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## Senate Meeting #28

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 24th, 2018	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	5:30 P.M. - 7:39 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>Erica Yang   VP of Student Services</b>
<b>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>Rachel Liang   Chair of Graphic Design</b>	<b>[ABSENT] Nicole Taniguchi   Chair of Marketing</b>
<b>Aaron D'Souza   Representative Senator</b>	<b>[ABSENT] Arseny Averyanov   Representative Senator</b>
<b>Brian Ronquillo   Representative Senator</b>	<b>Carlton Maddix   Representative Senator</b>
<b>Hamed Doumbia   Representative Senator</b>	<b>Lin Lin   Representative Senator</b>
<b>Mark Vilck   Representative Senator</b>	

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

## PASSING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes #27: Motion Passes 14-0-0.

## REPORTS

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

- A. Sent you all the new resolution, a recommendation instead of condemnation, from Hillel.
  1. Club: What happened was some of the wording used wasn't too appropriate so we've made a few edits. Long story short, proposal to have CUNY wide BDS as a vote and no one was made aware, us at Hillel want transparency. The information pretty much had to be leaked which is not something that should happen. Overnight we had 1,200 signatures on our petition to not have this happen. Hoping the USS has more transparency moving forward.
    - a) Damali: Could you provide an overview of the BDS Resolution?
    - b) Club: IPA, does not affect what the school does, no city wide operation could do operations that has partners with bds, tension. It's something that should be discussed.
    - c) Andrew: The recommendation itself has nothing to do with BDS, no mention of BDS in the resolution, it's just saying that they insist the USS be absolutely transparent in their goals. Baruch's USS Senators Jasper and Danny gave some insight. Everyone was blindsided by this. Hillel is asking we insist, instead of condemn, that they be more transparent since they pushed something through without student body knowing. Sent this last night, they asked for a recommendation, hope you have all read through this. Motion to adopt the resolution that Hillel has brought us, the Transparency Resolution.
      - (1) Motion Passes: 14-0-0.
    - d) Isabel: Are we just presenting directly to USS or any other body?
    - e) Andrew: I guess we could give it over to Danny and Jasper since they are the USS delegates.
    - f) Isabel: Any other organizations you are trying to get it out to?
    - g) Club: Mainly USS.

### II. Arvis Chen | Chair of Clubs and Organizations

- A. Alpha Chi honor society had to cancel our meeting, hopefully next week we will meet.
- B. Sent you all the discussion with Think Tank appeal, my plan is to meet with OSL and discuss what happened in the meeting and the reasoning for my rejection. We won't talk about it today.
- C. Planning Bernies for May 18th, it's a tradition for representative senators to serve their club leaders. 1 or 2 clubs per table and each representative senator will be in charge of a couple tables. We would like for you guys to serve them. If you guys could volunteer, we would appreciate it.

### III. David Barros | Chair of Finance

- A. First we're going over AIESEC and they are here. They wanted to do a presentation but I don't think they have to.
  1. Isabel: That's information you pull up at the budget meeting with David.
  2. Club Representative: We're not doing this basing off the current money we were allocated. International internship and volunteer opportunity: results that we have from this year, incoming global volunteer, people abroad coming here to do volunteer work. It's the only award AIESEC Baruch chapter won. We matched 3 people with companies.

