

# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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## Senate Meeting #5

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 26th, 2017	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	5:30 P.M. - 6:45 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>Ehtasham Bhatti   Executive Treasurer</b>
<b>Daniel Morote   VP of Legislative Affairs</b>	<b>[ABSENT] Erica Yang   VP of Student Services</b>
<b>Frances Subervi   VP of Campus Affairs</b>	<b>Suleman Aleem   VP of Academic Affairs</b>
<b>Arvis Chen   Chair of Clubs &amp; Organizations</b>	<b>David Barros   Chair of Finance</b>
<b>Nicole Taniguchi   Chair of Marketing</b>	<b>[LATE] Rachel Liang   Chair of Graphic Design</b>
<b>Suzanna Egan   Chair of Appeals</b>	<b>[ABSENT] Arseny Averyanov   Representative Senator</b>
<b>[ABSENT] Brandon Paillere   Representative Senator</b>	<b>Brian Ronquillo   Representative Senator</b>
<b>Hamed Doumbia   Representative Senator</b>	<b>Josue Mendez   Representative Senator</b>
<b>[LATE] Lin Lin   Representative Senator</b>	<b>Michael Cherry   Representative Senator</b>
<b>Molly Bhuiyan   Representative Senator</b>	<b>[LATE] Tarak Chowdhury   Representative Senator</b>
<b>Zakari Abubakar   Representative Senator</b>	

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

## PASSING OF THE MINUTES

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Minutes #4: Motion Passes 12-0-1.

## REPORTS

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### I. Isabel Arias | President

- A. USG will have table at the club fair happening on September 28<sup>th</sup> during club hours. Need volunteers to table. \*Volunteer names taken down.\*
- B. Executive board and I will be meeting with president Wallerstein and some of his team. Would like to hear what you all would like for us to bring up during the meeting.
  1. **Frances:** Update on the crowdedness.
  2. **Isabel:** I can tell you guys some things I was going to bring up; the crowding issue because of construction in 17 Lexington, not enough student space issue, and other issues relating to clubs reserving rooms. Anything else you guys can think of?

*\*Tarak, Lin, and Rachel walk in at 5:33 P.M.\**

3. **Molly:** Would he be the person to talk to about classes being overbooked (for example: finance classes)?
  4. **Isabel:** Yeah, we can definitely bring that up.
  5. **Josue:** How realistic are the chances of anything getting done through this meeting?
  6. **Isabel:** It's more about bringing up issues in his radar so that he's made aware of them.
  7. **Damali:** Depends on what the issue is, he can't do anything about construction, but he doesn't know about issues if you don't tell him.
  8. **Nicole:** Updates on turnstiles.
  9. **Tarak:** Wi-Fi is getting slower every single day.
  10. **Lin:** A lot of classroom outlets don't work.
  11. **Isabel:** Thank you guys, will bring up all of these issues tomorrow.
- C. Student Life has asked that we create a MyBaruch profile, in addition; we would be able to post our links on that profile.
  - D. Some people are not treating their attendance at these senate meetings mandatory. Want to emphasize your attendance at these meetings, I understand things come up but you are required to be here. E-board will come up with a rule: you will not receive your stipend if you don't come to a certain amount of meetings (most likely two).

### II. Ehtasham Bhatti | Treasurer

- A. With e-mail and Facebook updates, we try to keep everyone aware of what deadlines are coming up. In addition to that, we have decided to revamp the website to properly display that information. Deadlines will be put up on our website and linked on our e-mails. Alex Sun allocated a budget to you [clubs] last semester, but let's say this club wants to move money around; they'd just have to fill out the "Budget Modification" form. No club should stockpile money, shouldn't spend more than 65% of their budget on one event.
  1. **Isabel:** Are club budgets up on the website already?
  2. **Ehtasham:** Not yet, some clubs' numbers aren't there, we're working on a solution. Will be up Thursday, Friday latest.

3. **Isabel:** Can we just have the ones we know up now?
4. **Ehtasham:** Sure, Wednesday or Friday the latest.

