of Academic Affairs 17-0-1
- 3. Candice VP of Student Affairs 17-0-1
- 4. Nora will **NOT** be nominated as VP of Campus Affair

- Because she is leaving the position in 2 weeks & will be acting as VP Senator until 9/10/15

- 5. Selina Chair of Marketing 17-0-1
- 6. Salma Chair of Finance 17-0-1
- 7. Ben Chair of Appeals 17-0-1
- 8. Sao Fong Chair of Clubs & Organizations 17-0-1
- 9. Agata Chair of PR 17-0-1
- 10. Vlad Student Media Council 16-0-2

- Hai Yu resigned the position during the summer because of his upcoming graduation in the Fall, therefore Hai's replacement is Vlad (Part of WBMB since Freshman)
 - The Media Council is responsible as serving the liaison between Lexicon, Ticker, WBMB, and students. They would meet if they encounter any no budget issue.

- 11. Katy Executive Secretary 16-0-2

iii. Resume and Transcript for VP of Campus Affair can be submitted to Nardine by 9/15

- 1. Transfer students and freshman are not allowed until their second semester, must have Baruch GPA 2.5, must also be available for senate meeting every Tuesday at 5:30PM, and register for a minimum of 6 credits
- 2. Responsible for working with administration surrounding facilities updates and hosting parties and events to highlight many of the locations on campus.
- 3. Senate is allowed to apply

B. Vice Presidential Senator | Nora Salama

- i. Good News – Bathroom stall door and dispenser are being fix
- ii. High Power Hand Dryers will be available on the first 5 floors of the VC Building and paper towels will also be available in the bathrooms, but no dates have been confirmed, will follow up; Library won't be having the hand dryers because it's too loud
- iii. Water bottle Filling is available at the Bearcat Lounge and Foot sink is also added to the Women's bathroom
- iv. **10/6 Presentation** about campus facilities and plan for Lexington Building, Library, and VC – Any questions or suggestions, reach out to Lisa at the presentation. She is the Assistant Vice President of Campus Facilities and the administrator that handles projects between facilities, building upgrade, light bulb, elevator, innovation, etc.
- v. USG House party this Thursday 6-9PM in MPR- need help with Setup @ 4PM

C. Chair of PR | Agata Poniatowski

- i. First USG newsletter (very rough draft) was sent to students -- received complaint on the method of sending, will be improved next time
- ii. Ask others to inform their friends so they can be included in the newsletter and input events

iii. 2 USG GIMS -- Tuesday during club hours and Wednesday 4-5PM

- 1. Need committee chairs to attend
- iv. Working on new flyer with Laura for the GIM
- v. Designing future Ticker biweekly ads which will include events in the newsletter
 - 1. Selina- use Mail chimp account for newsletter
 - 2. Alvin- How do students Sign up?
 - On the website under calendar to input their contact information.
 - 3. Nardine- what if students can't attend GIM?
 - Undergraduate Survival Guide, and USG Postcard, and sign up for Newsletter to find out more information about USG

vi. Please include the new USG website link under your USG Email Signature!!

D. Chair of Appeals | Benjamin Chatham

- i. Hold until New Business

E. Representative Senator | Rebecca Clabby

- i. The new Relay for Life and USG liaison
 - 1. Relay for life is an overnight event in the gym and they also have fundraising events throughout the semester
 - 2. Work with Cancer Society Association and serve on the committee for 2 years

IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Candice- Laser Tag Event with over 180 people who attended and not all of them are club leaders. Thanking all her VCs, Melissa and Ryan for researching and help setting up
 - i. Dan- What other events are we having for welcome week?
 - 1. A Giveaway event that is happening tomorrow in the lobby and USG House Party on Thursday night with WBMB as DJ, open to everyone in the school
- B. Nardine - Thank Joanne for helping out yesterday with giveaway, Diane, Cherry, and Andrew - great turnout for Welcome Week and Introduce Damali Smith who is the Advisor, and Interim Director of Student Life

