



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

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MEETING NO. 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD 2013, 05:51PM–06:52PM

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## I. NOMINATIONS

05:51PM–05:56PM

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Farhana Hassan states that the executive board must nominate those who hold the Vice Presidents role and those who chair committees.

*The nominations begin:*

Farhana Hassan nominates **Samyuktha Shivraj** for **Vice President of Academic Affairs**

**Motion Passes: 14:0:1** (Note: Daniel Edward steps out during the nominations)

Santiago A. Gomez Flor nominates **Daniel Edward** for **Vice President of Campus Affairs**

**Motion Passes 14:0:1**

Farhana Hassan nominates **Sasenath Jakairansingh** for **Vice President of Student Services**

**Motion Passes 14:0:1**

Santiago A. Gomez Flor nominates **Michael Harris** for **Vice President of Legislative Affairs**

**Motion Passes 16:0:0** (Note: Daniel Edward returns and Kirill joins the meeting)

Farhana Hassan nominates **Robert Baazashvili** for **Chair of Finance**

**Motion Passes: 16:0:0**

Santiago A. Gomez Flor nominates **Saransh Khanna** for **Chair of Appeals**

**Motion Passes 16:0:0**

Farhana Hassana nominates **Jillian Springer** for **Chair of Marketing**

**Motion Passes: 16:0:0**

Santiago A. Gomez Flor nominates **Olavo De Paula** for **Chair of Professional Development**

**Motion Passes: 16:0:0**

Farhana Hassan nominates **Jackie Luu** for **Chair of Inter-Club Affairs**

**Motion Passes 16:0:0**

## II. REPORTS

05:56PM–06:13PM

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PRESIDENT | FARHANA HASSAN

05:56PM–05:58PM

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- A. Farhana thanks the team for a great summer of preparation and acknowledges those that took part in the major projects; BBQ for end of both Summer Sessions, USG Meet & Greet, Scavenger Hunt & Block party (for freshman convocation), TSO Party, Undergrad Survival Guide, Get Out and Vote Rally (GOTV)
- B. Welcome week will be held September 9– September 12 and those who are spear heading events will go into further detail during their report. Hassan recognizes those who will be in charge of each event; Monday in Motion will be led by Jacob Gsell, Textbook Flea Market will be led by Annie Sourbis and Mueed Kumandan (Student

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Media Council), Candy Crush Wednesday will be led by Aj Jakairansingh, 911 Memorial Ceremony led by Olavo De Paula.

- C. Farhana wants to distinct the 911 memorial ceremony from the Welcome Bearcats events because the event is for the entire baruch community as well as the surrounding community to remember those who lost their lives during 911 . She also addresses to the team that the original plan for releasing balloons can no longer happen due to environmental issues. On that note candles will be lit as an alternative to the balloon idea.

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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT | HENRY MA

05:58PM-06:01PM

- A. Henry is currently working on developing excel workshop and a big networking event. He will be collaborating with Professional Development Committee and Cynthia Roldan (USS Senator) along with club leaders on campus for these events.
- B. Currently there are two open seats in USG: Secretary and Senate seat. So there will be elections for these positions during the 3rd senate meeting (Tuesday, September 17th). The *Half Plus One* voting rule will go into affect during the nomination of the new officers. The Senate meeting will go into executive session upon deliberation of the two positions.

**Comment | Farhana Hassan**

*For those who are running, make sure to bring your resume or any documents that highlight your work experience and extra curricular activities.*

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TREASURER | SANTIAGO A. GOMEZ FLOR

06:01PM-06:02PM

- A. The executive board is working on modifying USG's programming and operating budget to better serve for future events .
- B. The budget for finance and appeals has yet to be determined.

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INTERIM SECRETARY | JILLIAN SPRINGER

06:02PM-06:02PM

- A. Motions to pass the minutes for the last meeting of the Spring Semester of 2013 held on Tuesday May, 14.

