

Undergraduate Student Government
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Jan 28, 2025 | 📅 SENATE MEETING #15

Attendees: Senate

Meeting Date:	January 28, 2025	Meeting Time:	5:30 PM - 6:10 PM
Location:	USG Conference Room	Recorder:	Jason Martinez

— Attendees —	
Dave Olajide <i>President</i>	Makkedah Ramsey <i>Executive Vice President</i>
Skyla Chan <i>Executive Treasurer</i>	Jason Martinez <i>Executive Secretary</i>
Muskaan Kapoor <i>VP of Academic Affairs</i> [EXCUSED ABSENCE]	Sam Quervalu <i>VP of Campus Affairs</i>
Yasmine Agdali <i>VP of Legislative Affairs</i>	Laisha De Leon <i>VP of Student Affairs</i>
Justina Dodani <i>Chair of Appeals</i>	Nusaiba Haque <i>Chair of Clubs & Organizations</i>
Arthur Bugayev <i>Chair of Finance</i>	Abibatou Diarra <i>Representative Senator</i>
Christian Perez <i>Chair of Marketing</i>	Eddie Huang <i>Representative Senator</i>
Milton Gordon <i>Chair of Graphics</i>	Marbella Montalvo <i>Representative Senator</i>
Marc Fleurantin <i>Representative Senator</i>	Muskaan Bisal <i>Representative Senator</i>
Myat Thwe <i>Representative Senator</i>	Paz Moran <i>Representative Senator</i>
Zena Ally <i>Representative Senator</i>	María Elisabeth Torrealba <i>Representative Senator</i>
Miguel Rosario <i>Representative Senator</i>	

Passing of the Minutes - 5:30 PM

- I. Motion to pass the Minutes from Senate Meeting #14
- 0-18-0

Reports - 5:31 PM

I. **Skyla Chan | USG Treasurer**

- USG Program Change
 - I'd like to earmark the funds needed to cover 2023-2024 outstanding club reimbursements. To do this, I propose we move \$20k from the USG Programming budget - Emotional, Spiritual, and Physical Events Program to the Social Events Program - Miscellaneous Line.
 - **Abibatou Diarra | USG Representative Senator:** How much would remain in the former budget after allocation to the latter?

- **Skyla:** Around \$11k.
 - **Christian Perez | USG Chair of Marketing:** Do you think the \$11k would be enough to cover this semester's events?
 - **Skyla:** We aren't exactly sure, it depends how many budget proposals we get.
- USG Earmark
 - Our advisors from the Office of Student Life (OSL) let us know that the outstanding balances are made up of \$12k in refreshments and \$8k in miscellaneous. Now that the aforementioned program change was approved, we have the funds to cover outstanding payments.
 - January 31st is the deadline for all reimbursements from FY24. This memo provides further details and is to be provided to the accounting unit.

Main Motions

- I. Motion to approve the program change of \$20k from Emotional, Spiritual, and Physical Events to Social Events - Miscellaneous.
 - 0-18-0

Unfinished Business - 5:37 PM

I. Skyla Chan | USG Treasurer

- Amendment to Last Semester's Earmark
 - Last semester, we made a similar earmark to the one we did just now, and it was \$10k in refreshments, \$5k in miscellaneous, and \$2k in supplies. I along with OSL have come to the conclusion that we need to move the \$2k in supplies to miscellaneous.
 - Once again for club leaders, late reimbursements (for anything done in the 2023-2024 academic year) are due on Jan 31st. Otherwise, you would have to do a USG Appeal.

II. Dave Olajide | USG President

- Constitutional Amendment Committee
 - To pave the way for better USGs in the future, I am looking for a team to review our constitution and propose amendments to it. We are aiming to finalize all changes before Albany Caucus Weekend.
 - **Christian:** What are the tasks and time commitment expected of the team?
 - **Dave:** It will likely be 3 hours a week, and you'd be looking for discrepancies, positions or responsibilities in the constitution that don't reflect how we operate currently, and things we can add.
 - **Damali Tolson | OSL Director:** Any amendments you'd make must be submitted to us by the last week of February. This is so we can send it to CUNY Central, and they can then approve and review the language. Once

approved by them, each amendment you propose must be voted on by the student body.

- **Christian:** How long would it take for changes to be in effect?
- **Dave:** Changes would be in effect by next semester. It would have to gather signatures and be voted on by the student body, similar to student government elections.
- Those selected were for this team are: Zena Ally, Marc Fleurantin, Marbella Montalvo, Christian Perez

New Business - 5:48 PM

I. Dave Olajide | USG President

- New Representative Senator Responsibilities
 - We have given our rep sens more responsibility, and we'd like to make sure you are all updated and aware:
 - Abibatou manages the President's List, a list of official USG members.
 - Eddie manages the merch catalogue, a compilation of designs and pieces.
 - Marc, Marbella, Myat, and Miguel are in charge of organizing and keeping track of inventory in our suite.
 - We need a new rep sen to help Jason with Senate set-up. He will reach out.

II. Makkedah Ramsey | USG Executive Vice President

- Deadlines
 - When given deadlines from external partners, our deadlines take priority!
 - Seniors, don't forget to apply to graduation and sign up to attend the Commencement Ceremony! Commencement is on May 28th.

III. Happy Birthday to Chair of Clubs & Orgs Nusaiba Haque!

IV. Happy Birthday to Representative Senator Zena Ally!

V. Happy Birthday to Representative Senator Paz Moran!

VI. Happy Birthday to Representative Senator Abibatou Diarra!

Adjournment - 6:10 PM

- ### **I. Motion to adjourn Senate Meeting #15**
- 0-18-0