



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF **BARUCH COLLEGE**
CONFERENCE ROOM SUITE 3-270, 55 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10010

February 28 2017 / 5:30 PM - 7:36 PM / Minutes #19

ATTENDEES

Daniel Dornbaum President	Ryan Powers Executive Vice President
Joanne Beloy Executive Secretary	Austin Fischer Executive Treasurer
Andrew Armoogan VP of Academic Affairs	Nicole Zelenko VP of Campus Affairs (LATE)
Shawntell James VP of Student Affairs (ABSENT)	Ehtasham Bhatti VP of Legislative Affairs
Zizen Pan Chair of Appeals	Alex Sun Chair of Finance
Vivian Wang Chair of Clubs and Orgs	Laura Martinez Chair of Marketing
Christina Young Chair of Graphic Design	Isabel Arias Representative Senator
Yvonne Duong Representative Senator	Michael Cherry Representative Senator
Andrew Windsor Representative Senator	Veronica Leong Representative Senator
Magi Mohamed Representative Senator	Nicholas DiMarco Representative Senator (LATE)
Nathan Chen Representative Senator	Susy Camacho Representative Senator
Suleman Aleem Representative Senator	

Meeting starts at 5:30pm.

REPORTS

I. Zizen Pan | Chair of Appeals

A. *Black Student Union*

1. Various Forums

- a) Requested Allocated: \$300.00 in Refreshments
- b) Allocated Appeals: \$300.00 in Refreshments
 - (1) Club is satisfied with amount.
- b) **Motion passes, 14-0-1**

B. *Ecuadorian Club*

1. Carnavalito

- a) Requested Allocated: \$600.00 in Refreshments and \$800.00 in Contractuals
- b) Allocated Appeals: \$150.00 in Refreshments and \$415.00 in Contractuals

(1) **Club:** We would like to increase our allocation.

(a) **Contracts:** Need \$310 more because our performers have been set.

(i) **Zi:** Two performers were approved during the meeting, and we only allocated for those two.

(b) **Isabel:** Can I have the numbers please?

(i) **Club:** The total should be \$1150, in combined with our \$250.

(a) **Isabel:** So you need an addition of \$310.

(i) **Alex:** Is this new information?

(ii) **Zi:** Yes. Only two were confirmed at the time.

(c) **Refreshments:** we're asking for \$300 more.

(i) **Zi:** That's based on the audience members they gave us.

(a) **Clubs:** There was a typo.

(ii) **Nathan:** What are you getting from Co-sponsorships?

(iii) **Club:** Around \$150

(a) **Vivian:** Will you apply for a USG co-sponsorship?

(i) **Club:** Yes

(d) **Isabel:** Do you know where you're getting food from?

(i) **Club:** Yes

(e) **Alex:** Is the table accepting new information?

Because then this will then take a precedent in the future.

(i) **Soft Vote:** *majority in favor*

(2) **Isabel:** Increase \$310 to contractuals. And then for refreshments, what else they need.

(a) **Zi:** It should be \$260 that they need, based on the math breakdown.

(3) **Andrew A.:** It's \$6 per person.

(a) **Isabel:** it looks like they're expecting the higher portion of the audience break down, \$4 per person.

(4) Soft vote increasing refreshments to \$300: *majority in favor*

c) **Isabel:** I motion to amend the total of Contractuals by \$310 to a total \$725 and Refreshments by \$300 to a total of \$450.

(1) **Motion passes, 10-1-6**

d) Original motion, with the amendment

(1) **Motion passes, 10-1-6**

C. *Bangladesh Student Association*

1. Chai and Chat (New program in Spring semester)

a) Requested Allocated: \$500.00 in Refreshments and \$150.00 in Supplies

b) Allocated Appeals: \$400.00 in Refreshments and \$75.00 in Supplies

(1) **Club:** Why did we get \$400 instead of \$500?

(a) **Zi:** It is a new event.

(i) **Club:** We're getting professional people from the Bangladeshi population. It's an event to inspire students. We should get that \$500. We should be having 100 people come to this event. Our other event got 60 people RSVPed, without marketing at all.

(a) **Isabel:** What day of the week was the other event?

(i) **Club:** Wednesday.