3. Club Representative: In 2017 there were 7 opportunities, 3 people coming in. Now there are 6 people coming.
  4. Club Representative: We've had a huge budget cut based on last e-board not spending as much. We have a different e-board come February and end next February. At the rate we're going, we're going to win the award again. We have a lot of events and conferences, people don't go right now because we don't have the money. Our previous president did not utilize the sources. If we get the proposed budget that we are targeting for, we know that we can go even further. It's something that we're working with out of our pocket.
  5. David: No expenditure for GIM, only a couple of expenditures that's why I didn't give them what they requested.
  6. Suzanna: You could appeal.
  7. Brian: Looks like all of their events you have to plan ahead of time, when you come to appeals with all that information, money could be allocated to you.
  8. Carlton: Prior leader didn't do much but you guys are active, what procedures do you have in place to make sure future leaders do the same?
  9. Club Representative: Pipeline, 6 active members, in the beginning, now we have 34. Making sure there is someone to take on these roles. VP who does different functions based off incoming volunteers, there are team leaders hoping to get more responsibility in order to be trained for that role.
  10. Lin: I was in AIESEC, I know how big the club was, not much growth. I don't see you spend money.
  11. Club Representative: Logistical problem, wasn't at Baruch for the previous President and information didn't get passed onto me. International conference, \$50 per person and we have people paying out of pocket. Retreat/training is out of pocket because we didn't get that information passed onto us.
  12. Lin: Please pass on the information, appeals, co-sponsorships, tons of way.
  13. David: On a final note, this is just a first step, not a limit of your funds. Up to \$500 for co-sponsorships and minimum \$500 appeals.
  14. Club: We were hoping to get information and learn, we didn't expect to get a lot of money. Also, if you want to go abroad come to our clubroom. Thank you for hearing us out.
  15. Motion to allocate AIESEC \$1,440
    - a) Motion Passes: 14-0-1
- B. We have other club representation from Japanese Anime Asylum. What's the specific issue?
1. Club Representative: We wanted more money for GIM, we no longer have an issue with that since you doubled it. We want the \$200 incentive in special events for refreshments.
  2. Motion to allocate Japanese Anime Asylum \$2,456
    - a) Motion Passes: 13-0-2
- C. We have more club representation from Sigma Alpha Delta
1. Club Representative: Made two mistakes on the vouchers, for the first one it's for info session we had 3, however, I put the voucher for info session I crossed it out and made it for GIM which is why the ... March 1st.... I asked the treasurer if we could switch it back but she said that was not possible. 2 of our GIM's are after the spring break which hasn't been processed yet. That's why I have money left over.
  2. Suzanna: What are you asking for?
  3. Club Representative: Increase in our info sessions.
  4. Suzanna: He processed it as GIM.

5. Isabel: Seems like they had a higher allocation in GIM and lower in Info Session.
  6. Club Representative: We aren't having any more info sessions.
  7. David; We pretty much gave you everything you asked for.
  8. Lin: I think they spent enough in GIM.
  9. Isabel: Could we take the time to reallocate and revisit this next meeting?
  10. Club Representative: Vouchers were handed extremely late for refreshments.
  11. Andrew: When did they submit the GIM voucher?
  12. Suzanna: Before spring break, we processed it and no one tried to correct it.
  13. Andrew: When was this allocated?
  14. David: Couple weeks ago, it coincided.
  15. Club Representative: We have 1 stress relief per semester, so we want you all to be aware of this.
  16. Isabel: Present whole new budget next week.
- D. We have SOCA club representation:
- a) Club Representative: Spices of the Winter Gala for refreshments, we had to move a lot of money from other lines to try to pay for this gala in refreshments.
  - b) Suzanna: They moved \$50.
  - c) Club Representative: She negotiated with the caterer and we had to move a lot of stuff out.
  - d) Suzanna: Why did you move money in and then move more money out?
  - e) Club Representative: We had to get rid of a lot of stuff, we had a little bit left over. MPR one of largest scale event for the fall.
  - f) David: You were allocated what you spent and we took into consideration what you took out.
  - g) Club Representative: We had all these original items that we wanted to order but we couldn't.
  - h) Suzanna: Originally it was going to cost them \$1,490, they brought it down \$865, they bought less food and David allocated what they spent for this event.
  - i) David: Same for the \$30 decrease in supplies.
  - j) Andrew: What would you do with this extra \$30 you're requesting?
  - k) Club Representative: Be able to buy drinks.
  - l) Lin: We only have a month of school left, you have \$2,800 still left in your budget.
  - m) Club Representative: Caribbean week event is soon, which is when we will be spending.
  - n) Lin: I did this budget April 16th, because these vouchers came in after that we didn't put that into consideration.
  - o) Isabel: How do you guys feel about the \$30 increase in refreshments
    - (1) Soft vote passes
  - p) Club Representative: First event Monday Madness, I don't have proof for the supplies in monday madness, there are some issues with oriental trading that never even came because I believe another club didn't pay. We have to figure out if we are still ordering from oriental trading. This is happening on May 7th.
  - q) David: Excess in monday madness budget.
  - r) Lin: Can we table this to next tuesday so we could look at the receipts
  - s) David: Yes, please shoot me an email.
2. Motion to allocate Beta Alpha Psi \$7,135
    - a) Motion Passes: 10-0-4