### III. Suzanna Egan | Chair of Appeals

- A. Motion to allocate Vietnamese Student Association under their program line “Paris By Night”, for a total of \$2,300.
  1. **Club Representative:** Paris By Night is a traditional event based on a Vietnamese TV show, we expose our cultural dancers. Every year we expect 200+ guests. This year we want to bring J-Rock twins (YouTubers) here to emphasize Vietnamese culture.
  2. **Josue:** How big of an influence do you expect the J-Rock twins to have on bringing audience members?
  3. **Club Representative:** We expect a big turn out.
  4. Motion Passes: 15-0-1.
- B. Motion to allocate Absolute Adrenaline under program line “Paintball” for a total of \$1,650.
  1. **Club Representative:** This event really promotes outdoor activities and it’s a good way for students to get active and have fun. It’s open to the whole Baruch community.
  2. **Arvis:** For the past 5 years, how many people have attended?
  3. **Club Representative:** 65.
  4. **Isabel:** Where does it take place?
  5. **Club Representative:** Pennsylvania.
  6. Motion Passes: 16-0-0.
- C. Motion to allocate Chit Chat under program line “Networking with EY” for a total of \$405.
  1. Motion Passes: 16-0-0.
- D. Motion to allocate Golden Key under program line “Golden Buddies for a total of \$430.
  1. **Katharine (President of GK):** Our buddy program is our mentorship program in GK. Golden buddies- we take students that are potential members and offer workshops such as professional development, just kicked off for the fall semester.
  2. **Josue:** First time doing this?
  3. **Katharine (President of GK):** It’s our 3<sup>rd</sup> year, we accept 20 students (out of 40 applicants), 40/50 people are expected to attend our events (students and their mentors).
  4. Motion Passes: 16-0-0.
- E. Motion to allocate Muslim Business Association under program line “Speed Networking” for a total of \$535.
  1. **Club Representative:** This would be our 2<sup>nd</sup> time hosting this event, there was 154 people last year. It was very successful. We want to foster networking opportunities for students. Usually Baruch alumni now working at reputable companies attend the event.
  2. **Isabel:** Usual attendance?
  3. **Club Representative:** 130 students and 24 company representatives.
  4. **Isabel:** Room booked?
  5. **Club Representative:** Yes, October 27<sup>th</sup> in the MPR.
  6. \*Voting begins\*
  7. **Club Representative:** I was wondering if we could get more money? We didn’t get any money on miscellaneous line.
  8. **Suzanna:** They wanted more money for gifts for the outside guests, but they didn’t have a concrete number on how many people were coming. They didn’t know how many guests they’d have.
  9. **Suleman:** Question for Ehtasham or Suzanna, amount limit on gifts to outside guests?
  10. **Isabel:** It’s \$25.

11. **Derny:** We are already in the process of voting; we can't stop in the middle of it.
  12. **Damali:** There's a parliamentary procedure, you can only bring up issues during discussion period not after they have started voting.
  13. **Isabel:** You still have the option to get your event co-sponsored by USG.
  14. **Brian:** In addition, you can still modify your budget. October 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline.
  15. **Ehtasham:** No limit on how you want to move it as long as it doesn't exceed the 65% rule.
  16. **Molly:** Does that include appeals money?
  17. **Isabel:** No, just original budget.
  18. Motion Passes: 16-0-0.
- F. Motion to allocate Japanese Anime Asylum under program line "GIM" for a total of \$275.
1. **Club Representative:** This is a club that focuses on Japanese culture through anime and other arts. We give students exposure on different topics relating to Japan culture. Currently had an increase in members.
  2. **Brian:** What would you spend this money on?
  3. **Club Representative:** We get pizza , spend \$40/\$50 per meeting.
  4. Motion Passes: 16-0-0.
- G. Motion to allocate Japanese Anime Asylum under program line "Special Events/Programs (Maid Cafe)" for a total of \$373.
1. **Club Representative:** Special events line, we want to expose students to Japanese culture. Maid café: shows off Japanese animation as well as arts and comics.
  2. Motion Passes: 16-0-0.
  3. **Club Representative:** Special invitation to USG.

#### IV. Daniel Morote | VP of Legislative Affairs

- A. Legislative Affairs report: event happening on Thursday "Keep the Dream Alive". Location: MPR, time: 6-9PM. Good reaction to the flyer going downstairs, we expect a good turn-out. We will need a lot of volunteers, first time running an event. Open to all suggestions and ideas.
- B. Jasper wanted to know what we are doing with the Hurricane Relief. Club Mexiculture has reached out to me for an earthquake relief partnership.
  1. **Isabel:** We will bring that up in unfinished business.
- C. Package of your elected officials are almost done but I've been working on getting the fastest ways for you to reach out to your officials, so that'll be out soon.
  1. **Zakari:** On the note of legislative report, I've been asked if we could be the venue for the upcoming Mayoral elections debate.
  2. **Daniel:** We are already hosting the Red Wings vs College Democrats debate.
  3. **Zakari:** No, this would be for the Mayor debate.
  4. **Damali:** Turn it over to Eric Lugo (community affairs).

#### V. Hamed Doumbia | Representative Senator

- A. Finished the USG Track Record Sheet, it's a word document that anyone is able to use. Mainly intended for E-board, VPs, and Chairs, mostly to see and track their achievements. This will then be transferred to the next USG. Share any issues, solutions, and reflections.
  1. **Arvis:** Was thinking more of a google form?
  2. **Hamed:** I was thinking of just collecting these at the end and putting them all together.
  3. **Derny:** Perhaps we could use a google form which then transfers to an excel.
  4. **Frances:** But on excel it would all just get jumbled up.
  5. **Suleman:** I think it's best if we just fill out the form he's kindly created for us.

