



**April 4 2017 / 5:30 PM - 6:48 PM / Minutes #23**

**ATTENDEES**

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

Meeting starts at 5:30pm.

**REPORTS**

**I. Daniel Dornbaum | President**

- A. We will continue by opening our senate meeting with Today in Baruch History. In 1952 the chess intramural was introduced within Athletics. I had a *Ticker* issue from the 1930s but I don't remember that fact. We have chess intramurals today and it's also CUNY wide too.
- B. Past Baruch history, not much to report, Jasper Diaz will go more into detail
  1. Overview of the past 48 hours, on Friday March 31st and April 1st was the deadline for the State budget, and the Governor and the State Legislature did not come to an agreement and they didn't pass a budget and as of now our funding of our university is up in the air.

2. They argued a lot over the weekend and yesterday they passed a budget extension which extends the talks of next year's budget to May 31st to hopefully by then decided on a budget. It gives us a bit more time to advocate on the behalf of Baruch and get some more of our priority pushed to the top so please take the time to call your local legislature and how it's important to invest in CUNY and that it's a priority. It's frustrating when the budget is late but it may give us the opportunity to solidify the funding that we need.

## II. Ehtasham Bhatti | Vice President of Legislative Affairs

### A. Town hall

1. Hosting Town Hall, Thursday 6pm in the cafeteria. Please be there if you can
2. Day of the event: WBMB will air the show (still in the air), Facebook live, and Joanne is taking minutes.
3. Sunday night we got close to 40 questions.
4. Town hall will be moderated by *The Ticker*.
5. Talking to OSL tonight if they can make it tonight.
6. **Joanne**: Do you want the entire table?
  - a) **Ehtasham**: The more the merrier. Want as much as we can.  
(1) **Vivian**: I can't make it.
7. **Ryan**: Definitely in the cafeteria?
  - a) **Ehtasham**: Yes.

Joined by the newest member of Office of Student Life: Karl Kirple joined yesterday!

- Carl, from upstate NY. Pop Culture junkie.

## III. Andrew Armoogan | Vice President of Academic Affairs

### A. Participatory Budgeting

1. 21 submissions
  - a) Chairs need to be fixed on each floors of the VC
  - b) Student run theatre
  - c) Actual campus with grass
  - d) Replace turnstiles
2. These will be going onto the ballot

### B. Bearcat Awards

1. Live on the website hopefully on friday until May 10th

2. Encourage everyone to apply. USG members are NOT allowed to apply. Still thinking about the eligibility of committee members.
3. **Magi:** How are we picking them?
  - a) **Andrew:** We go through them with the committee.
4. **Andrew W:** PB is officially closed?
  - a) **Andrew:** Yes
5. **Vivian:** Is Global allowed to apply?
  - a) **Andrew:** We'll figure it out.
6. **Nicole:** Are you going to run those ideas through the offices before they are on the ballot?
  - a) **Andrew:** Yes, it'll be done before they are on the ballot.

#### IV. Andrew Windsor | Representative Senator

- A. Update for the Constitutional Review Committee
  1. Just sent out an email. What it's saying is that after 6 months, the constitution itself is a pretty good constitution
  2. 3rd branch right now not feasible. Even though we've been researching the constitution, there is a need for oversight on USG actions
    - a) 3rd branch will only cause more upheaval and it may cause problems
  3. Remedy instead: effectively the review committee will turn towards actual accountability. Will strive to meet with everyone in the constitution
    - a) I haven't spoken to people about what we haven't fulfilled. But there are some things that aren't being met by the constitution.
  4. Not touching anything about impeachment or in house elections. Just making sure that we're fulfilling our constitutional duties.
  5. **Ryan:** There's no official reparations, besides impeachment but there are internal consequences.
  6. When we talk with members, for example, and this is the 3rd time meeting with you and you still haven't done X, how can we get you to do X if we're asking you three times to do it?
  7. Nothing crazy is supposed to happen.
  8. **Austin:** In order to impeach an EBoard member, would you go through the same process?
    - a) **Andrew W:** This isn't a committee that's for impeachment. Our advice for the senate would be they look at the constitution, and see if you're doing your job correctly.

9. **Laura:** the 4 people are going to be checking people, what if one of you four are not doing your job?
  - a) **Anthony:** That has already been done, we constantly check up on one another.
  - b) **Andrew W:** You're more than welcomed to be a part of this committee, that's one way to do it.