(ii) **Isabel:** This is on a Friday, not that much people come to campus or events.

(iii) **Club:** This board is entirely new and we're trying our best to bring these people out to our events. It's easier for people to have professionals come in at this time. We chose

this day actually. This is an event that we want people to actually learn and benefit from this event.

(2) **Vivian:** What's the location?

(a) **Club:** Library 7th floor

(i) **Vivian:** Is there a Facebook event page?

(a) **Club:** We're getting that up in 2 days on Facebook.

(i) **Andrew A:** Given that it is a new event, giving you what you have now is fine because it's a new event.

(3) **Ehtasham:** Having the event on Friday warrants a good professional area. I would want give it half of what they're asking for, so increase of only \$50.

(4) **Magi:** Any professionals confirmed?

(a) **Club:** We have a technology consultant from Dell, Accountant from JP Morgan, 4 others are tentative and will be known before Friday.

(5) Soft vote of \$50 increase: *slight majority in favor of*

(6) **Andrew A:** Where do you need money right now?

(a) **Club:** Refreshments, we're serving appetizer food.

(i) **Vivian:** Have you confirmed the vendor?

(a) **Club:** Yes, it's the least price that we can get from them.

(7) **Magi:** Are you cosponsoring with other clubs?

(a) **Club:** Not monetary but marketing.

(8) **Ehtasham:** I motion to amend Refreshments by adding \$50 to Refreshments.

(a) **Isabel:** Technically the breakdown would then be \$4 per person and the allocation beforehand was similar than last year.

(i) **Zi:** That's still within the appeals ruling.

(b) **Motion passes, 9-6-3**

c) Original motion with the amendment

(1) **Motion passes, 8-6-4**

D. *Baruch Toastmasters*

1. Public Speaking Boot Camp

- a) Requested Allocated: \$180.00 in Refreshments and \$100.00 in Supplies
- b) Allocated Appeals: \$180.00 in Refreshments and \$30.00 in Supplies
 - (1) **Alex:** What are the supplies?
 - (a) **Zi:** Refreshment supplies like spoons and forks.
- c) **Motion passes, 17-0-0**

E. African Student Association

1. Off-Campus Event

- a) Requested Allocated: \$1975.00 in Miscellaneous
- b) Allocated Appeals: \$839.00 in Miscellaneous
 - (1) **Club:** This year is the first year that Harvard has asked us to attend their African Development Conference at their school. I was able to receive this opportunity through a network. My hope and goal is to sponsor 16 students in order to be able to attend. We need the fee to attend the conference, get refreshments for the conference and the transportation to the conference. I would propose for the full amount.
 - (a) **Zi:** For a lot of off campus programs, we try to choose what to fund with the events, we tried to fund the registration fee for this one. This is also their first off campus event.
 - (i) **Club:** I was able to find a hotel that's partnering with Harvard that's \$99 per night, 4 rooms, 4 people per room. Where will we stay if we don't get that funding? Only 8 students would then be able to go.
 - (2) **Dan:** Was there money beforehand in the line?
 - (a) **Zi:** It was an old line.
 - (3) **Susy:** Have the 16 members been chosen?
 - (a) **Club:** No
 - (i) **Magi:** Is this open to anyone on campus?
 - (a) **Club:** Yes, we've been able to promote it in other clubs newsletters.

- (4) **Magi:** What's your process of choosing people?
(a) **Club:** Based on their involvement and interests
- (5) **Club:** Harvard is always a school that I would love to attend.
So even though we aren't Harvard students, being exposed to that environment is great.
- (6) **Yvonne:** What is the registration fee?
(a) **Club:** \$54 per person, hotel is \$49 per person.
- (7) **Nicole:** Zi, you said you usually pick one of the couple of things to fund. This time you chose the registration fee?
(a) **Zi:** Yes. Usually we try to fund either the hotel, transportation or registration fee.
- (8) **Andrew A:** Is there penalty about moving horizontally?
(a) **Austin:** The 10% rule.
(i) **Andrew A:** You can then move that amount and then add more.
- (9) **Vivian:** Why 16 people?
(a) **Club:** I just did the math and 16 people cost less than \$2,000.
- (10) **Andrew A:** Increase the allocation by \$611 to \$1450. = the \$165 that needs to be moved over.
(a) Soft vote on the increase: *majority in favor*
- (11) **Isabel:** When VSA came to appeal, we only did their registration?
(a) **Zi:** They covered the registration cost for the first 30 people, so we paid for \$20 of those people after 30 people for hotel. But it still didn't cover the full cost for their hotel.
(i) **Vivian:** Transportation was not covered by us in that as well.
- (12) **Andrew A:** Motion to amend the allocation by adding \$611 to Miscellaneous to a total of \$1450.
(a) **Andrew W:** Are you okay with that?
(i) **Club:** We might have to take one less member
(b) **Motion passes, 15-0-3**
- (13) Original motion with amendment.
(a) **Motion passes, 15-0-3**

