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Senate Meeting #22

Meeting Date:	March 6th, 2018	Meeting Time:	5:30 P.M. - 7:51 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
Andrew Windsor Chair of The Constitutional Review Committee	Arvis Chen Chair of Clubs & Organizations
Brandon Paillere Chair of The Arts Committee	David Barros Chair of Finance
Emma Jorgensen Chair of Appeals	Nicole Taniguchi Chair of Marketing
Rachel Liang Chair of Graphic Design	Aaron D'Souza Representative Senator
Alex Dimcevski Representative Senator	Arseny Averyanov Representative Senator
Carlton Maddix Representative Senator	Brian Ronquillo Representative Senator
Hamed Doumbia Representative Senator	Lin Lin Representative Senator

Meeting begins at 5:30 P.M.

PASSING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes #21: Motion Passes 16-0-0.

Lin walks in 5:31 P.M.

REPORTS

I. Brandy Peer | Associate Community Standards

- A. Damali: Based on behavior I've seen and that has been reported to me, I've realized that some behaviors have skirted on the line of violating this school policy and I wanted Brandy to cover the Henderson Rules and school code of conduct because it's a problem and I want you guys to be aware of behaviors that are allowed. People reported to me will be reported to the dean of students office, I don't want anyone to end up in that situation.
- B. Brandy: How many people are familiar with henderson rules of public order? CUNY rules and regulations, as conduct officer, if any students get in trouble we refer to these to see what conducts have been violated.

Daniel walks in 5:33 P.M.

- C. It's on the CUNY website. Role expectations and responsibilities of all people on campus, not just students. Expectation of the behavior we must adhere to. If you ever feel your rights are being violated you come find me, as a student it is expected you get your academic education in a comfortable environment. If anyone comes up to you and disrespects you in any way, you have rights as students and I make sure to hold those people accountable. Make sure to read these henderson rules. If a student's rights are violated, if someone reports to me another student is harassing them, it is my job to conduct that investigation. Social media helps my job, we got IG, SC, Groupme, whatsapp. Once it's put in writing, it's now aggravated harassment. You could be dealing with potentially NYPD, small for them, but not so small in school. You pay to go here, not to get harrassed. We want to make sure that all students are treated fairly and feeling comfortably. If not, you find me and that's where the investigation begins. I hold those people who are not abiding by these rules accountable. If at any point, there are issues that come up, my room is upstairs 3-175.

- 1. Andrew: what kind of words can be construed as that?

Arseny walks in at 5:37 P.M.

- 2. Brandy: All about perception, not necessarily what is said but more about how is it making me feel. You have to be mindful of the words you say.
- 3. Damali: If you wouldn't do it in a business interaction, don't do it here. We had a case when a USG person sent an email to all students where she called them all a name and she got reprimanded because one of the students felt offended by the word. It's also about frequency, issue being texted 17 times has now escalated. Anything in your capacity with USG makes you a target.
- 4. Brandy: You are held at a higher expectation. Even though you mean it is a joke, it could be offensive. Just don't say it if you ought to think about it. This is a business/ work space. Present to the student body a professional front, not just a front but actual professionalism. What do you want the student body to see? You're representing yourself as unprofessional but you want them to see you as professional, so think about those things.
- 5. Arvis: Code of conduct for henderson rule?
- 6. Brandy: If you go on baruch page and google student conduct, you'll get the student conduct page. PDF version of henderson rules and the procedure for investigation. There's a chart that shows all that, 11 rules on the henderson rules. Also, "Each member of the academic community or an invited guest has the right to advocate their position

without having to fear abuse, physical, verbal, or otherwise, from others' supporting conflicting points of view. Members of the academic community and other persons on the college grounds shall not use language or take actions reasonably likely to provoke or encourage physical violence by demonstrators, those demonstrated against, or spectators." If I feel you are interfering my ability to do that, that's hindering my right. There are consequences listed on there, all the way to expulsion (not being allowed back to Baruch).

