

**MINUTES OF THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE
HELD**

**JANUARY 21, 2018
AT GUTTMAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ROOM 401
AT 50 WEST 40th STREET—NEW YORK, NY 10018**

I. ROLL CALL

The attendance was as follows:

USS Steering Members:

Chairperson John Aderounmu; Vice Chair for Legislative Affairs Yssed Tobo; Vice Chair for Fiscal Affairs Francesca Royal; Vice Chair for Graduate Affairs Cyrille Njikeng; Vice Chair for Senior College Affairs Jennifer Fernandez; Vice Chair Community College Affairs Mauricette Gbenenoui; Vice Chair for Evening and Part Time Affairs Brandon Clarke; Vice Chair for International Student Affairs Latchmie Marajh; Vice Chair for Disability Affairs Kawthar Abdullah; Vice Chair for Technology Fee Affairs Laneika Lyons

Present Delegates & Alternates:

Diaz, Jasper (Delegate, Baruch College); Diaw, Fatou (Graduate Delegate, Baruch College); Betters, Ryan (Graduate Alternate, Baruch College); Abdullah, Kawthar (Delegate, Borough of Manhattan Community College); Martinez, Mary (Delegate, Bronx Community College); Ullah, Wali (Delegate, Bronx Community College); Njikeng, Cyrille (Graduate Delegate, City College of New York); Kodjo, Cyprien (Graduate Alternate, City College of New York); Williams, Tellisia (Graduate Delegate, CUNY Graduate Center); Brooks, Anna (Graduate Alternate, CUNY School of Journalism); Picasso, Malita (Graduate Delegate, CUNY School of Law); Sheridan, Lisa (Delegate, CUNY School of Professional Studies); Blades, Leonard (Graduate Delegate, CUNY School of Professional Studies); Leung, Jenny (Graduate Alternate, CUNY School of Public Health); Cirineo, Onasis (Delegate, Guttman Community College); Gbenenoui, Mauricette (Delegate, Hostos Community College); Aderounmu, John (Delegate, Hunter College); Royal, Francesca (Delegate, Hunter College); Jackson, Taneeka (Delegate, Medgar Evers); Marajh, Latchmie (Delegate, Medgar Evers); Charles, Mike (Delegate, NYCCT); Myers, Marlon (Delegate, NYCCT); Fernandez, Jennifer (Delegate, Queens College); Salvador, Mabely (First Alternate, Queensborough Community College); Tobo, Yssed David (Delegate, York College); Orellana, Damaris (Delegate, York College); Santana, Gisele (First Alternate, York College);

Absent Delegates & Alternates:

Morote, Daniel (Delegate, Baruch College); Grun, Shlomo (First Alternate, Baruch College); Arias, Isabel (Second Alternate, Baruch College); Ogunninyi, Babatunde (Delegate, Borough of Manhattan Community College); Malachowicz, Karol (First Alternate, Borough of Manhattan Community College); Barrow, Danielle (Second Alternate, Borough of Manhattan Community College); Abdul, Hussein (First Alternate, Bronx Community College); Sowah, Malcolm (Second