F. Chi Alpha Epsilon

1. Professional Event

- a) Requested Allocated: \$300.00 in Refreshments and \$100.00 in Supplies
- b) Allocated Appeals: \$300.00 in Refreshments and \$50.00 in Supplies
 - (1) Club not present.
 - (2) **Motion passes, 18-0-0**

G. Wall Street Club

1. General Interest Meeting

- a) Requested Allocated: \$1600.00 in Refreshments and \$30.00 in Supplies
- b) Allocated Appeals: \$1350.00 in Refreshments and \$20.00 in Supplies
- c) Club cannot attend meeting.
 - (1) **Yvonne:** So their event, they're all GIMs?
 - (a) **Zi:** Yes, speakers come in and they do actually have 70-80 students on a Friday night
- d) **Motion passes, 18-0-0**

H. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

1. Baruch Life

- a) Requested Allocated: \$4,600.00 in Contractuals
- b) Allocated Appeals: \$4,600.00 in Contractuals
 - (1) **Motion passes, 13-0-5**

I. Korean Student Association

1. General Interest Meeting

- a) Requested Allocated: \$310.37 in Refreshments, \$5.99 in Contractuals and \$20.00 in Miscellaneous
- b) Allocated Appeals: \$100.00 in Refreshments, \$5.99 in Supplies and \$20.00 in Miscellaneous
 - (1) **Club:** Would like to bit more in Refreshments.
 - (a) **Zi:** When they proposed, they had a pretty good breakdown but appeals decided to give sparingly because they spent \$50 per event.
 - (i) **Club:** In most events, a lot of the money was covered by the members expenses, and we

have to take things out of pocket. We only get pizza for our event and we're using it very sparingly.

(ii) **Ehtasham:** Soft vote on increasing?

(a) Soft vote: *majority*

(2) **Nicole:** How much would you spend out of pocket?

(a) **Club:** The pizzas are \$15-\$16.

(3) **Alex:** For refreshments, how many events have your had?

(a) **Club:** 3 events

(i) **Austin:** 3 GIMs, the budget reflects that. KSA's vouchers have been frozen because of their signature cards but it has been fixed.

(4) **Alex:** If it takes 3 events to spend \$90, how many more events are we looking at this semester?

(a) **Club:** 3 GIMs per semester

(i) **Zi:** The 1st one already happened, so this would go to the next two.

(a) **Club:** We still believe that it's going to be a bit short.

(5) **Ehtasham:** An additional \$20 per GIM for a total of \$40 is okay?

(a) **Club:** Yes that's what we were looking for

(i) Soft vote: *majority*

(6) **Ehtasham:** Motion to amend the Refreshments line to add \$40.

(a) **Motion passes, 12-2-3**

(7) Original motion with the amendment.

(a) **Motion passes, 13-2-3**

J. Youth Organization for Israel

1. 20 Minutes Monday

a) Requested Allocated: \$500.00 in Refreshments

b) Allocated Appeals: \$500.00 in Refreshments

(1) **Isabel:** Tell us about it.

(a) **Club:** Every monday 12:30pm to 1:00pm, we usually have information sessions about current events that's going on in Israel. We're hoping to bring in a speaker

for a holiday that's coming up so that's why we're asking for so much.

(2) **Isabel:** Typically, it says you get 30+ people attending the event?