3. Motion to allocate Black Student Union \$4,235
  - a) Motion Passes: 10-0-4
4. Motion to allocate Chi Alpha Epsilon \$960
  - a) Motion Passes: 12-0-2
5. Motion to allocate Chit Chat \$480
  - a) Motion Passes: 11-0-3
6. Motion to allocate E-Sports Association \$1,090
  - a) Motion Passes: 11-0-3
7. Motion to allocate FemCode \$1,780
  - a) Motion Passes: 11-0-3
8. Motion to allocate Golden Key \$8,050
  - a) Motion Passes: 11-0-3
9. Motion to allocate The Himalayan Club \$480
  - a) Motion Passes: 12-0-2
10. Motion to allocate The Hindu Student Association \$2,550
  - a) Motion Passes: 12-0-2
11. Motion to allocate The International Student Organization \$6,535
  - a) Motion Passes: 12-0-2
12. Motion to allocate the Latin American Student Organization \$2,340
  - a) Motion Passes: 10-0-4
13. Motion to allocate Marketers of Baruch \$1,311
  - a) Motion Passes: 10-0-4
14. Motion to allocate Phi Eta Sigma \$4,954
  - a) Motion Passes: 10-0-4
15. Motion to allocate Pre-Law Society \$3,640
  - a) Andrew: I've reached out to them and it seems like they are okay with it.
  - b) Motion Passes: 11-0-3
16. Motion to allocate Roller Hockey Club \$4,900
  - a) Andrew: I've reached out to them and it seems like they are okay with it.
  - b) Motion Passes: 11-0-3
17. Motion to allocate South Asian Student Association \$3,345
  - a) Motion Passes: 12-0-2
18. Motion to allocate Traders at Baruch \$445
  - a) Lin: President emailed saying if he could come in next week, could we push it to the end?
19. Motion to allocate The United Chinese Language Association \$9,795
  - a) Motion Passes: 10-0-4
20. Motion to allocate the Wall Street Club \$8,105
  - a) Motion Passes: 11-0-3
21. Motion to allocate Women in Islam \$4,895
  - a) Motion Passes: 12-0-2
22. Motion to allocate The Youth Organization For Israel \$2,780
  - a) Mark: Is this within Hillel?
  - b) Suzanna: No, they're a separate club.
  - c) Motion Passes: 12-0-2
23. Motion to allocate the Vietnamese Student Association \$9,140
  - a) Motion Passes: 11-0-3
24. Motion to allocate UNICEF \$1,295

a) Motion Passes:11-0-3

#### IV. Isabel Arias | President

- A. We had a meeting with two leaders of NYPIRG, they asked us if they could come and we told them the info about this meeting but they're not here. If you guys have any questions you can ask us.
1. Andrew: We're not taking a position on it?
  2. Isabel: We aren't taking a stance on it because there's just not enough info right now. No one really knows what's going on.
  3. Andrew: Wouldn't it make more sense to oppose it since everyone is so confused, if no one is fully aware about it, there's little transparency.
  4. Isabel: 75-85% clear we know the majority of the document, I don't know if that's the best idea when we're not sure about only a small portion.
  5. Arvis: That's why we wanted NYPIRG to come in.
  6. Hamed: I thought we took decision to not take a stance because the group that came in last week was already going to protest it?
  7. Isabel: That was another issue, she already presented and we were confused about a small portion which she couldn't clarify. NYPIRG is a student run organization run across states. There are at a couple cuny campuses, student activity fee is earmarked for NYPIRG at the college it's on so they don't have to go through USG, they get their funding separately. So their concern is that it would take their ability to be an earmarked funding, main thing is that if they are doing investigative work or something against the school they wouldn't feel comfortable with getting funding from USG because their work could be jeopardized.
  8. Damali: Earmarked needs a specific portion to go to the organization, groups like NYPIRG still won't have to go through USG but it just won't be earmarked.
  9. Isabel: Media organizations would have to be approved through student government, but Damali just stated we're unclear about it going through USG.
  10. Carlton: What type of group are they?
  11. Isabel: Advocacy group for student rights.
  12. Arvis: New building pass, new referendum.
  13. Isabel: The way you get an earmark is through a referendum.
  14. Damali: We're one of the only CUNYs that has the student activity fee earmarked to different departments/organizations. Pretty much why we have a surplus now because we don't run our own health center, this way you can just ask for what you want and the BOD will vote on it. OSL saves money all throughout, we did a referendum when we added the new student center. NYPIRG isn't a college entity. We don't fund any outside organizations from your student activity fee.
  15. Andrew: I'm more concerned with other student groups not being earmarked?
  16. Isabel: That's our concern, no one is clear on what's happening. It doesn't seem like that's what they're trying to do, waiting on Dean King to talk to CUNY central.
  17. Damali: We are the school that everything is being modeled after. There won't be any restriction, if WBMB needed more money for another project then they could ask BOD, that's the only thing that would be different.
  18. Andrew: Let's wait on what Dean King says, if it gets down to our last meeting and we don't have that answer, I think we should take a stance then.
  19. Isabel: I don't think it will get to that point. We'll have something for you guys hopefully by next week.