**Motion Passes: 16:0:0**

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REPRESENTATIVE SENATOR | ANNIE SOURBIS

06:02PM-06:03PM

- A. Textbook Flea Market: On Tuesday September 10, students will be able to buy, sell and barter their textbooks. The event will take place during club hours (12:30pm-2:30pm) in the 25th street plaza. There will be giveaways and a competition for those who can sell the most books. We are looking for USG members and volunteers to help out with this event.

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VP OF STUDENT SERVICES | SASENATH 'AJ' JAKAIRANSINGH

06:03PM-06:05PM

- A. **Candy Crush Wednesday:** Student Services will be spear heading this event. The event will take place on Wednesday, September 11 on the 2nd floor. The event will include a chocolate fountain and candy giveaways (given out by the area where the couches are). Shot glasses will be arriving this week. The fruits for the chocolate fountain will be

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picked up on the morning of the event. We are looking for USG members volunteers to help set up and be present during the event.

REPRESENTATIVE SENATOR | JACOB GSELL

06:05PM–06:06PM

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- A. **Monday in Motion:** On Monday, September 9 the arcade vendor will be arriving along with the smoothies' vendor. USG has collaborated with Health and Wellness for this event. There will be tables for both Health and Wellness and USG. The Dance Dance Revolution set will be ordered this week. Jake need help setting up for this event.

**Question | Nusaybah Quasem**

*Will we need people to sign up for the newsletter during these events?*

**Response | Farhana Hassan**

*The plan is to walk around with l-pads collecting emails with the form that was recently created.*

VP OF CAMPUS AFFAIRS | DANIEL EDWARD

06:06PM–06:13PM

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- A. **Facilities Meeting with Ilya Asmayan:** The Physical Planned Operations Department of Baruch College and USG are working on finding the best vendor to help facilitate machines in the women bathroom for feminine products.

**Comment | Henry Ma**

*They will also be working on looking into vendors that will facilitate Hand Sanitizers between the men and women's bathroom. USG has a line on their budget for these particular items called facilities (i.e. Hand Sanitizers)*

**Comment | Shadia Sachedina(Student Advisor)**

*Talk to Megan Arson about the feminine products because she might have been working on reaching out to vendors about those products.*

*Daniel brings up the topic of the escalators which was discussed at the meeting. The escalators are currently running the way they are to create a better flow of traffic and with the thought of the handicap in mind.*

- B. **LHM/Viva La Vida II (Daniel turns the floor over to Cynthia Roldan to finish the report):** The opening ceremony for the LHM will be September 12. The theme for this years LHM month will be *Our Story in Rhythm*. LHM needs about 4 to 5 people to help set up around 11:30 am. LHM wants to have the flags set up in the multipurpose room before the *Viva La Vida Party (That will be held the same night of the opening ceremony)*. For the *Viva La Vida Party* we need a lot of help serving.(There will be a lot of food). Following the *Viva La Vida* event and the LHM Opening Ceremony, there will be an event held on Thursday, September, 19 at 9:00am, called *Wake Up (in Spanish)*.

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

06:13PM–06:33PM

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REPRESENTATIVE SENATOR | NUSAYBAH QUASEM

06:13PM–06:23PM

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- A. **Halal and Kosher Food on Campus:** Nusaybah met up with Henry McCants about getting Hallal and Kosher food on campus. Quasem plans on having another meeting with Henry McCants. She is looking for suggestions on how to structure a survey to gain students' feedback.

**Comment | Farhana Hassan**

*Reach out to the other club leaders to join the meeting with Henry McCants*

**Reponse | Nusaybah Quasem**

*For now we'll just reach out to the religious clubs*

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Aside from the meeting with McCants, Nusaybah is working on a survey which she shows everyone on the projector. See link below:

<https://docs.google.com/a/usgbaruch.com/forms/d/1LZCgKdvUkTde638IS8iln7Fcjn85Q1JSSiyVYVznZ1M/viewform>

**Comment | Nusaybah Quesem**

*The survey is not finalized but it includes questions like, "How should the food be prepared?" and it leaves a suggestion box for students to recommend vendors.*

