



# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF BARUCH COLLEGE SUITE 3-275, 55 LEXINGTON AVE. NEW YORK NY 10010

Undergraduate Student Government of Baruch College  
Senate Meeting No. 21  
Tuesday, March 3, 2015

The meeting of the Undergraduate Student Government Senate Meeting No. 21 was called to order at 5:40 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Bernard M. Baruch College in Room NVC 3-270.

## **Present were:**

Connor Levens  
Annie Sourbis  
Christopher Eubanks  
Candice Chatterpaul  
Samuel Rubinstein  
Nardine Salama  
Abraham Albarracin  
Gabriella Vishnevskaya  
(vacant)  
Benjamin Chatham  
Kevin Damri  
Steven Haung  
Vivian Lau  
Daniel Dornbaum  
Ryan Powers  
Sean Liu  
Alvin Daniel  
Nora Salama  
(vacant)  
Cherry Aung

President  
Executive Vice President  
Interim Treasurer  
Interim Executive Secretary  
Vice-Presidential Senator for Academic Affairs  
Vice-Presidential Senator for Campus Affairs  
Vice-Presidential Senator for Legislative Affairs  
Vice-Presidential Senator for Student Services  
Representative Senator (Chair—Inter-Club Affairs)  
Representative Senator (Chair—Appeals)  
Representative Senator (Chair—Finance)  
Representative Senator (Chair—Community Outreach)  
Representative Senator (Chair—Marketing)  
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## **Absent were:**

Alisa Rudy

Representative Senator

Executive Vice President Annie Sourbis requested that all Senators please be seated and that all other members please be quiet as they approach the rear of the Conference Room for refreshments. The meeting was called to order with fourteen (14) Senators present which constituted a quorum to conduct business.

The first order of business was hear from Arlenis Perez, the President of ASEDOM – the Association Estudiantil Dominicana) She respectfully expressed her concerns via. the following letter which she requested to be part of the minutes.

“We, the Undergraduate Students of Bernard M. Baruch College of The City University of New York establish the Undergraduate Student Government to broaden the educational opportunities available to Baruch Students, to facilitate extra – curricular activities and to represent, promote and protect the interests of the Undergraduate Students at Baruch College.”

On behalf of ASEDOM (Association Estudiantil Dominicana), it has come to our attention that there has been certain issues within the Undergraduate Student Government. We began realizing concerns us because as an organization this affects campus life and our ability to serve our students.

Since Ana Gomez, Chair of Inter-Club Affairs, has resigned it has become difficult for our organization to foster a relationship with USG. If one person leaving affected our organization, we can only imagine what time of affect it has had on campus life for the rest of the student body. We have vendors who have yet to receive payment from events that has happened in the fall; the issues arising within USG is starting to affect our club.

We would like to know what USG is doing to address this issues:

1. Lack of communication between USG and the entire student body
  - a. informing the student body of issues at hand
2. Filling vacancy more efficiently and in a timely manner.

President Connor Levens explained that while reach resignation seemed to come one after the other, they were all due to personal reasons rather than USG. In regards to the open seat for Inter-Club Affairs, that position will be voted on today. Damali then added in that while resignations were hard on club life, they were also hard on the table as well. She added in that this year’s Undergraduate Student Government is one of the most transparent that she has seen.

The second order of business was the reports.

**The first report** was given by President Connor Levens. In the report he discussed the open seats available that the table needed to vote on.

- i. The Senate first had to vote to fill the spot of Treasurer.

**RESOLVED** President Connor Levens motioned to nominate Christopher Eubanks as Treasurer. Motion passes [14-0-0]

- ii. The Senate then has to vote to fill the spot of Executive Secretary

**RESOLVED** President Connor Levens motioned to nominate Candice Chatterpaul as Executive Secretary. Motion passes [14-0-0]

- iii. The Senate then has to vote to fill the spot for Chairperson of the Inter-Club Affairs Committee

**RESOLVED** President Connor Levens motions to nominate Sean Liu as the Chairperson for the Inter-Club Affairs Committee. Motion passes [13-0-1]

The second report was given by Executive Vice President Annie Sourbis. In the report, she talked about Baruch Bash – which she will be planning. There will be a Baruch Bash meeting on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

The third report was given by Treasurer Christopher Eubanks. In the report, he discussed a past due debt from Staples of \$119.40. This debt was incurred on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. Treasurer Christopher Eubanks motions to pay off said debt.

**RESOLVED** Motion passes [12-0-1]

The fourth report was given by Vice President of the Legislative Affairs Committee, Abraham Albarracin. In the report, he first thanked all students who went to his workshop previously. He then discussed the upcoming SOMOS Conference and mentioned that details are being finalized. Afterwards, he reminded the table about the upcoming Town Hall event to be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> and that were would be a Legislative Affairs committee meeting at 6PM to finalize event planning details.

The fifth report was given by Chair of Community Outreach, Steven Huang. In the report, he talked about give aways for students that would be postponed to this week. On Thursday there will be an info session for his event called Room to Read Challenge in this room (Rm. 3-270) during Club Hours. He also reminded everyone to register for Relay for Life.

The third order of business was Elections.

- Present to deliver speeches and answer questions were: Claudia, Andrew, Albert and Lev. After discussion, motion to vote Andrew in is put on the table. Motion passes [10-0-0]

The fourth order of business was Unfinished Business.

- Chair of Finance Kevin Damri makes a minor change to budget date where the date moves from April 14<sup>th</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup> and leaves a reminder that budgets are due on March 27<sup>th</sup>

- Treasurer Christopher Eubanks reminds everyone about Clash of the Bearcats on March 12<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in being on a team, please reach out to either Chris or Kevin.

The fifth order of business was New Business

- Chair of Finance Kevin Damri says that the food market on the plaza will not be happening due to constraints with the permit.
- Chair of Community Outreach Steven Huang will be working with the volunteer fair
- Chair of Finance Kevin Damri would like to do a soft skills workshop for students. Professors have expressed interests. The concern is the short notice unless we aim to do something for April. Damali is looking for a room to have it. He can plan it, but cannot spearhead it.
  - o President Connor Levens suggests speaking to Mueed
- Chair of Appeals Benjamin Chatham reminds everyone that the appeals for this month are due on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The google sheet will be up and sent to the table by Sunday.
- Executive Vice President Annie Sourbis proposes that we create four pairs to go around to all clubs to address the email sent out by former senator Mel Romero to display our transparency and clear up any questions students may have. Pairs are as followed:
  - o Representative Senator Daniel Dornbaum and Treasurer Christopher Eubanks
  - o President Connor Levens and Executive Vice President Annie Sourbis
  - o Vice Presidential Senator for Student Services Gabriella Vishnevskaya and Chair of Appeals Benjamin Chatham
  - o Executive Secretary Candice Chatterpaul and Chair of Finance Kevin Damri

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM is put on the table. Motion passes [10-0-0]

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Chatterpaul

Executive Secretary