

# Undergraduate Student Government

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Oct 17, 2023 | 📅 SENATE MEETING

Attendees: Senate

Meeting Date:	October 17th, 2023	Meeting Time:	5:30 PM - 5:59 PM
Location:	USG Conference Room	Recorder:	Adriana Cuca

## — Attendees —

Jessica Yauri   President	Abdullah Mahdi   Executive Vice President
Karen Guanga   Executive Treasurer	Adriana Cuca   Executive Secretary
Adelaide Ilyasov   Vice President of Academic Affairs	Dave Olajide   Vice President of Campus Affairs
Khairun 'Khai' Nisa   Vice President of Legislative Affairs	Skyla Chan   Vice President of Student Affairs
Asher Gonzalez   Chair of Appeals	Amrutha Thirumalesh   Chair of Clubs & Organizations
Bricen Fisher   Chair of Finance	Aliyah Jara   Chair of Graphic Design
Jessica Angamarca   Chair of Marketing	Victor Martinez   Representative Senator
Brianna Augustin   Representative Senator	Emile Barhumi   Representative Senator
JiaQi Wu   Representative Senator	Jason Martinez   Representative Senator
Kayla Hualpa   Representative Senator	Shazia Hussain   Representative Senator
Zena Ally   Representative Senator	Christian Reyes   Representative Senator
[VACANT]	

## Passing of the Minutes

- Motion to Pass Senate Meeting #6 Minutes
  - 17-0-0

## Reports

### I. Khairun Nisa | VP of Legislative Affairs

- Adriana Cuca, Executive Secretary: The USG of Stony Brook University reached out to our USG to join a coalition of SUNY and CUNY schools to support the expansion of the Student Suicide Prevention Act (SSPA) which is currently being reviewed in the NYS legislature. As it stands, this act only applies to K-12 public schools in New York. This resolution, backed by CUNY and SUNY student organizations, advocates for the extension of the bill to apply to public colleges and universities to ensure that they have sufficient student suicide prevention protocols.
- The VP of Legislative Affairs authored and read aloud the Resolution in Support of the Student Suicide Prevention Act to the Senate. A motion was made to pass the resolution and the Senate was reminded that all members must sign off on the document after it passes.

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## Main Motions

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- I. Motion to pass the Resolution in Support of the Student Suicide Prevention Act.
  - o 18-0-0

## New Business

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- I. Abdullah Mahdi | Executive Vice President
  - A. Welcome Zena Ally! We are so happy to have you as a Representative Senator and we are looking forward to the events you have planned!
- II. Dave Olajide | VP of Campus Affairs
  - A. The Campus Affairs Committee has been working on different initiatives including one to supply the bathrooms on campus with period products. There are boxes installed to hold such products but they have been empty for a while. Spirit Smith-Matos, an alternate on the Campus Affairs Committee, is taking the lead on this project and is working with Kayla Hualpa.
    1. Spirit Smith-Matos: We are working on a feminine hygiene project called the Moon Project, to get feminine hygiene products into all of the female and unisex bathrooms on campus. Kayla and I are working together to hold a tabling event to gather information from a survey about how the lack of resources on campus has impacted them and the ways they feel Baruch can help with that. I am also working with Khai to draft a resolution on this initiative to show that there is a real need for this and get the college's support. The aim is to host the tabling event from November 6th to November 10th. If anyone is available to help table, please let us know. The event will also involve fundraising for the Bowery Mission and a cancer research organization.
    2. Dinetta Curtis, Deputy Director of the Office of Student Life: With regard to funding for feminine products now, student activity fees cannot be used for supplying these resources. The other issue that can come up if donations of feminine hygiene products are accepted is storage of the items because the Facilities Department would have to be contacted to help ensure we can properly store them. The Health and Wellness Office and the Health Office where the nurse practitioners are located on campus give out feminine hygiene products to those who need them, but it is not easily accessible to all students as the initiative proposed by the Campus Affairs Committee would be. Although some other colleges use their student activity fees to purchase these products, Baruch college has a different funding structure which does not allow those funds to be used for this purpose. The boxes that are installed in the bathrooms currently were

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part of an initiative led by Albany leaders, without consideration for Baruch's ability to actually fill them with the necessary products.

III. Happy Birthday, Representative Senator Emile!

## Adjournment

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- I. Motion to Adjourn Senate Meeting #7 at 5:59 pm.
  - 18-0-0