

Budget Committee and Board of Directors
of the Bernard M. Baruch College Association
NOTE: Approved electronically by Board Members May 13, 2022
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Present: Art King, Mary Finnen, Patricia Fleming, Barbara Lambert (left 1:30); Allison Lee, Kevin Chen (Zoom), Betty Duverger (ZOOM 12:55), Charlotte Yee (Zoom 12:55), Michael Waldman, Patrick Murphy (12:55), Julia DiMarcello (Zoom), Treniece Moore-Walters (Alternate)

Absent: Timothy Hunter; Tehreem Khan

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Art King at 12:47 p.m.

Approved

Approval of Minutes of the May 5, 2022 meeting

(8-0-0)

Late Payments:

The Ticker - Reporting: Damali Tolson/Director Student Life

Bus tickets were purchased for a trip to Boston, but trip was cancelled due to COVID. This is a student reimbursement.

\$42.00

(8-0-0)

USG – Reporting: Alison Lee/President USG

\$399.48

(8-0-1)

Invoice from Global Equipment Company which was misplaced during COVID

Athletics Budget for FY23

\$466,522.00

(11-0-0)

Refer to budget breakdown for details.

Reporting: Erin Pomykala/Athletics

Comment: Transportation is our largest expense

Health Services Budget for FY23

\$663,407.00

(11-0-0)

Refer to budget breakdown for details.

Reporting: Joy Allison/ Associate Director of Health & Wellness

Largest expense is our partners.

Q. No longer \$15,000 from CAPS because that program is gone

A. Yes, but those funds served CAPS students who are no longer here

Q. Furniture for the Center? A. We are reimagining the space.

Comments:

-Immunizations CUNY wide are moving to Health Services, that may increase operating costs. May have to return to the Board to request funding.

-Want to support the Counseling Center, but will do it through collaborating on events

Undergraduate Student Government

Operating Budget Request **\$251,472.00** (11-0-0)

Refer to budget breakdown for details

Reporting: Julia Margolin/Incoming USG Treasurer); Laiba Hussain (Incoming President of USG);
Abdullah Mahdi (Incoming Student Rep)

Q. What caused the changes to the budget?

A. Set by Accounting Unit, not USG

Q. What about Week of Welcome?

A. It is in our Programming budget

Undergraduate Student Government

Programming Budget Request **\$316,671.00** (11-0-0)

Refer to budget breakdown

Reporting: Julia Margolin/Incoming USG Treasurer); Laiba Hussain (Incoming President of USG);
Abdullah Mahdi (Incoming Student Rep)

Comments:

Week of welcome has no set amount allocated, but it will be sizable.

Less emphasis on merchandise, more on food and in-person expenses.

SL Director Tolson: Budgets don't give exact amounts for many items.

If event is big enough, perhaps it should have its own budget line?

USG Clubs and Organizations

Refer to budget breakdown **\$310,634.00** (11-0-0)

Reporting: Tyler Yang/USG Chair of Finance

Comments:

Looks lower because fewer clubs applied. Will reach out to next year's USG Chair of Finance

Fewer clubs because of the pandemic. Some clubs have much less funding than others because pre-COVID, COVID, and post-COVID look very different.

Committee should have access to old budgets.

Incentives are included for Fall 2022.

Student Building Fund FY23

Refer to budget breakdown for details **\$1,115,762.00** (10-0-0)

Reporting: Mary Finnen/ Treasurer

Some costs went up (Personnel, Monthly Lease, Maintenance). Office supply costs went down.

If we need more staff, we can hire as budget projections allow.

Student Center Budget FY23

Refer to budget breakdown for details **\$983,627.00** (10-0-0)

Reporting: Damali Tolson/Director Student Life

Numbers stayed the same. Biggest difference is staffing.

Because of surplus, OTPS is in good shape

Furniture and fixtures are biggest change due to necessity to replace them.

Q. Struggle to pay going rates for employees.

A. USG took over expensive events. Gave Budget relief. Staff could be better compensated, though we still struggle because we expect hires to have Masters degrees.

Q. Article in Ticker about deteriorated furniture.

A. Some spaces were uninhabitable, Club room is stuffy. As a result of COVID, those issues will be addressed.

Q. Low salaries – is this a CUNY wide thing?

A. Yes. Unless the Student Activity Fee is increased, we cannot increase salaries.

Q. Is this a Board of Trustees decision?

A. Complicated. No lines anymore, campuses get lump sums.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chair King thanked Treasurer Mary Finnen who has served the Board so well for so many years. Mary commented that she “particularly enjoyed this role.” Ms. Finnen is retiring.

Chair King thanked Secretary Fleming who is stepping down from her role as Secretary of the CA BOD effective May 2022. Ms. Fleming will continue in her role at Baruch as Director of Student Disability Services.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Minutes taken by: **Patricia Fleming**

Submitted by: **Patricia Fleming**, Secretary