6. **Isabel:** My only issue is, this is something we want to move forward for future USGs, wouldn't it be easier to have all previous people on your position come up on a tab?
7. **Suleman:** At the end of the day, next year's USG could totally scratch this up.
8. **Isabel:** Ideally, they should want to use it. So we have to think of the most effective way.
9. **Hamed:** It wouldn't be a problem for me to compile these at the end. Eboard would have their own files, and VP's would have their own files etc.
10. **Tarak:** With an excel file it may be most effective. Word it may get jumbled up with people's different versions and then it's more work.
11. **Derny:** With excel they could see what USG 2018, 2019, and so on achieved.
12. **Zakari:** Suleman brought up a good point but we have to see how user friendly it is.
13. **Isabel:** We'll settle this offline.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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### I. Isabel Arias | Disaster Relief

- A. Hurricane/earthquake relief, some clubs have reached out to partner up with us. SEEK Mexiculture, and ALPFA. I want to see how we plan to go about that because it needs to be done soon.
  1. **Daniel:** With Mexiculture we talked about tabling for a couple of weeks, like a telethon, so we promote it and then we have one big event where all the money is really donated. It doesn't have to be all about money but also writing notes to people affected.
  2. **Isabel:** Yeah, ALPFA was thinking about bringing someone famous and have people pay and donate that money.
  3. **Nicole:** Brandon could reach out to performers.
  4. **Derny:** Hurricanes in general relief. Now we are collecting hygiene products and we are partnering up with a catholic charity.
  5. **Damali:** CUNY had a meeting about disaster relief, their main thing is people want money because goods have to be shipped. For the Haiti hurricane relief, the goods bought were difficult to ship them out. That being said, CUNY promised to give us a lot of reputable organizations, come up with 2-3 places and then divide the amount raised for between the different organizations (for example: 30% for hurricanes, 30% for earthquakes, and so on). It can be an ongoing thing, not just over the next 2 weeks.
  6. **Daniel:** Some organizations brought up by Mexiculture are Global giving and Topos.
  7. **Zakari:** I was going to suggest red cross.
  8. **Damali:** CUNY said we cannot give money to Red Cross. It's been discovered that a large portion of their money goes to overhead.
  9. **Isabel:** (To Daniel) With those organizations you listed, do you know what percentage is given to disaster causes?
  10. **Daniel:** Haven't fully researched, but we should do our own research and make sure it's not going to overhead.
  11. **Isabel:** Any suggestions for how to raise money?
  12. **Arvis:** Bake Sale.
  13. **Nicole:** Having a performance to get the students involved.
  14. **Tarak:** Another thing is USG members getting pied, it's really in right now.
  15. **Daniel:** Places damaged receive money in the beginning but then they are still in need so we should do this over the long run not necessarily right now.

16. **Molly:** A dance-a-thon, basically you raise money if you dance for very long. Like a marathon.
17. **Isabel:** You stay up dancing as long as you can.
18. **Tarak:** We could have a disaster relief week, a whole week of events.
19. **Frances:** We could do once a week and at the end have a big event.
20. **Josue:** Is it possible to ask clubs like WIB they have their SYS show donate proceeds to this?
21. **Isabel:** We could ask.
22. **Lin:** Is it possible to go around and have students do like a penny collection?
23. **Laura Powers:** Going off what Lin said, in my school they had a battle of the years. And competed on what year raised the most.
24. **Tarak:** We could have a coin drive.
25. **Rachel:** On the original flyer, we promised a prize so before going too far into this we need a deadline.
26. **Isabel:** Officially we announced clothing and money drive, clothing ended so we could give the prize to the winner. We would need an ad hoc committee for this that would be best.
27. **Molly:** How long does the committee last?
28. **Isabel:** Dependent on what you guys want to do.
29. **Ehtasham:** Technically, ad hoc committee chaired by the person until the person's term is finished.
30. **Derny:** Going back real quick on the deadline for current drive, I'm thinking it could be next Thursday for hygiene products.
31. **Isabel:** I think we should just cut it off because we've had it for so long.
32. **Nicole:** Back to chairing ad hoc committee, Khin San would be interested if spearheading this.
33. **Rachel:** Students are getting desensitized to the old flyer.
34. **Nicole:** We can try to change the image for the hurricane relief drive.
35. **Lin:** When would we start the disaster relief efforts?
36. **Isabel:** Up to Khin.
37. **Suleman:** Can we push starting a committee until next week? Because the girl said to chair this committee isn't even here
38. **Isabel:** We get people asking us about this everyday, we need to get something started now.
39. **Daniel:** I think Isabel is right, we should get something concrete done so Khin could start planning.
40. Motion to create disaster relief committee. Motion passes: 16-0-0.
41. Motion to nominate Khin San as chair of disaster relief committee. Motion passes: 16-0-0.

## NEW BUSINESS

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### I. Isabel Arias | USG Stipends

- A. (To Ehtasham) When will we be getting our stipends?
  1. **Ehtasham:** Spoke to Lona, whenever I get them they'll be given to all of you.

## ADJOURNMENT

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- I. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #5 by Hamed Doumbia at 6:45 P.M. Motion Passes 14-2-0.