**Question | Cynthia Roldan**

*Can we make Halal Food and Kosher Food into one survey as opposed to two separate surveys?*

**Comment | Axelle Bougouma**

*We can have a question about how much students are willing to spend*

**Comment | Henry Ma**

*We can have some sort of question on portion size*

**Comment | Farhana Hassn**

*A question on if students would be willing to pay a slightly higher price*

**Comment | Axelle Bougouma**

*A question on if student are willing to eat on campus*

**Response | Cynthia Roldan**

*Response on how much students are willing to spend: we should have a price range for this question.*

**Comment | Robi Baazashivili**

*Repeat's Cynthia's point about having a price range. An estimated bracket of prices.*

**Comment | Kirill Gourov**

*We can have a question on where students eat now, to get a more accurate estimate on how much students are willing to spend.*

Farhana Hassan states that Fall will be the time that Nusaybah and Robi (working on the Kosher food) are working on the project.

**Comment | Nusaybah Quesem**

*Should I roll the survey out as soon as possible?*

**Response | Farhana Hassan**

*Take your time and try to limit the amount of questions, but it should be rolled out no later than the end of October.*

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CHAIR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | OLAVO DE PAULA

06:23PM-06:30PM

A. **911 Memorial Ceremony:** The event will take place at 8:00pm on Wednesday, September 11 on the plaza. Olavo has reached out to the Students Veterans Association and the president about having one of the member speak at the event. Olavo is looking for a USG representative who is willing to speak about their experience that day. Olavo also looking into reaching out to Deputy Inspector David Aaronburg who serves at the 31st Precinct about the event.

**Comment | Farhana Hassan**

*Reach out to the FDNY*

**Response | Olavo De Paula**

*There are a lot of events going on that day. So FDNY might not be available. Will still try to reach out.*

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Olavo will need help setting up for this event

**Comment | Micheal Harris**

Reach out to the community affairs branches of the Police department and the Fire department. I will help you out with that.

**Response | Olavo De Paula**

He thanks Michael but he already has the community affairs contact.

**Question | Nusaybah Qausem**

Will there be marketing strategies for this event other than the postcards?

**Response | Farhana Hassan**

Now that the #GOTV event is over we can publish the event on Facebook and promote it heavily there.

**Question | Micheal Harris**

Will there be refreshments?

**Response | Farhana Hassan**

It's a very simple event so there will be no refreshments

**Question | Cynthia Roldan**

Are we holding the candles?

**Response | Farhana Hassan**

We can talk about the candle situation at a later time.

**Comment | Robi Baazashivili**

We can have lines of candles and have each student light them up.

**Comment | Farhana Hassan**

Suggest that Olavo and others meet after the senate meeting about the 9/11 event for those who are interested on planning this event with Olavo.

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VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS | SAMYUKTHA SHIVRAJ

06:30PM–06:33PM

A. We need student representatives for the three schools in Baruch (Zicklin, Weissman and Public Affairs). There are two committees per school; Academic Standing and Curriculum. They meet at least twice a semester and its a great opportunity for students to network with faculty. Non-elected members are welcome to serve but they must be in good academic standing. The Academic Affairs Committee will also be working on the Graduate School Fair with Academic Advisement. Anyone interested in joining the Academic Affairs Committee should email Sam at Samyuktha.Shivraj@usgbaruch.com.

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VP OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS | MICHAEL HARRIS

06:33PM–06:35PM

A. The Get out the Vote rally was a success. We managed to register 135 students within an hour and a half. The last day to register to vote is October 11. Michael is looking for people to help him continue registering voters. He is reaching out to student organizations and the Honors department to participate in exchange for service hours.

**Comment | Farhana Hassan**

Thanks Michael for organizing such a huge CUNY-wide event and working on it all summer

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## IV. NEW BUSINESS

06:35PM–06:51PM

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STUDENT ADVISOR | BEN MESSNER

06:35PM–06:39PM

A. Ben begins his report by stating that it has been a great beginning of the year.

B. Leadership weekend will be held in the last weekend of September. The day before a leadership weekend, Student Life will host a club fair. (Note: there will be heat and we are traveling to a different location from last year)

C. Ben encourages the team to put in the work for events regardless if it's a big or small event. He acknowledges the effort Micheal Harris put in for the Get Out the Vote Rally.