(a) **Club:** It's a bunch of half the club and half non-members who are interested to hear about it.

c) **Motion passes, 15-2-1**

K. Vietnamese Student Association

1. Off-Campus Program

a) Requested Allocated: \$500.00 in Miscellaneous

b) Allocated Appeals: \$410.00 in Miscellaneous

(1) **Andrew:** Different conference?

(a) **Zi:** Yes

(2) **Andrew A:** Who are the 4-5 members?

(a) **Club:** We intend to reimburse those members who didn't get to reimbursed last time.

(i) **Andrew A:** What's the total of people coming?

(a) **Club:** 30

(i) **Vivian:** Are the other 26 people who went to the previous conference?

(ii) **Club:** We're gonna randomize it from the new people.

(3) **Club:** All the paperwork has been given to our advisor already.

c) **Motion passes, 14-1-2**

II. Daniel Dornbaum | President

A. Great job with the appeals

B. For those who have been attending Black History month events, they've been amazing and thank you for supporting! Their closing ceremony is right now. Check out their closing ceremony if we get out of here before 9pm.

C. I received words from Brooklyn College that March 10th is a Women's Leadership Conference. They reached out and wanted to reserve Baruch students, I can forward you on that link.

1. **Andrew W:** Is it just for women?
 - a) **Daniel:** No it's open to everyone, the President of Brooklyn College will be there and a few others but it is open to males, females and gender nonconforming people.
- D. This Thursday is Bearcats on Ice! Thank you to those tabling and selling tickets. Shawntell is really excited. The giveaways are the headwrap and gloves.
 1. This is the same day is Higher Education Action Day. A few people are going to Albany and so I'm sure we'll hear from our USS delegates about hOw that went next week.

III. CORE Proposal

- A. (Was sent out on Saturday to the table)
- B. **Daniel:** For those who have attended the Albany Caucus, we went with a Baruch alumni and Ivy sits with the BOD. Ivy approached me about this set of bills the NYIC has put together and it's part of their platform, regarding the Immigrant College Community and she has been reaching out to various Student Governments about the CUNY community regarding the three pieces of legislation that they support. She wanted us to bring it up to the table and discuss if we feel comfortable supporting their group of legislative package.
 1. **Ehtasham:** Support as in our opinion or our approval?
 - a) **Daniel:** It's really support, but it's us voting on whether or not we would put our name behind this push.
 - (1) **Ehtasham:** Should we decide to put our name on this, what happens afterwards?
 - (a) **Daniel:** We become part of their coalition and their community advocates who are pushing for these bills. Past that, it's not a monetary commitment. It's rather us saying that this is a group of bills that we are supportive of because it affects our students. Our commitment or our input will vary depending on what you all would like it to be, if you want to attend a rally or go up and talk to legislators to lobby on behalf of this, none of that is set in stone. It's not "if you sign this, you have to do XYZ"
 2. **Outside Person:** Are other organizations also backing this and will this give them a stronger sense?

- a) **Daniel:** When you're building a coalition, by reaching out as we are the governing body of the students, they're saying that they're taking a stance and we represent this population.
- C. Soft vote to sign onto the platform: *majority in favor*
- 1. **Andrew W:** Why yes from anyone on the table?
 - a) **Ehtasham:** From a representation standpoint, solely you can tell that our constituents would probably be in favor to receive more aid. I think this is the best case for all the students we present.
 - (1) **Andrew A:** Would raising the TAP threshold also affect students?
 - (a) **Andrew W:** And how that new threshold can get funding?
 - (i) **Zi:** It depends on the household
 - (ii) **Susy:** It'll bring the \$80,000 barrier down and allow more people.
 - (iii) **Alex:** How long ago was the \$80,000 thresholds because we do have inflammation that needs to be taken into account.
 - b) **Michael:** Where would they get the additional funding from?
 - (1) **Daniel:** The same way they find everything else, taking funding from somewhere else.
 - c) **Andrew W:** Are people then able to get a free ride? Does it help people or hurt people? Can the state afford this and if they do, who is really paying for it?
 - d) **Alex:** What are the legislative strings attached?
 - (1) **Daniel:** For every policy in place there are winners and losers, I think Andrew W points are valid in terms of being the opposition. When you talk about undocumented students, the argument against giving additional aid, is that they're "not paying into the system" whether or not that is a valid argument, that's for you all to decide.
 - (a) **Alex:** Any other negatives?
 - (i) **Daniel:** How I know how the governor funds initiatives, they'll take money away from X and give it to Y. So that's how he's gone about funding these initiatives. I don't know where the revenue will come from. But unless

you're implementing a new tax, then cuts will be mad.