20. Mark: Related to this is a petition for open process, asking up to support their interest, it's not as relevant to us as it is to them.
21. Isabel: This new document is saying, "We understand you guys don't have much at stake, back them in the sense of signing onto this agreement, we want CUNY BOT to be more open about the process."
22. Andrew: I think we could look at this offline and see if we're okay with it.
23. Isabel: They're looking for organizations to sign on not one student.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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### I. Carlton Maddix | CIA Update

- A. CIA Dance with the devil event I took notes, presentation broken into 4 parts 1) interference pre-9/11, interfering with elections, secret funding programs that fund research to torture, funded the national student association (supposed to be a collective of students voicing student opinions but swayed by the CIA). Church congressional hearings from 1970s, after 911 increase in recruitment, problematic because shared governance would be disrupted, CIA would open backdoor channels and try to influence instead of democratic state ruled by faculty. Background checks, people's classroom discussion taken into account when they went to the CIA. Went into the lines of rigorous background check into individuals of minority descent, CIA has went through rigorous processes to interview people. Secret funding for education, offer loans and in return they would have to pay back in service, loans were untraceable, the school did not know they were getting this loan, they were required to pay 3 times the maximum interest rate if they chose to not join CIA. Recruitment process in general, anything from the past would have been brought up against you. Agencies that provide secret funding: marina initiative, 4) Open discussion you could see faculty and students were against the CIA. I managed to ask a question which I got no answer to; "if the CIA is an organization that Baruch did not want to partner with, what other agencies would Baruch be willing to partner with?" Professors are worried about their traveling being denied if they have a CIA affiliation.
  1. Deryn: The examples that you gave earlier, different schools that have had partnerships with the CIA?
  2. Carlton: Professors did their own research, found examples of individuals who wrote books and gave first hand accounts, and being in a situation where they had to serve the CIA.
  3. Deryn: Any cases where we had the opportunity to partner with them and things happened afterwards?
  4. Carlton: CIA activity in college campuses, they arrested Ronald Reagan's daughter for protesting.
  5. Brandon: Any part that gave evidence of CIA on campus?
  6. Carlton: Professors talk to ppl who have had first hand experience. So no they didn't provide. They only brought up university of Mexico.
  7. Andrew: Professor from University of New Mexico was supposed to be there?
  8. Mark: CIA trying to target more diverse population to recruit from. Would those students really be able to change that atmosphere? Undermining the minority students. Contingency plan idea brought up by student, everyone agreed to end the signature program, but when you set up a program separate to that it brings implications.

9. Carlton: South American country students were executed because of the stance against their president. Examples brought up were outside of the U.S.
10. Mark: Program hasn't started yet they just want to stop it from beginning, professors were concerned with their work being interfered.
11. Carlton: Ideas of freedom of study.
12. Brandon: Basically, what they were saying when they gave a presentation to USG?
13. Carlton: Yes, basically saying they have the ability to spread those ideas on campus.
14. Erica: What could USG actually do?
15. Carlton: Teachers circulating surveys going around to end this program. We could do something along those lines.
16. Emma: No concrete evidence of this happening on other campuses?
17. Damali: Was it mostly Weissman faculty?
18. Carlton: I have the impression that it was mostly Weissman faculty.
19. Deryn: Trying to understand this partnership
20. Carlton: Pipeline to the CIA, there would be classes taught by CIA professionals for credits.
21. Deryn: Registration for these classes...?
22. Damali: Based on what I've seen I don't think it would just be easily to register to CIA 1002.
23. Mark: On the flyer it says, they will send recruiters directly to classes and gain access to students.
24. Brandon: I don't think it was a productive talk on what could actually happen on campus.
25. Carlton: A lot of the discussion seemed emotionally driven.
26. Carlton: Most of the issue was that this was something that was agreed upon without much transparency. The rhetoric was that this non-transparency issue would be throughout the entire partnership with the CIA.
27. Arvis: Right now a lot of students and faculty seem scared, think we should ask them to be more transparent.
28. Isabel: To close it off, if you guys do want that whole transparency, President Wallerstein did email everyone explaining the relationship with the CIA. But this isn't our battle, there's been nothing to indicate that there's been a breach with the students.

