

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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## Senate Meeting #26

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 10th, 2018	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	5:30 P.M. - 6:40 P.M.
<b>Location:</b>	USG Conference Room	<b>Note Taker:</b>	Andrea Valverde

<b>Attendees:</b>	
<b>Isabel Arias   President</b>	<b>Derny Fleurima   Executive Vice President</b>
<b>Andrea Valverde   Executive Secretary</b>	<b>Suzanna Egan   Executive Treasurer</b>
<b>Daniel Morote   VP of Legislative Affairs</b>	<b>[ABSENT] Erica Yang   VP of Student Services</b>
<b>[ABSENT] Frances Subervi   VP of Campus Affairs</b>	<b>Andrew Windsor   Chair of The Constitutional Review Committee</b>
<b>Arvis Chen   Chair of Clubs &amp; Organizations</b>	<b>Brandon Paillere   Chair of The Arts Committee</b>
<b>Emma Jorgensen   Chair of Appeals</b>	<b>David Barros   Chair of Finance</b>
<b>[ABSENT] Rachel Liang   Chair of Graphic Design</b>	<b>[ABSENT] Nicole Taniguchi   Chair of Marketing</b>
<b>[ABSENT] Alex Dimcevski   Representative Senator</b>	<b>Aaron D'Souza   Representative Senator</b>
<b>Carlton Maddix   Representative Senator</b>	<b>Arseny Averyanov   Representative Senator</b>
<b>Hamed Doumbia   Representative Senator</b>	<b>Brian Ronquillo   Representative Senator</b>
<b>[ABSENT] Lin Lin   Representative Senator</b>	<b>Mark Vilk   Representative Senator</b>

\*Meeting begins at 5:30 P.M.\*

## PASSING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes #25: Motion Passes 11-0-1.

## REPORTS

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### I. Carlton Maddix | Representative Senator

- A. Public interest research group, came in to inform us and the rest of colleges that there will be a new board of directors system where the student activity fee will have to go through the BoD to make external purchases. Queens College pro-life issue, wanted Baruch support in protesting with proposed changes to school system. Wanted to have a debate on the fact that we should stand with an issue like this. Wanted to open up discussion with support with other speeches in free speech matter and the student activity fee.
1. Andrew: Can you delve into free speech issue?
  2. Isabel: Generally, there was an incident at Queens College, pro-life group that was having demonstrations across campus that were very anti-abortion. They were not in favor of what this group was promoting so they were not allocated enough money.
  3. Andrew: Has she given us anything hard to work with?
  4. Carlton: Proposing a possible protest of this, they would like to use the Baruch plaza to set up this protest. We have not given back any firm yes or no, still gathering information.
  5. Daniel: Grabbed her business card to gather more info, make sure it is done in a way that it could promote change.
  6. Carlton: Smitha Ann Varghese; I'm in contact with her. She's going around to other CUNYs to also voice this issue.
  7. Deryn: Is there a timeline that she has to schedule protest?
  8. Carlton: She wanted to expedite it to around end of April timeline?
  9. Isabel: They've done a lot of protests in the plaza before and typically they align with BoT meeting.
  10. Arseny: Protest which issue?
  11. Carlton: Both issues.
  12. Arseny: What exactly were they doing on campus?
  13. Isabel: CUNY has addressed that what happened was not okay, main driving issue is the student activity fee and the BoD changing it. Not that much concern on the free speech issue. They're worried about the implications on what that would cause on future matters.
  14. Carlton: Whether or not we would support our CUNY colleges to not have BoD.
  15. Savanna: We have BoD and our student activity fee has airmarks, there are CUNYs who don't have that, it goes to a body that decides on all the matters.
  16. Daniel: 3 step process on how to display a message to support CUNY. Rally and a movement to protest in front of Cuomo's office. Then there will be an event to gather more members.
  17. Deryn: Carlton is asking if you guys feel comfortable with supporting a mission for a school to not have BOD when we have one already.
  18. Isabel: Student activity fee is administered by that specific college.
  19. Andrew: It's up to that school to decide how to handle that student activity fee, students most likely don't want to handle it by CUNY central. Support the school to fight CUNY on this stance.
  20. Savanna: It's not for CUNY to decide where the student activity fee goes, it's whether they have BOD or government body.