II. Isabel Arias | President

- A. Blood drive taking place on Monday March 12th and Tuesday March 13th 11-7pm in theMPR. Goal of 200 donations, *shows video* If you guys get a chance to stop by, and encourage your friends.
- B. Also, Ronni from the alumni department came by for first part of 100 day celebration. Alumni panel tuesday March 20th 6-9pm BPAC, wanted to see if anyone is available to help out that day?
- C. Was speaking with welcome center about some of their admitted student events. 2 events this month for admitted students; 1 of them is only for honor students (help out if you're honor), 2nd event on ____.

III. Andrew Windsor/Liam Giordano | Constitutional Review Committee

- A. Andrew: Emailed you guys the written explanations of the PowerPoint. Our committee met last week, passed two amendments. This is a recap of what was on the original proposal.
- B. Liam: 7 steps in order to amend constitution, this would be step 5. To go forward on first step, assembling interested students, we had 3 meetings. 25-35 people that were interested and had fb group chat. Any questions? Thank Erica for making these basic posters, these are the flyers we posted around the school. Identifying areas of concern within the constitution was the second step. We found some of these were too complex or too many loopholes. We decided to pass only two proposals; USG spending and absences. We decided on these because, students are concerned with USG spending (reports on the ticker about usg spending).
 - 1. Arseny: go back to last slide, you were only going to focus on a and b because it's harder, but b3 seems like c.
 - 2. Andrew: Looking over budget, you cannot access usg budget unless you have a usg baruch account. That was something that we thought we would bring up today.
 - 3. Liam: when we were exploring roles of representative senators, should they have to attend x amount of events or attend x amount of club events because according to constitution they just have to show up to meetings
 - 4. Andrew: Not even, they don't have to show up or vote. Focusing on this can make it a constitutional duty.
- C. Liam: Generally, we explored usg spending, when senator proposes event to spend money by USG, as it is now only president and treasurer have to approve we thought it'd be a good idea to have the table vote on it if it goes over \$1,000. Second is based on absences, x amount of absences allowed for senate to abide by. We took the wording of the constitution as it is now, bold text is what we added now. *Wording read out loud*. Absence amendment.
 - 1. Arvis: I know we also have lateness rule as well?
 - 2. Deryn: This is for next year's USG, what we installed last semester they don't have to continue for next year.
 - 3. Isabel: what accounts for 50%?
 - 4. Liam: Should be on the minutes, students will be able to see.
 - 5. Deryn: also applies if the meeting already started and you come in right

6. Liam: Exactly
- D. Liam: We're just taking what's on the constitution already and just defining it.
 1. Andrew: Must be approved by USG, so this year's USG imagine, April 2018 and there's a winner for next year's usg they come to us in may 2018 and we give a budget for next years usg and after that the president and treasurer can spend whatever they want, but what we want to do is expand it to the table to make things more transparent.
 2. Razieh: USG votes for 2018, is that the fiscal budget?
 3. Liam: Yes, Proposed USG budget checked out by administration already.
 4. Andrew: Next year's USG can spend it after last USG's approves
 5. Damli: how would you do for summer events?
 6. Andrew: summer and winter not required, but you could make them official by just declaring it.
 7. Isabel: there's a lot of events over the summer, that we would have to have meetings for and people go away over the summer.
 8. Andrew: Right but that goes against your responsibilities.
 9. Alex: What if you're living out of state for the summer?
 10. Liam: But regardless of this, you're not representing the students, if you can't make those meetings if you're willfully left for the summer.
 11. Alex: You are missing representation from those senators that have left for the summer.
 12. Emma: You are saying someone who lives out of state can't represent those students because they can't do their job
 13. Damali: Did you think about the reason why summer meetings are not required? You are taking away an opportunity from students who are not able to make it because they are out for work, students don't have the luxury to not work over the summer. Now there is no programming for the students who are here over the summer, the events that happen for baruch students who take classes in the summer. It's not just people that are on vacation having fun, figure out a way to either do it by proxy or think about a way to make it accessible.
 14. Nicole: Genuinely not sure for the meetings if they senators have to physically here or do webchat?
 15. Andrew: No they have to be physically here.
 16. Andrew: term starts July 1st, that's why we do summer events.
 17. Damali: Why are they not required?
 18. Andrew: because most students don't have classes during summer/
 19. Arsney: you would want only people to run that could be present through every single meeting?
 20. Liam: It's something we should have thought about, ultimately the goal that was brought up in our committee was to define the responsibilities of senators, maybe we could work on other areas on the constitution.
 21. Andrew: we could amend this right now.
 22. Arseny: this initiative is more about transparency, let's say someone has an event over \$1,000 without having table know about, does it have to be by the table or could it just be discussed soft vote for the president and treasurer to take that into consideration. Can the president and treasurer overrule if the table makes a decision?
 23. Andrew: No, they have the veto. No power to increase or decrease the dollar amount that the senate approve.