## II. Brandon Paillere | The Arts Committee Update

- A. Thursday club hours NY chapter President of Grammy Pro, sub organizations of the academy, is coming in. Our team is wrapping up the year, taking suggestions for next year that they should keep around.
  1. Erica: A lot of people liked your chaos room.
  2. Arvis: Great job representing the art majors, thinking how can you mix both business and art, there is art in all different forms of business.
  3. Brandon: There are a lot of clubs already focusing on the business aspect, so maybe we could collab with them.
  4. Mark: Poetry slam, 48 hr film challenge was successful so maybe have guidelines like that.
  5. Carlton: Stand up comedy.
  6. Arvis: The Anonymous Project, read all these stories from people, Baruch students could share their stories.
  7. Emma: Advertise the events earlier.

8. Isabel: I really liked how on top of events you were and how often you had them, so just continue that.

*\*Brandon leaves at 7:20 P.M.\**

### **III. Arvis Chen | Hackathon**

- A. Co-Sponsorships, looking for people to help out. This Friday to Sunday. It's an overnight event. Let me know by tonight.

### **IV. Andrew Windsor | Amendment Update**

- A. 1700+ signatures, want to thank everyone again. Over the weekend Savanna from SERC had approved us to be on the ballot so now voting for this amendment to our constitution is on the ballot. If everyone could share the flyer USG posted, I would appreciate it.
- B. In-house election said it was closing today?
  1. Deryn: Going to keep it open till tomorrow 1PM.
  2. Carlton: What about Alex's resignation?
  3. Isabel: The problem is we have to give a 2 week window and then they wouldn't have senate meeting for them to serve on. So when we'll pick the senator for Suleman's resignation next week, we could pick 2 then, cutting the window short.
  4. Andrew: If we follow the constitution, we close it May 8th and we still have one more senate meeting for that Senator. Are you saying a Senator's only duty is to be present at these meetings, because technically our term ends June 30th.
  5. Isabel: It's up to you guys to decide on whether we shouldn't cut Alex's vacancy window short.
  6. Andrew: May 15th to June 30th, gives a lot of time to do something. A meeting could be called.
  7. Isabel: Every single year, there has been nothing done.
  8. Andrew: Example, early June 2015 was when the three year moratorium notice was sent out; if that happens again, we could call a meeting.
  9. Isabel: Yes but we're arguing the date whether it will be next week or in two weeks. Is anyone opposed to that?
  10. Andrew: It says in the constitution it has to be open for 2 weeks.
  11. Rachel: Can we violate the Constitution like this?
  12. Deryn: That's why we're soft-voting to see.
  13. Deryn: All in favor of voting for two senators next week.
    - a) Soft vote passes.
  14. Isabel: We will elect two representative senators next week.

### **V. Isabel Arias | Green Wall Update**

- A. Niko came in to present green wall idea looks like it might be able to come through not 100% sure yet. Lisa Edwards going to check out the vendor, assuming that all goes through, viable plan for continuing payment on the green wall, we should be able to present that at the following meeting confirming whether or not it went through.

### **VI. Mark Vilck | USG End of Term Video**

- A. Concept of possibly doing usg graduating, wanted to incorporate things we've accomplished. This would be for the students to see us in different light. If you guys have any ideas on what to incorporate.

1. Isabel: It seems like a lot of people were down, just for someone to take charge of it now and put it together. Are you taking the lead on it?
2. Mark: Yeah, I would want to work with the arts committee. I'll reach out to Brandon.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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- I. Deryn Fleurima | Bash
  - A. No other updates
    1. Erica: Working with bareburger, you could look into that for catering.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- I. Motion by Andrew Windsor to adjourn Senate Meeting #28 at 7:39 P.M. Motion Passes 13-0-0.