21. Andrew: We can have our stance, and have the presidents/USGs of other schools handle it at their own schools.
22. Deryn: Schools that don't have BOD, if there's no level of bureaucracy, there tends to be a problem like what happened at City College and Howard. That's just my position.
23. Aaron: Personally, I think every school should have a board of directors. Strange for student government to get their student activity fee and have to allocate it in other ways.
24. Deryn: Maybe instead of Baruch taking a stance on what their school should be doing, maybe offer her advice on how to go about it instead. Instead of Baruch USG to take a hard stance on yes or no.
25. Carlton: So I should take a neutral stance?
26. Arseny: We don't know what's best for their school, I don't think it should be happening on our campus specially since we have BOD.
27. Andrew: So are you asking if it would make us look hypocritical?
28. Arseny: Not hypocritical, but the point is not going to get across.
29. Isabel: It's a lot more beneficial to have it on this platform because I'm assuming they'll have it when there's a BOT meeting.
30. Andrew: If they're trying to "get the BOT to look at them" Then I could understand why they would want it here because there's a reason to have it on Baruch. That seems like a good idea.
31. Isabel: Let's first find out exactly what they're trying to protest, what's the exact message and what they're asking for.
32. Daniel: They were going to come next week with a PPT and explain everything to the table. CUNY Rising alliance meeting, if anyone want to be a part of it.
33. Isabel: USS is heavily involved in this issue. If any of you guys feel passionate they're always welcoming more people to join.

## II. Andrew Windsor | Chair of The Constitutional Review Committee

- A. Liam is co-chair of the committee, Mark, Steven, and Josh are vice chairs. Quick shout out to those people. 700 -1000 signatures right now. Thanks to Arseny, Andrea, Alex, Brandon, and also Erica. I was going to see if anybody else wanted to get 20-50 signatures. Our deadline is Monday but we want them all by Friday. We passed this unanimously so it would be great to have people get signatures. This is the last meeting before signatures are due. We need 1,600 signatures. If anyone else could step up we would really appreciate it. Again thank you to everyone else.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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### I. Andrew Windsor | CIA Question

- A. I asked about CIA, they came in with the deal for Baruch. Thursday before spring break, literally two days later I get an email from somebody from the Marines saying they're recruiting. I know CIA and Marines are different bodies of govt, but I am questioning whether they're getting the same access.
  1. Savanna: I wouldn't know, I'll ask Damali, follow up with it.
  2. Art King: Mass email?
  3. Andrew: Yeah

4. Savanna: Andrew please forward it to me.
- B. After resignation, unfortunately...
  1. Deryn: Sent you all the new link for the senator application, closes on the 24th, bring the candidates in on May 1st.
  2. Andrew: The only reason I had mentioned it, maybe this is just me but where did you send the link?
  3. Deryn: Just sent now.

## NEW BUSINESS

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### I. Emma Jorgensen | Question

- A. When is the faculty senate meeting?
  1. Isabel: Someone should go to that.
  2. Isabel: There is no voting occurring but we could send someone.
  3. Carlton: I'll be there, as usual!

### II. Brandon Paillere | Artathon Update

- A. Artathon on Thursday, April 12th; flyer is out, go to the 48 hour film challenge, 75 filmmakers registered, RSVP as of 4 PM it was 85 people; capacity is 130. Challenge ends tomorrow.
  1. Arseny: How many finalists, like a short film competition?
  2. Brandon: Yes.
- B. Update: Arts campaign centered around artathon, but changing to the last two weeks of the semester. NYMIA started their own version of their record label so they will be given the lead.
- C. Clothing- 5 people buying the USG apparel, if by Friday there is no improvement then it will not continue. April 26th chapter president coming in to speak and network with students.
  1. Andrew: Unrelated, but I remember you made a list of people of color involved in the entertainment industry; is there any update ?
  2. Brandon: That's for BPAC.
- D. Another event it's a cypher event but for rappers, keeping it lowkey, more updates on that soon.

### III. Arvis Chen | CUNY Startup

- A. Spoke to CUNY Startup for co-sponsorships that are under 100 dollars to giveaway. I will be interviewing new clubs that want to get started. Planning the bernies soon in May. They will need volunteers for the hosting of the event. Over spring break, I spoke to old chair of organizations, I decided against cultural event.

### IV. Aaron D'Souza | Basketballs Concern

- A. I asked administration about basketballs to rent because I know we have extra and the gym is always packed. Give in your ID to rent a basketball, but it won't happen this semester; something about trash was mentioned. Any way that the fitness center can hold basketballs?
  1. Andrew: So no basketball rentals because of trash in the court?
  2. Aaron: Yes it is an issue.
  3. Art King: We lost 17th lex and now we only have this court, the trash is not a problem but the issue is timing, not trash. That has to be worked out. So there can be a time for people to play.
  4. Savanna: The open gym times are open online, normally every monday and or friday.

5. Isabel: Normally doors are locked.

**V. Daniel Morote | Alternative Identification**

- A. General announcement about alternative form of Identification Card. Originally created for undocumented New Yorker, these are available to all New York City residents. Benefits include discount movie tickets and free museum passes. Fast and easy to obtain for residents, 20 minute process. Not accepted from airlines, although accepted in everyday use. \*Passed flyers onto senate table.\*

**VI. Mark Vilk | Dodgeball Tournament**

- A. There is a dodgeball tournament, we should make a team.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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- I. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #26 at 6:40 P.M. Motion Passes 12-0-0.