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Senate Meeting #14

Meeting Date:	November 28th, 2017	Meeting Time:	5:30 P.M. - 7:13 P.M.
Location:	USG Conference Room	Note Taker:	Andrea Valverde

Attendees:	
Isabel Arias President	Derny Fleurima Executive Vice President
Andrea Valverde Executive Secretary	Suzanna Egan Executive Treasurer
Daniel Morote VP of Legislative Affairs	Erica Yang VP of Student Services
Frances Subervi VP of Campus Affairs	Suleman Aleem VP of Academic Affairs
Arvis Chen Chair of Clubs & Organizations	Emma Jorgensen Chair of Appeals
David Barros Chair of Finance	Nicole Taniguchi Chair of Marketing
Rachel Liang Chair of Graphic Design	Alex Dimcevski Representative Senator
Arseny Averyanov Representative Senator	Brandon Paillere Representative Senator
Brian Ronquillo Representative Senator	Hamed Doumbia Representative Senator
Lin Lin Representative Senator	[ABSENT] Michael Cherry Representative Senator
Molly Bhuiyan Representative Senator	Tarak Chowdhury Representative Senator
Zakari Abubakar Representative Senator	

Meeting begins at 5:30 P.M.

PASSING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes #13: Motion Passes 18-0-0.

REPORTS

I. Isabel Arias | President

- A. Welcome our new senators for their first senate meeting.
- B. We are going to be having an open forum on social greek life issue next meeting; December 5th 5:30 P.M. We welcome any Baruch students to come and testify and share inputs so we can make a wise decision based on what the students feel.
- C. For USG members trying to use rolling board on the second floor, if you have a graphic design that needs to go up it needs to be sent 2 weeks in advance or earlier to OSL.
- D. USG Office hours has been hectic and not that many people have been signing up, we're going to push it to next semester to plan it ahead more. Still will consist of each representative senator having to table and be here for office hours at least 2 hours each week.
- E. Attendance rule will be continued next year, 2 absences means you won't be paid that month. Late is considered as half a strike, leave early is also considered as half a strike. Absent counts as a full strike. If you get two strikes you wo'nt get paid that month.
- F. Board of trustees meeting on 42nd street CUNY Central is tomorrow.
- G. Final strategic planning committee meeting is this . They will decide main points that they will focus on. I serve as a student representative on that so please let me know if you have any information you want to bring up to be their goals for the next five years.
- H. Next question is whether you guys would like to have final senate meeting on December 5th or December 12th. BOD matter would have to get approved on our December 5th meeting. We wouldn't have any items for December 12th.
 1. **Tarak:** Aren't we required to have both anyway?
 2. **Isabel:** December 5th is definitely going to happen for BOD matters. But the December 12th meeting only happens if we have other things to present or pass.
 3. **Zakari:** So why have it ?
 4. **Isabel:** If there are any reports.
 5. **Erica:** I have a report but if no one else has one then let's not have a meeting.
 6. **Tarak:** We should still have it if it's short.
 7. **Isabel:** Okay so we will have our last meeting on December 12th.

II. Suzanna Egan | Executive Treasurer

- A. Women in Islam did not receive their reimbursement for a voucher they submitted last June. I want to propose to allow them to use that money this semester- total of \$280.88.
 1. **Rachel:** I think it's fair as long as they have the proper paperwork.
 2. **Arvis:** I know budgets are based on last year, will that affect budget?
 3. **Suzanna:** No.
 4. **Isabel:** Motion to allow Women in Islam to pay receipt from last semester of \$280.88. Motion Passes: 18-0-0.

III. Frances Subervi | VP of Campus Affairs

- A. Sustainability proposal. Committee chair Nico here to speak.
 1. **Nico:** Hi everyone. Development plan coming up soon, working on getting some environmentally focused initiatives. Brought revised version of the proposal for you to take a look at. Also have letter of support, if you agree you can sign this letter. Helpful to

include this. Also, we have research from the psychology department and it's serious stuff students care about. Support from the ticker and some other clubs so just looking for your support.