24. Emma: Say I plan an event, homecoming example, finish senate meeting tuesday and voted on things, but let's say I have this other \$1000 expenditure should I just cancel homecoming?
25. Andrew: how many times has there been emergency funding? You'll be doing weeks and months in advance so that it's more in a timely manner.
26. Liam: Inherently create a sense of thoroughness, thought in advance. Whole idea is present it to you guys and have you guys decide.
27. Emma: Even if it is the person's fault we shouldn't cancel homecoming.
28. Andrew: Has there ever been a time when you need to do an emergency funding? When a club comes to us last minute, we don't allow that.
29. Isabel: But USG is not a club, you say that all the time.
30. Andrew: of course it's not but I think we should go through the same process.
31. Damali: bearcats on ice when it was snowing and students had to order hats / mittens/ hot chocolate, it was a last minute expenditure.
32. Andrew: then you could do something on the next meeting and allow it.
33. Carlton: what happens in the case where the senate over allocates funding for an event where it's not fit. Do they veto allocation?
34. Carlton: treasurer /president would have to do research, making them clash with individual event..
35. Liam: They are just to approve not plan.
36. Alex: There should be some kind of way to enable people to vote by proxy.
37. Liam: we could definitely explore proxy option, I don't see why that would be an issue.
38. Nicole: We are talking in circles, propose ways that we could change this?
39. Andrew: senate should vote in official meetings.
40. Suzanna: Could this be interpreted as you have to wait for official meetings?
41. Damali: This excludes summer programming?
42. Andrew: Senate shall vote during fall and spring semester on proposal made by fellow USG members, excluding summer and winter programming.
43. Emma: I don't like the fact that we wouldn't be able to do emergency fund. Last minute finals week, spend my own money out of pocket and then have the senate vote on it.
44. Razieh: If that's the case what the purpose of senate voting? They could retroactively, wait till last minute and spend then knowing it could be approved at the next meeting.
45. Andrew: Then you risk not getting reimbursed.
46. Razieh: Issue across cuny, cuny task force looking into constitution and who cunys are spending. You want to be careful about this. Board of trustees meeting next monday. They are going to vote on what they want to see as a change, they are going to propose something.
47. Liam: We want to make this as comprehensible as possible.
48. Andrew: I can say that anybody overlooking this would be comfortable with a senate table approving the funding.
49. Damali: not the issue with the student activity fee, not every school has association board of directors. Baruch does not have the airmarks. This addition is going to be more difficult for you guys. Making it more difficult for USG to provide services and programming, adding another layer. Programming to the students are cut, we have oversighted ourselves.
50. Liam: We don't foresee that being a problem, I don't think it will impede from events. We thought it would just make senators be more prepared weeks in advance. At least if it's publicly announced, senators will be able to voice their opinions. Have senators work

together with a more thorough aspect and also force people to be aware and conscious of the spending.

