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April 27, 2018

To: Mitchell Wallerstein, President

David Christy, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Art King, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

From: Savanna Ramsey, Assistant Director of Student Life

Chair of Student Election Review Committee (SERC)

Re: Official Student Government Election Results - Spring 2018

The Student Election Review Committee (SERC) met on Friday, April 27, 2018 to review the student government elections and to certify the results.

The following are the OFFICIAL RESULTS of the student government elections for graduate and undergraduate positions.

The **Graduate Student Election** was uncontested. There were 6 nominees for 9 seats on the GSA Board of Governors. The SERC certified the nominees as eligible and elected the nominees to their respective positions at a meeting of the SERC held on April 27, 2018 (See Appendix A).

The **Undergraduate Student Election** was conducted on Tuesday, April 24 through Thursday, April 26, 2018. In accordance with the elections procedures announced and published by SERC in February 2018 and provided to all candidates (See Appendix B).

Referendum: Five hundred and twenty-two (522) students voted yes and forty-three students voted no, totaling five hundred and sixty-five (565). Changes to the Undergraduate Student Government Constitution effective July 1, 2018. Amendment to Article IX, Section 1a to include: (IV) Any four (4) absences per semester from meetings in which official Undergraduate Student Government member is eligible to cast a vote. Due to the cast ballots being under 10% of the student population, the referendum requires the signature of President Wallerstein (See Appendix C).

Seven hundred and forty-two (742) students cast ballots. The SERC met on Friday, April 27, 2018 to review and certify the results of the election (See Election Results, Appendix D).

Cc: Dr. Patricia Imbimbo, Associate Dean of Students

Damali Smith, Director of Student Life

Yelena Dzhanova, Editor-in-Chief, The Ticker

Mitchel B. Wallerstein

President

TO CONSIDER A CHANGE IN THE BARUCH COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION

The Constitutional Review Committee chose to act and propose an amendment on absences due to concerns over excessive absences, lack of accountability, and lack of constitutional duty for Representative Senators. There are currently three actions that qualify as grounds for impeachment for any elected member. Our amendment to the Grounds for Impeachment section of the Constitution (Article IX, Section 1) adds a fourth action (excessive absences) and provides a safety net for negligent governance in the future. It ensures fair representation and deters future elected officials from not performing their duties. In order to enforce the rule, the Senate would still have to follow the guidelines in the Constitution for impeachment of an elected USG member. Having four or more absences will not ensure or automate one's removal from office but makes one eligible for removal at the discretion of the Senate by adding a Constitutional duty to attend meetings and represent Baruch students.

We, the undersigned Undergraduate Students of Baruch College, in accordance with Article 16.12 of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York, hereby petition that the following constitution referendum appear on the ballot during the student government elections to be held in April 2018.

RESOLVED, that the following changes be made to the 2018 Undergraduate Student Government Constitution:

 Amend Article IX, Section 1a to include: (IV) Any four (4) absences per semester from meetings in which an official USG member is eligible to cast a vote.

Mitchel B. Wallerstein

President