**Question | Daniel Edward**

*Is the application Online?*

**Response | Ben Messner**

*The application is going up Tuesday but asks everyone to follow their social media to get updated. We will make announcement about when the application will be posted. 108 student will be able to go on the retreat.*

Farhana suggest that USG representatives should apply in order to network with the club leaders that will be attending.

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REPRESENTATIVE SENATOR | KIRILL

06:39PM–06:41PM

A. Gages interest for an event that is in the works(Emerging Markets Conference). The desired date for this event will be early December. Kirill is looking for an estimate of who would be interested in developing this event. He will be sending out an email as a follow up to his report.

**Comment | Cynthia Roldan**

*Cynthia suggest reaching out to Naomi Bradford*

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VP OF STUDENT SERVICES | SASENATH JAKAIRANSINGH

06:41PM–06:45PM

A. There are a few clubs that won't have a budget until the next BOD Meeting so we will be cosponsoring with them until then.

**Question | Robi Baazashvili**

*When should Finance present the budgets that needs to be passed?*

**Response Question | Farhana Hassan**

*How many Budgets do we have to pass?*

**Response | Robi Baazashvili**

*We have a lot (Ranging from 10-20)*

**Response | Farhana Hassan**

*We can break the budget meeting between the 2nd and the 4th Senate meeting.*

**Comment | Ben Messner**

*The team can pass the budgets through one motion being that they are courtesy budgets.*

**Question | Jean Bouda**

*What is the last day to register a new club?*

**Response | Ben Messner**

*It closes on February 28th. Anyone who wants to start a new club should come to students life's office. It take about 3 to 4 weeks to have your club registered.*

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VICE CHAIR OF UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE | CAMILLE O'BRIEN

06:45PM–06:47PM

A. New York State Action Committee is having an event at Mad Hatters between 26th & 27th street on 3rd Avenue. Elliot Spizter and Bill De Blasio might be in attendance. They will be watching the mayoral debates. The event at Mad Hatter is from 6:30–10:30pm (September 3rd).

- A. **General Interest Meetings:** She suggests that we have a general interest meeting this month on a Wednesday evening (5:30—Around the same time same time we have our Senate meetings). The team agrees to this suggestion.

**Comment | Olavo De Paula**

*He is fine with it as long as it doesn't conflict with any of the LHM events.*

**Comment | Daniel Edward**

*Can the general interest meeting not be formal?*

**Response | Farhana Hassan**

*We can format the meeting however we like.*

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## IV. ADJOURNMENT

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Robi Baazashvili moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm

**Motion Passes: 16:0:0**

*Meeting is adjourned*



## Eboard

Farhana Hassan <i>President</i>	P	Henry Ma <i>Executive Vice President</i>	P	Santiago A. Gomez Flor <i>Treasurer</i>	P	Jillian Springer <i>Interim Secretary/Chair of Marketing</i>	P
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## Vice Presidents

Samyutkha Shivraj <i>Academic Affairs</i>	P	Sasenath Jaikaransingh <i>Student Service</i>	P	Daniel Edward <i>Campus Affairs</i>	P	Micheal Harris <i>Legislative Affairs</i>	P
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## Chairs and Representative Senators

Saransh Khanna, <i>Chair of Appeals</i>	P	Jacob Gsell, Representative Senator	P
Robert Baazashvili, <i>Chair of Finance</i>	P	Judy Chen, Representative Senator	P
Olavo De Paula, <i>Chair of Professional Development</i>	P	Kirill Gourou Representative Senator	L
Jackie Luu, <i>Chair of Inter Club Affairs</i>	P	Nusaybah Qausem, Representative Senator	P
Allen Meyerovich, Representative Senator	P		
Annie Sourbis, Representative Senator	P		
Axelle Bougouma, Representative Senator	P		

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