V. New Business

- A. Ben- Monday is off because of Labor Day and Deadline for appeals is the 6th for all clubs; his fear is that there is not enough time for his committee to review if we have more than 8. Therefore, we need another Senate Meeting to review all clubs' appeals that must be on a separate day. Proposal to have the *another Senate Meeting on Thursday the 9/10*
 - i. Annie- All Early October and Late September Appeal is due to BOD deadline on 9/17 so we need to get the decision to BOD
 - ii. Currently have 1 appeal but club leaders most likely will submit it till the day of the deadline, he will cancel if it is there is less than 10
 - iii. We can also discuss any club budget issues on the Appeal day on Thursday
- B. Daniel- **9/10 Guttman Community College - Welcome Back Leader Reception 6-8:30PM; Newest CUNY School near Bryant Park**; good to meet other students from different CUNY, and audience can attend and they can speak with Dan if they're interested
 - i. Question to Damali about the process about verifying for Greek Club and does membership of 10 a requirement for them to count?
 - 1. Damalie- Goes through the same process as any other club as well as attending Anti Hazing workshop, and permission from official national organization, and paperwork. The requirement only works for new clubs and they don't check the roster so they can exist if there is President and Treasurer.
 - ii. Question for Salma- about what we have so far for club budgets?
 - 1. Salma- we have about 12 Clubs that have approach with budget issue and 9/10 might not be enough time because we need to tell them about the new form and meet with them.
 - 2. Annie- She is aiming that the next BOD will be maybe meet in early October rather than later October, use your best judgement with Isabel to go over what the 2nd half of the club budgets might be. Best approach would be to hold it until October. Not making a decision now.
 - iii. Question- How to get the word out because for clubs who might not have submitted in the spring, this is the opportunity to redeem themselves.
 - 1. Nardine- we should include deadline in the newsletter and encourage all club leaders to sign up.
 - iv. Viral- Which clubs still need a budget? Is there a deadline?
 - 1. Salma- 10 submitted late, 30 did not submit it at all, 2 of them need to talk to them. Deadline will be 10/30
 - v. Agata - Multiple Clubs reach out do not agree with the budget allocation
 - 1. Nardine- Clubs need to show additional proof to Ben if they are not satisfy with the budget by 9/6 for an appeal
 - vi. Ehtasham - Is Inter Greek Council getting a budget?
 - 1. Salma- Good idea to fund Greek Organization so they will receive a budget and contact her
 - 2. Dan- Inter Greek Council has been in place but have not been very active and needs to come out of Greek themselves. USG can help jump start that, but that is a separate decision. Greeks may later down the road, get the IGC down and running will come back in the picture, at this moment there is no IGC so we are funding Greeks on an individual basis.
 - vii. Agata- Will not be attending on Tuesday GIM, so we will need someone here to attend the meeting
- C. Andrew- **Social Greek are not allowed to recruit any new members until 2018**

- i. Nardine- Provost implemented last semester that the Social Greeks can't recruit for the next 3 years. If they try to recruit student A) please tell an officer in Student life. B) Don't engage in Greek social activities, you will be in trouble. But you attend social Greek events and engage with them as long as you don't become a member or pledge.
- ii. Ehtasham- Is it possible to get the list of Social or Business Greek organization?
 - 1.Nardine- the list is available from the Student life and some are not allowed existing at all so please check with Student life that they are recognized organizations by club advisors.
- iii. Dan – Savana is the New Greek advisor, she is very nice and helped out today at the laser tag, please speak with her if you have any questions. Back to Nora's Report- From next week what is the best way to communicate facilities issue? (Nora is gone by the 10th)
 - 1.Nardine – In between 9/10-10/6 if they are have any issue please email her (note: she was the VP of Campus Affair last year)
- D. Ehtasham - Transparency between student and the government body, because not many people know what we do. To allow students see what we do as an organization: 1) we should get a rolling board that provides information about USG, 2) Ask Ticker to list what we did for the night, highlight of the meeting 3) USG website
 - i. Agata- Blog Post, FB Page can definitely be included
 - ii. Damali - Rolling board is precious real estate, we can purchase another one for this issue to post detail about information and events
- iii. Dan- Last year, we had a show on WBMB called the USG Report. This year we are bringing it back. This Thursday if anyone is interested in attending or is on the show, there is a training session but time not confirmed but it would be about half an hour. Right before the Senate Meeting whoever hosts it will break down what had happened in the week to give students a look into what we do which is another place for students to get to know what we do. No, time slot for USG Report, but it is up in the air depending on who will be the host.
- iv. Nardine - *(left the room) Chair of Finance, Treasurer and Chair of Clubs and Orgs are attending the BOLT *
 - 1.Executive Session will be used for plus delta and anyone who is not on the senate table must leave the room.
- E. Cherry- Anyone who is interested in running the VP of Campus Affair position will find out all the information on the FB Page and in the newsletter
 - i. Dan- Ask the audience to introduce themselves and hand out the USG magazine
 - ii. Nardine- 5 minutes break

V. Executive Session

VI. Adjournment

- A. Motions to adjourn the Senate Meeting # 1 at 7:58PM 15-1-0