51. Carlton: We're having senators intervene in other senators ideas. What if one individual has a vision and the senate does not agree, we're blocking people.
52. Suzanna: This all seems like administration from that year's current USG.
53. Andrew: What if the club had a certain vision, should the president and treasurer allow it?
54. Emma: Appeals, some interesting events that not everyone agrees but I will still entertain the idea.
55. Daniel: Are we allowed to give this proposal back to the committee so they could review it?
56. Isabel: It's up to them at that point if they want to overview it and edit it.
57. All in for first amendment Soft-vote fails: 4-11.

E. Second amendment

1. Liam: Second amendment,
2. Isabel: Looking at absences and lateness, important to note that it's not fair.
3. Liam: Grounds for impeachment, we just wanted to make it so that if someone is abusing these then they could be brought up. Just to make it binding.
4. Isabel: In the constitution it only says, there are students taking class at 7:30 since there's nothing against that in the constitution.
5. Andrew: This would be for next year's USG so anyone being elected would know that it may risk them being 50% absent to the meetings. Regardless, it is left up to the table to determine whether the senator has a valid excuse for missing consecutive meetings.
6. Deryn: If you have more than 50% of absence in first semesters and you weren't impeached, can the senate say you could get impeached in spring semester?
7. Andrew: Yes, this is only saying you get 4 absences per semester but the senate is allowed to go try and impeach someone even if it's the next semester. You could miss all 12 meetings but the senate may still not do anything to you.
8. Emma: The 50/50 is iffy, 4 absences thing is good, 50% could be left to the USG of that year. We've had really short meetings sometimes, too many loopholes around that.
9. Arseny: E-board doesn't vote so they could miss?
10. Andrew: Yup it doesn't apply to them.
11. Liam: We could omit the 50% perhaps, because there is already ground for misconduct.
12. Soft vote passes on whether or not we should take out the 50% portion.
13. Arseny: a lot of the voting happens at a certain time period, you could miss casting a vote, USG eligible to cast a vote.
14. Andrew: only included that part to exclude e-board.

F. Liam: This was the reason for our amendments, the goals are listed here.

1. Andrew: Motion to amend article IX Section 1A.
 - a) Motion Passes: 18-0-0.

IV. Erica Yang | VP of Student Services

A. Bearcats on Ice this Thursday, handing out hats. We're out of tickets.

1. Nicole: Contingency plan?
2. Damali: I don't think there's a contingency, we've had it regardless of the weather.
3. Erica: If you have a ticket and you're not going you can just give it to someone else.
4. Brandon: Do you need help?
5. Erica: Perhaps day of.