#### V. **Jasper Diaz | University Student Senator**

- A. On February, 14, submitted testimony and testified in person at the Board of Trustees Committee Hearing, in opposition to the proposed changes to the university procurement policy which was later approved by the Board of Trustees. The policy does not affect Baruch, but poses consequences for the cuny-wide University Student Senate (USS), which according to my last update from USS Director Fernando Araujo, are still being evaluated by USS Staff.
- B. Following my return from the 46th Annual Legislative Conference of the New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators (NYSABPRL) for caucus week, I have been busy advocating on behalf of our student body as we hopefully now enter the final stretch of ny state budget negotiations.
- C. On March 2nd, I lobbied on behalf of the student body with USG President and Alternate USS Delegate Daniel Dornbaum in Albany, for Higher Education Action Day, speaking with numerous elected officials and staff members of the state legislature, on various issues from funding for capital programs to renovate 17 Lex and renaming of the subway station, to informing individuals and lobbying on the current USS Legislative Agenda. I also had the chance to visit the IDC Policy Office and met SUNY Legislative Director Ray Muniz.
- D. On Friday March 10, As Vice-Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Invited along with USS Legislative Director Donovan Borington and Academic Affairs Committee Chair and Steering Committee Vice-Chair of Graduate Colleges Omari Williams.
- E. On Friday March 17, I was invited by Professor Lisette Colon, as the only attending student to the PSC Retreat.
- F. Extensive details of the meeting, but offered great insight into PSC's organizing and legislative work to deepen state level advocacy and political power. Exchanged views with PSC members, spoke to individual faculty (most of whom were not from Baruch) and invited to help Hostos CC.
- G. On March 24-March 26, attended the thirtieth SOMOS El Futuro Conference along with USS Senator Shlomo Grun and USG President and Alternate Delegate Daniel

Dornbaum. The conference was formed to address the needs of the Hispanic population within NY State.

- H. On March 29th last Thursday, I attended the March In March II across the Brooklyn Bridge with Shlomo. Special shoutout to USS Senator Shlomo Grun who helped organize and bring people to the rally including, Athletic Board member David Scholes, Cecilia Ramos, Ashley Skaria and the other individuals that made it to that rally in support of our home campus of Baruch College, our student government and CUNY. Shlomo Grun has been a formidable team member of our USS delegation who exhibits formidable legislative prowess and has, attended every single USS Plenary meeting since November. We are very proud to have Shlomo as a member of our delegation and I thank him for his consistent engagement. Despite the fact that none of us are policy experts or lawyers just yet, and that we're students first, I am pleased with Shlomo's participatory commitment and he is a strong asset to our team.
- I. Mentioned GSA-leader Ryan Betters, serves as Delegate and appointment of Fifi as Alternate. Hope to help strengthen the ties between both student government components of Baruch College.
- J. **Vivian:** Can we get the information of Joyce?
  - 1. **Jasper:** Yes I'll send out all the information as well.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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### I. Joanne Beloy | Updates

- A. Please send me a picture for the picture project.

### II. Alex Sun | Committee Updates

- A. Timeline
  - 1. Officially done with budget meetings.
  - 2. Next step is to send out the first batch of the budget proposals. 90 proposals, 84 clubs actually met the requirements. We'll be dividing that into half. 41 clubs will be sent out before Spring Break. Comment on the sheets. We don't have a specific rule for every allocation, and we do have general allocation rules.
  - 3. When we come back from Spring Break, we'll send out the other half of the meeting
    - a) **Vivian:** What are the budget days?
      - (1) **Alex:** May 2 and may 9

### III. Austin Fischer | Event Breakdown

- A. As we near the end of the semester, just want to make sure we have enough money for our future programming:
  - 1. Bernies
  - 2. Bearcat Awards
  - 3. Ex- Stress
  - 4. Club Appreciation Dinner?
  - 5. Bash
  - 6. **Nicole:** Possible Black Light Headphones party

### IV. Nicole Zelenko | Committee Updates

- A. Meeting with Kathy Cobb
  - 1. None of these projects got solid answers
    - a) Cost for ID system will be looked into
      - (1) These new ID systems can't go into 17th lex building
      - (2) Can start within the Vertical Campus
    - b) Solar charges on the plaza
    - c) Escalators should be turned off when not a lot of students are here on campus
- B. Relay for Life
  - 1. April 21st! Looking for people and fundraising ideas, want to build a big team
- C. The city gives out free water bottles
  - 1. We have access to them but we just have to get them. Just need to sign a pledge about being conservative about water bottles.
    - a) **Austin:** Also introduced the campus map and the windows will actually need to be followed up.
    - b) **Nathan:** When you switch the system, will the students change all the ID cards? Why not some people keep their old IDs and the incoming class get new ones?
      - (1) **Nicole:** Yes
        - (a) **Austin:** Need a source of money to reprint all these IDs
          - (i) **Andrew W:** I like nathan's idea about phasing out the old system.

(ii) **Nathan:** You can also leave it up to the students to choose if they want to use the new cards.

c) **Magi:** What about the printers used right now?

(1) **Austin:** Yes they need to be revamped too.