2. **Isabel:** Issues of climate change will be incorporated into classes?
 3. **Nico:** Yes, these are just some ideas. Pro having a focus on climate change.
 4. **Nico:** All schools have counsel on sustainability, framework that explains how they're going to reduce their carbon, except CUNYs. Real opportunity for Baruch to show some leadership and potentially have other CUNYs pick up on it. Project leadership across all campuses.
 5. **Zakari:** You're aiming for a dedicated focus on all classrooms, so how would the committee implement that in accounting for example? Will it be course specific?
 6. **Nico:** Administration will be clear with professors stating they need to include it. Not trying to push any political agendas, but just trying to open it up. Important to be aware of these issues.
 7. **Zakari:** It states facilitate student internships? Do you have any non-profit organizations supporting this?
 8. **Nico:** Working with Daniel on attaining some prime outside organizations, mayor and entire legislative government is pro-environments so it's not hard to find initiatives that work with this.
 9. **Daniel:** Legislative and campus affairs working with Nico to make sure elected officials are on board with it. Making sure our new counsel is on board with it and supporting.
 10. **Lin:** Are we going to add required course to students?
 11. **Nico:** That would be more of phase 2 development. Some people may be opposed so we have to discuss it. For now, the most crucial step is to just include it into the classes that exist. Pushing professors to include the topic.
 12. **Isabel:** Right now it's more of the general ideas and focuses, something that's important to the students. Next step is how it'll be implemented in the next 5 years. If they agree it should be included then that's what will happen.
 13. **Frances:** We already offer climate change courses.
 14. **Nico:** We offer about 15 but problem is students don't even know about it so they're missing out. At graduate level Baruch is doing some work for climate focus. This is more for undergraduate where it's lacking.
 15. **Isabel:** I think it's important for business students to be aware of environmental issues.
 16. **Hamed:** Is the 17 lex aligned with sustainability measures?
 17. **Frances:** Yes and no, more focused on accessibility for the disabled and some sustainability.
 18. **Nico:** Certain initiatives on campus that target energy inefficiency. But there's no talk about it, so part of this is to put it out there. Also, in 17 lex there is a specific environmental overlook of the project.
 19. **Nico:** Would like individual signatures and in general a consensus on the proposal.
 20. **Brandon:** Motion to back sustainability and climate change proposal. Motion Passes: 18-0-0.
 21. **Isabel:** (To Nico) \$45,000 allotted for sustainability, anything in mind?
 22. **Nico:** Will be thought about next semester.
 23. **Isabel:** Committee started?
 24. **Nico:** No, will be started next semester.
- B. Events coming up: This Thursday pop-up event. Need performers so if you know any please let me know. Thank you Arvis for helping out because he paid for some stuff. Winter wonderland is

next Thursday, Monday we want everyone here to share the page. We do need help, no specifics. Any performers (holiday theme) please let me know. Thespian club wants to perform mean girls club but they want two guys from the table.

1. **Erica:** What time are you beginning set up?
2. **Frances:** Simple stuff, not anything crazy.
3. **Derny:** Songs? They can't mention Christmas?
4. **Frances:** They can be winter themed but not Christmassy. So if you have any performer suggestions please let me know.

IV. **Brandon Paillere | Chair of the Arts Committee**

- A. Legislative theatre workshop by Zeyneb, this Thursday. If you want to input your ideas please come.
- B. December 4th-8th is Next to Normal, student run production happening in Bernie west theatre.
- C. The Arts initiative by the arts committee. Came about by seeing amazing talent at Baruch they just need the right resources to get them started. Want to create this institution that provides guidance, creative space and record label without contracts or monetary collateral. Main goal is to promote arts throughout Baruch. Services: Legal & Distribution, A & R, Networking, Artist development, creative, marketing, and management. Needed: Departmental support (we will have it by next semester), senate support, manpower, location. Permanent location on campus, not available on campus so we're going to have events and book rooms during cub hours.
 1. **Isabel:** Sustainability wise, I know you have someone currently with all the equipment, but moving forward that won't always be available so how would that be dealt with?
 2. **Brandon:** Partnering with music department for that to happen.
 3. **Damali:** Suggest since you guys are putting your names behind all of these artists so find some kind of disclaimer that say purpose is to promote the artist not to necessarily support what they're saying. Sign leases that you are not professionals, so they don't sue.
- D. We want to shift culture at Baruch through this initiative, if we let people know that these artists come from Baruch to give us a good name, people will come based on that.
 1. **Alex:** Agency to promote artist, I don't know how many artist Baruch has but would it hurt to include models in there?
 2. **Brandon:** We do have different departments in my committee which all do individual initiatives, models would be under fashion.
 3. **Hamed:** Promotional initiative, would it reach other mediums or just singing.
 4. **Brandon:** If you're promoting an artist you need all forms of art. So everyone will be incorporated.
 5. **Derny:** You want to select 2/3 artists? How are you selecting them?
 6. **Brandon:** Just by word of mouth, go through the process of determining if they're good enough and screening the first few ones.