V. Frances Subervi | VP of Campus Affairs

- A. Nico: Document on ideas, proposal regarding climate change. This is the first step, one is to erect the tree on the entrance of nvc, right now it's full of rocks. That was intended to be used for planting a tree. It would be neat to have a tree there. Greenify the interior of baruch, exploring the idea of a green wall; wall that is covered with plants living organic material not only aesthetically pleasing, cleans air and dampens noise, increases value of building. Main two pushed to greenify baruch.
1. Emma: Green wall in front of the window of the cafeteria?
 2. Nico: Next to the statute of bernard baruch, somewhere high up in the air and still impactful. 8 by 12 feet, everyone would see it.
 3. Andrew: Low on funding? Asking people?
 4. Nico: Yes looking for potential donors, next meeting with president and see if he could give us some guidance. Quote for green wall \$15,000, maintenance fees which is \$2,000 a year, expensive but it's a great cause. \$2000 tree, we could get free trees donated by the conservatory of New York.
 5. Suleman: Maintenance of walls?
 6. Nico: Yes, would work for a viable option to maintain this over the years?
 7. Lin: Maybe we could have clubs volunteer?
 8. Nico: I appreciate the idea but this is very special, we have to bring professionals to make sure they are alive.
 9. Frances: We don't know the next usg, or if they would think it's important?
 10. Carlton: What about the empty square areas?
 11. Frances: They are already working on that.
 12. Nico: If this would be an idea you would support, if we could get a consensus.
 13. Nico: Committee money, and then get other donors.
 14. Suleman: You are now asking for our vote?
 15. Isabel: It would be a soft-vote.
 16. Frances: My one and only concern, there's so many students going through asthma, falls, complaints because of 17 lex. So this \$10,000 can go to the students right now and sustainability could find that money elsewhere.
 17. Damali: I agree with Frances, but for Nico to go through with this he has to get approved by Eco committee, he doesn't want to waste his time if this is something USG is not interested in.
 18. Arseny: Tree idea good, green wall is not the best place, people run by it. People would not appreciate the effort you are trying to put into this.
 19. Nico: Contractor looked at entire school, not enough wall space, only spot that most people could see it. Because it's right by the Baruch statue it would complement the space really nicely. Forward motion, screen wall, there's also lighting on top of the green wall.
 20. Arseny: Keep in mind plants that people have allergies to.
 21. Isabel: Last BOD meeting they talked about surplus, there would be enough to create the green wall if it wasn't something that would be able to come out of here.
 22. Aaron: Green wall, novelty thing, trying to find funds for maintenance would maybe die off.
 23. Nico: This project has to be sustainable in itself, speak to people who could maintain this for 10/15 years so that in the long term this is maintained.
 24. Arseny: New feature to baruch college, it would encourage people to want to take classes in sustainability, it's going to get students to partake in the movement.
 25. Nico: 100% , there will be a plaque explaining to inspire students.

26. Daniel: Donations, sustainability has already reached out to any donors or parks?
27. Nico: They could probably help with the parks, for the donors it would be someone else. We're not looking at organizations per say, but people who are in Baruch and have money and want to spend it in a meaningful way.
28. Arseny: would you move forward even if you don't get maintenance fee funds? Assuming you will have to secure maintenance fee
29. Nico: Yes
30. Arseny: It wouldn't be hard to be able to find that money.
31. All in favor Soft vote: 17-2.

VI. Jasper Diaz | USS Senator

- A. Myself an graduate student veteran president and daniel, arvis helped review process. Basically we have spoken with Eric Cuomo, legislation already been vetted, 75 million to provide metrocards, not cover metrocard for everyone but at least for those who need it. Funding for research and development. Dividends in place, some utilities expected to pass onto the consumer.
 1. Deryn: \$15 per ton of carbon emission? Who's paying?
 2. Jasper: Calculated by 3 different organizations, strictly on the utility, as carbon emissions decrease. Corporate utility, passed on to the consumer.
 3. Deryn: Estimated number of how much in total they are going to make from this tax?
 4. Jasper: hit bipartisan support from both republican and democrats
 5. Brandon: talked about student art of these metrocards? If it could feature cuny artists?
 6. Jasper: MTA would expect us to cover a specific costs, metrocard to public school students, MTA will cover certain percentage. Art on metrocards could be possible.
 7. Deryn: There's going to be a surplus of money?
 8. Jasper: GSA supported this, understand that this is a big decision so I Don't know how the table feels.
 9. Mark: Could it be available to community college?
 10. Jasper: Yes
 11. Deryn: Anyway that we can increase this 75 million, ran through it and it would only cover about 2500 students
 12. Jasper: Yes but MTA might give some more, this amount was actually proposed by my council member.
 13. Arseny: How much is really \$15 to a corporation, is it a lot for them to bare? I'm worried about hike of prices, most students would not be benefiting from this at all, \$400 dividend per year, that's like nothing.
 14. Mark: There are programs for low income houses, services we offer for student already available. Maybe this could focus on programs that are already up and running?
 15. Deryn: This will not be taking people out of poverty but just benefitting some people.
 16. Jasper: If the vote fails, I will come back next week and take everyone's concern.
 17. Soft vot Passes: 14-2
- B. Voting member of board of trustees boarding meetings, auditory that were approved. Jane Chu is a donor. Facilities committee bot increase approved amount from 13.5 to 14.75. They are renovating 2 elevators at a time. If they are going to renovate entire building, been divided into phases. Fiscal affairs committee, audit committee KPMG delivered their audit, no major issues found apart from some compliance concerns. Because I'm not a member of the Board of Trustees not able to stay for executive session.
 1. Liam: Compliance issue?
 2. Jasper: It's on the report, I could show it to you afterwards.