## V. **Andrew Windsor | Previous Discussion**

### A. Marketing with logos discussion at length

1. **Zi, Alex and Dan,** please touch upon this. Dan as President and a long time Baruch student, can you explain how this works.
2. **Zi:** I talked to OSL about this. Clubs were allowed to buy things with their logo but it got cut, but we could bring it back if you want, but we can add it into appeals noting that clubs can ask for this in their budget. And then go from there to integrate that back into our process.
3. **Alex:** There is no strict guideline about not funding shirts. But the thing is that we do try to put priority on funding things that can benefit the most people. Example: refreshments are not cut as much compared to t-shirts. Food caters to a wider range of people as opposed to one shirt for one person.
4. **Isabel:** Just as a side note, I get why it could be wanted to fund the t-shirt with the logo on it. Personally I think it should be case by case. But I feel like to generally say that they want a logo on a shirt just case we shouldn't be funding that.
5. **Damali:** The context is that a few years ago, USG over allocated the money they got because it's based on numbers that you never know exactly at the end of the year. We kind of project conservatively. They over allocated and they had to cut some things. With these shirts, they have to be for the public and not just solely for the club members themselves.
6. **Andrew W:** Similar objections. The only reason I brought it up was because we had to cut marketing and not all marketing is done through logos. Like from last week, to me the case by case problem wasn't a marketing thing to me with CSA's Wild N Out. If we are all in an agreement that it should be case by case that by using it for a specific event and that it's integral for that event to put on the show, as opposed as giving out free giveaways.
  - a) **Ehtasham:** So where exactly would it stop in terms of clubs come to us with other stuff? Flags, bags, etc.?

- (1) **Andrew W:** It should be looked at of it's integral for their event. It depends on how we as a Senate table decide what marketing is and how the Chair of Appeals and Finance decide what it is. Just wanted to reopen the discussion.
7. **Isabel:** As a clarification, there's a difference between gear and marketing material, flags we do allocate that with budgets that's not marketing material
8. **Zi:** Since we are doing it as a base by base, and as to SOCA's point event's logo in the front and club's logo in the back.
- a) **Andrew W:** Technically if this is an internal thing, who would it be under in internal regulation?
- (1) **Zi:** It would be case by case basis.
- (a) **Andrew W:** We don't always have to pass everything now.
9. **Austin:** State the consensus?
- a) **Andrew W:** Case by case
- (1) **Austin:** If we apply their scrutiny, do we apply this to us too?
- (a) **Damali:** Since you serve the entire student body, I believe that it is okay. And students do look forward to getting USG items.
10. **Suleman:** We should also note that these Baruch shirts, those shirts are connecting us as a student body with a USG logo on it and it's not necessarily marketing.
11. **Isabel:** Just a note, that could apply to a club too. Going forward it wouldn't be too hard to avoid putting on the usg logo on things.
12. **Alex:** Consensus?
- a) Case by case.
- (1) **Austin:** We have to wait until we have those unique circumstances.
- (a) **Alex:** But since we already know the cases, can we discuss what we will do? The cases that have come up through budgets are miscellaneous gifts, equipment marketing for their club to walk around and showcase, supplies for the actual event.
- (i) **Andrew A:** Miscellaneous you can't tell clubs how to spend their money, supplies to my knowledge it was a plain white t shirt for Holi, and equipment it's a gray area.

- (ii) **Damali:** I still think it's a case by case basis and you should use your judgment.

## VI. Vivian Wang | Bernies

- A. Official deadline for any event to The Bernie's is April 28th
  - 1. People's Choice is May 12th
- B. We have club and individual nominations coming out on April 17th.
- C. **Isabel:** When you nominate your nominate 2 other people?
  - 1. **Vivian:** Yes you have to.

## NEW BUSINESS

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### I. Ehtasham Bhatti | Town Hall

- A. Town Hall Updates
  - 1. Can OSL come?
    - a) **Damali:** We have to check the schedule and we can try to figure it out.
    - b) **Ehtasham:** Some people have asked questions about OSL.
    - c) **Damali:** If anything, we can always set up another time. To do it all.
  - 2. **Andrew W:** Time?
    - a) **Ehtasham:** At night
  - 3. **Nathan:** Going to be on a plane, can't make it.
- B. Please continue to share the event page and pushing out the form.
- C. **Austin:** Are you planning on tabling during club hours?
  - 1. Ehtasham: No we didn't get fliers.
- D. **Christina:** Are you going to take questions through FB live?
  - 1. **Ehtasham:** Yes, and we'll give out index cards during the event too.
- E. **Shawntell:** Can people call into WBMB?
  - 1. **Ehtasham:** Yes if WBMB confirms. I don't know how they would and if they can forward the calls.
- F. **Magi:** Full two hours or more?
  - 1. **Ehtasham:** 6pm - 8pm, just depends on how well we answer these questions and how quickly too. And what the flow is.
- G. **Ryan:** Food?
  - 1. **Ehtasham:** Yes probably

### II. Joanne Beloy | Update

A. USG awards

1. Please continue to fill out the forms!

**ADJOURNMENT**

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- I. Motion to adjourn by Andrew Windsor. Senate Meeting #23 @ 6:48 PM. Motion Passes 10-6-2.