(a) **Alex:** If TAP goes up will tuition go up?

(i) **Daniel:** I don't know.

2. **Andrew W:** Going forward, it's a high risk situation. In the end, we're not going to be in the governor's office or giving out the money. But in the end, we as students and USG have to think about how it'll affect our lives.
 - a) **Dan:** Ivy who had asked us to take a look at this offered to come in to speak about it if you want more information.
 - (1) **Andrew A:** Yes to ivy. How do you think this would play into the Excelsior Scholarship Proposal?
 - (a) **Daniel:** I don't know.
3. **Michael:** If we sign it, will it be really impactful?
 - a) **Daniel:** We shouldn't discredit our organization and sure none of us are standing there when the bill is signed, but you can say that about every single advocacy group then. I think that there are still some good to the work that we do.
4. **Susy:** We do represent students on the table, and we're missing all the different factors. I want Ivy to come and explain this to us cause I'm not comfortable to vote on this now.
 - a) Soft vote on tabling: *majority*

IV. Nathan Lin | Representative Senator

A. Art-a-thon Schedule

1. We still have 15 events and there are room and time changes.
 - a) 12pm: Flashmob with an orchestra
 - b) Weissman Center has a new social media team.
 - (1) Vision of bringing Virtual Reality to Baruch is in the works.
Not anytime soon though.
2. As USG, we're trying to promote these events and help out.
 - a) Strengthening the bond between Weissman Dean Romero
 - b) Facebook Event page, please share it
3. **Daniel:** Flashmob, are there students in that?
 - a) **Nathan:** I don't think so. He's going to play his father's music.
4. Will have a camera crew to document the entire day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. Daniel Dornbaum | Question about Plaza Space

- A. Clubs want to book the plaza. Can we still apply for permits?
 - 1. **Damali:** We have to double check with them to make sure it's not a hazard.

II. Laura Martinez | Senator Sunday

- A. Senator Sunday
 - 1. My committee members are trying to reach out. Please respond to them.

III. Austin Fischer | Budget Surplus

- A. Nicole and I met with the Sustainability Task Force
 - 1. We went to them about about our surplus, and the BOD opened it up so that students can submits proposals about using it, and we're talking about getting solar panels.
 - a) Ultimate goal is having the projects on the ballot when voting for the next year's USG.
- B. Start coming now about ideas about Baruch College
- C. **Daniel:** There are two sets of ideas
 - 1. Ideas that will be funded out of this year
 - 2. Ideas that require a longer process
- D. Surplus Amount
 - 1. Undergraduate Student Government: \$203,961.00
 - 2. USG/ Clubs and Orgs: \$170,254.00
 - 3. Programming Board: \$156,545.00
 - 4. Graduate Student Assembly: \$52,373.00
 - 5. Graduate Clubs and Organizations: \$28,908.00
 - 6. Undergraduate Communications Board: \$298,483.00
 - 7. Graduate Communications Board: \$101,747.00
 - 8. Athletic Board: \$222,102.00
 - 9. Health Services: \$499,581.00
 - 10. Student Center Board: \$135,815.00
 - 11. Student Building Fund: \$1,003,563.00
 - 12. Private Account: \$303,248.00
 - a) USG we control three sections of the pie.
- E. Any idea that would make the college better that we can share with everyone in this college.

- F. **Outside Guest:** Do you plan on taking those ideas that are good?
 - 1. **Andrew A:** Yes. I plan on holding meetings and hearing the ideas of students.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. **Daniel Dornbaum | History Month**
 - A. Still have an hour and 20 of the Black History Month Closing Ceremony! Attend if you can.

ADJOURNMENT

- I. Motion to adjourn by Andrew Windsor. Senate Meeting #19 @ 7:36 PM. Motion Passes
11-4-2