V. **Daniel Morote | VP of Legislative Affairs**

- A. CUNY DREAMers came to cuny senate meeting, last week they came to another cuny senate meeting asking for funding conversation pushed back to this week's meeting.
 1. **Gaby (CUNY DREAMers Representation):** Cuny dreamers meets once a month, what are our resources?
 2. **Molly:** Legal help, scholarships, at some events there are some administrators from CUNY.
 3. **Cecilia:** Transferred one year ago, I'm part of CUNY DREAMers we're facing a very difficult time right now, president has decided to eliminate DACA. DACA is a work

permit some people have. Some of them have DACA still but will only be able to work for a few months. Some of them are still in school and fearing for what will be their future.

4. **Gaby:** This situation is very frustrating. We have these printouts for you guys. We are asking for formal recognition from the CUNY Senate.
5. **Daniel:** Upcoming CUNY senate meeting, we want to get support of Baruch USG since it will be discussed this week. We want to make sure Baruch is there and representing. After our keep the dream alive event we saw a community of students facing these challenges.
6. **Isabel:** Being recognized by USS; what benefit does that provide?
7. **Cecilia:** Getting our own bank accounts to receive funding. CUNY DREAMers gave me that support that I needed, it's important for USS to formally recognize CUNY DREAMers as an organization.
8. **Daniel:** Asking for your support at the Sunday meeting.
9. **Cecilia:** CUNY DREAMers is all by their own work, they haven't received that support from CUNY. Students and myself, doing all this work without having any support from CUNY.
10. **Nicole:** Time?
11. **Daniel:** Community college in front of Bryant park, 12 P.M. on Sunday December 3rd. 12-1 P.M.
12. **Frances:** Formal wear?

Arseny leaves at 6:41 P.M.

13. **Daniel:** Any attire is fine.
 14. **Cecilia:** CUNY Senate was putting excuses because they weren't sure if it's legitimate.
 15. **Daniel:** They didn't know their work ethic that's why they wanted to table it.
 16. **Erica:** Is it a committee?
 17. **Daniel:** The committee is assembled.
 18. **Zakari:** CUNY Senate is the USS right? (Yes). 2 votes per school basically, what does us coming do for you exactly? How will we put forward that sense of urgency?
 19. **Daniel:** Final decision will be made Sunday and we are working with other CUNYs to come.
 20. **Gaby:** Cecilia and I are members but the people that are actually on board are at another campus right now taking initiative.
 21. **Isabel:** Committee on?
 22. **Daniel:** Committee on reviewing CUNY DREAMers. Ad hoc committee from USS, chair picked senators from some colleges.
 23. **Zakari:** Open up a private account, but what are some ways we can get involved if CUNY Senate doesn't pass it.
 24. **Cecilia:** We just receive donations we can't fundraise.
 25. **Damali:** Because they're not recognized by CUNY they cannot fundraise with the Baruch name.
 26. **Daniel:** 12 P.M. December 3rd, 4th floor across Bryant park. Names taken down.
- B. Town hall is next Tuesday December 5th in bearcat den. Everyone has to be there because we'll be answering questions from our constituents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. Isabel Arias | Vacant Spot on Auxiliary Board

- A. One spot available for the auxiliary board, they work to approve any revenue generating activities in Baruch College. Meet once a semester or maybe twice. It's a board for USG. If you guys have anyone that would be interested please let me know.
 1. **Damali:** Don't meet often but they make important decisions.
 2. **Isabel:** Want to nominate next week so please let me know by next week. Submit any names and we'll review and nominate someone.

II. Brandon Paillere | USG Apparels

- A. Designing jean jacket, very wild at the moment. We also want to incorporate beanie. Plain basic t-shirt as well.

III. Daniel Morote | Accessibility Committee

- A. Accessibility committee, does anyone know anybody that would be fit to be chair of this committee? Please bring your suggestions next week.
 1. **Suleman:** Wouldn't this fall under campus affairs?
 2. **Isabel:** Someone who could relate more that knows the struggles. But my suggestion would be to have campus affairs collaborate with accessibility services office.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Arvis Chen | Decor

- A. What if we decorate infrastructure of Baruch with winter wonderland.
 1. **Damali:** No stickers, not a bad idea, but please tell me all your ideas so we can speak about it.
 2. **Frances:** My concern was money wise.
 3. **Erica:** Decorating USG Suite, to reach outside this area seems too much. My committee working on doing this hallways and doing club suite area (lights, snowflakes).
 4. **Damali:** Please talk to me once your ideas are together, include how much it will cost, BNG overtime also vendors list.
 5. **Hamed:** What decorations are not allowed?
 6. **Damali:** Anything religious.
 7. **Isabel:** Where flags hang, you could put it in that area.

ADJOURNMENT

- I. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #14 at 7:13 P.M by Zakari Abubakar. Motion Passes 17-0-0.