3. Jasper: Next week senate forum will be presenting a new resolution.
 4. Andrew: Sum up your report and send it to us later?
- C. USS meeting, voted in support of a resolution about student activity fee, wouldn't impact baruch as much.
1. Emma: There are also recordings of this online.
- D. Razieh is a great delegate, shows up to all meetings. BOT meeting next monday at brooklyn college. Sending out email to mobilize students to these meetings. I will send out an email for that. SOMOS Conference weekend.
- E. Reaffirm my lobbying, meeting went well with Eric Cuomo.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. Arseny Averyanov | Pool Tables

- A. Foosball tables are being looked into but the pool tables are pretty much trash though. How would one go about replacing them?
1. Daniel: there's actually a fund for these tables, foosball tables need a little more.
 2. Damali: You guys put in money for foosball table.
 3. Arseny: And for the pool tables?
 4. Damali: If you want to replace the pool tables, do it through USG surplus or go through general BOD surplus.
 5. Arseny: Who should I go to?
 6. Damali: Suzanna.
 7. Carlton: Can the printers in club room be set up so that they are like library set up? And can they have color printers? Can clubs have a budget for printing?
 8. Frances: They do have a budget
 9. Damali: We could send an email to arthur downing

II. Jasper Diaz | Update

- A. Letter from governor, voter registration driver effort similar to some kind of competition.
1. Damali: I have a bus that's going to somos from baruch, day trip an assembly provided a bus.
- B. SOMOS Conference: group of legislators, hispanic legislative caucus. There are various workshops, conference, similar to caucus weekend. It's on Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Isabel Arias | Update

- A. United sikh association invited us to javo night.
- B. Andrew: March 2nd deadline conversation with the provost.
1. Isabel: I emailed him letting him know we had done the survey for the week and we were going to continue it for the rest of the semester, screenshots of the results. Resolution that was provided by the senate was also sent to him. Requested a follow up meeting, don't have a date for it yet.

- C. Open senate seat, we will be opening up the application tonight, open for 2 weeks. We could do election march 27.
 - 1. Andrew: We haven't made it public before this meeting?
 - 2. Isabel: No, it hasn't been made public yet.
 - 3. Andrew: Would rather do it the 27 before spring break so they have time to get their agenda across.
 - 4. Isabel: Ok So we close it on the 20th at midnight, do interviews the 27 senate meeting and do in house election.
- D. Some of you may know , applications for student gov elections for next year have just opened up, closing on the 16th. This area is a completely neutral zone, no campaigning allowed here , no meetings. This area needs to stay supportive or neutral. Open right now.
 - 1. Andrew: To Savanna, so our amendment would be due the same day as candidates running?
 - 2. Savanna: Yes, but you could petition.
 - 3. Arvis: So we can't vote?
 - 4. Isabel: No, you should vote, just that this area is neutral because you are currently serving this USG.
 - 5. Razieh: Is that only this area or club area as well?
 - 6. Isabel: Guidelines on the application.
 - 7. Damali: No one should be campaigning yet, if you want a place to meet, contact Savanna.

II. Daniel Morote | USS Event

- A. Inviting activist and other political leaders to join us in a networking session, more information as time comes by.
 - 1. Jasper: USS will cover the food, probably be on a wednesday, maybe in the MPR.

III. Deryn Fleurima | Bash Committee Update

- A. My committee will be going to 3 different venues this Friday, between 12 and 12:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

- I. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #22 at 7:51 P.M. by Andrew Windsor. Motion Passes 17-0-0.