Alternate, Bronx Community College); Habba, Samuel (CLAS Delegate, Brooklyn College); Swed, Albert (SGS Delegate, Brooklyn College); Ahmed, Zunera (CLAS Alternate, Brooklyn College); Koennicke, Elizabeth (Graduate Delegate, Brooklyn College); Dixon, Samalia (Graduate Alternate, Brooklyn College); Khan, Harris (Delegate, City College of New York); Henry, Chris (Delegate, City College of New York); Towfiek, Hannah (First Alternate, City College of New York); Price, Quintin (Second Alternate, City College of New York); Bray, Reginald (Delegate, College of Staten Island); Soliman, Nardeem (Delegate, College of Staten Island); Nashed, Marina (First Alternate, College of Staten Island); Rahman, Doshi (Second Alternate, College of Staten Island); Shafik, Emanoil (Graduate Delegate, College of Staten Island); Green, Riana (Graduate Alternate, CUNY Graduate Center); Morroquin, Maria (Graduate Alternate, CUNY School of Law); Clarke, Brandon (Delegate, CUNY School of Professional Studies); Del Del Signore-Dresser, Isa (Graduate Delegate, CUNY School of Public Health); Castillo, Hector (Delegate, Guttman Community College); Vasquez, Sara (First Alternate, Guttman Community College); Diallo, Thierno (Delegate, Hostos Community College); Rosario, Adelaida (First Alternate, Hostos Community College); stephenson, Tierra (Second Alternate, Hostos Community College); Krishtul, Nicole (First Alternate, Hunter College); Uruci, Fatime (Delegate, John Jay College); Almonte, Rael (Delegate, John Jay College); Crespo, Elisa (First Alternate, John Jay College); Hyun, Jean (Graduate Delegate, John Jay College); Jackson, Tyresa (Graduate Alternate, John Jay College); Mohammad, Salman (Delegate, Kingsborough Community College); Wagstaffe, Norman (Delegate, Kingsborough Community College); Baxter, Joel (First Alternate, Kingsborough Community College); Barrow, Danielle (Second Alternate, Kingsborough Community College); Coyotl, Franki (Delegate, LaGuardia Community College); Zheng, Dan (Delegate, LaGuardia Community College); Cabrera, Sally (Delegate, Lehman College); Garcia-Dwyer, Donald (Delegate, Lehman College); Antonetti, Victoria (First Alternate, Lehman College); Ortiz-Oena, Kevin (Second Alternate, Lehman College); Edwards-Newton, Asha (First Alternate, Medgar Evers); Lyons, Laneika (Second Alternate, Medgar Evers); Crick, Jameliah (First Alternate, NYCCT); Sarria, Alexandra (Second Alternate, NYCCT); Singh, Raneet (Delegate, Queens College); Singh, Haramritpal (First Alternate, Queens College); Singh, Japneet (Graduate Delegate, Queens College); Hassan, Ali (Graduate Alternate, Queens College); Aguirre, Sarah (Delegate, Queensborough Community College); Salvador, David (Delegate, Queensborough Community College); Gallardo, Jhostyn (Second Alternate, Queensborough Community College); Hoque, Maliha (Second Alternate, York College);

University Student Senate Staff:

Executive Director Fernando Araujo; Legislative Director and Secretary of the Plenary Donavan Borington; Budget Director Cruz Garcia

CUNY Central Office of Student Affairs:

Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Christopher Rosa
University Coordinator of Student Activities Charmaine Townsell

University Student Senate Election Review Committee (USSERC) Members

USSERC Member Emily Tai; USSERC Member Asuma Jalloh

Chairperson Aderounmu called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. with 24 voting members present. No agenda items was approved during the meeting, due to a lack of quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Approval of November 19, 2017 Minutes
- IV. Chairperson's Report
- V. Vice Chair's Report
 - A. Vice Chair for Graduate Affairs
 - B. Vice Chair for Senior College Affairs
 - C. Vice Chair for Community College Affairs
 - D. Vice Chair for Evening and Part Time Affairs
 - E. Vice Chair for Disability Affairs
 - F. Vice Chair for International Student Affairs
 - G. Vice Chair for Technology Fee Affairs
 - H. Vice Chair for Fiscal Affairs: USS Financial Report Fiscal Year 2017
- VI. USS Resolution 1718-P06: CUNY USS Budget Fiscal Year 2018
- VII. Recognition of CUNY Dreamers
- VIII. USS Audit and USS Ethics Committee Elections
- IX. Announcements
 - A. Financial Aid Application 2018-2019 Academic Year
 - I. Federal Aid: FAFSA Pell Grant
 - II. State Aid: TAP
 - B. Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 4:30 p.m. CUNY Board of Trustees Public Hearing
 - C. Monday, December 4, 2017, 4:30 p.m., Baruch College: CUNY Board of Trustees Meeting
 - D. December 13th-December 14th: Finals week
 - E. Wednesday, December 20, 2017: End of Fall Semester
 - F. Sunday, January 21, 2018, USS Plenary Meeting
 - G. Saturday, January 27, 2018, Spring 2018 Semester Begins
- X. Adjournment

Sen. Khan motioned to approve the agenda; VC. Gbenenoui seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously: {30 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions}.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2017

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Aderounmu provided the following report:

CHAIRPERSON JOHN ADEROUNMU'S REPORT

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ACTIONS

Nov. 19, 2017

I received this message from the Chancellor in response to an article written in a publication on the use of Brooklyn college bathrooms.

To the community:

This morning, the New York Post published a misleading article about Brooklyn College and our relationship to the New York City Police Department. Brooklyn College does, in fact, welcome police to use its campus bathrooms. No policy has changed. We have always allowed public servants to use our facilities under a neutral policy that applies to police, sanitation workers, traffic enforcement agents, and others who work in the field. Everyone needs to use the bathroom at one time or another. Today, I met with the leadership of the local precinct and borough command to reassure them that members of the New York City Police Department are welcome to use our bathrooms. Since becoming president, I have worked to establish a strong relationship with local law enforcement, and we reaffirmed that relationship today.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle J. Anderson
President, Brooklyn College

Nov. 21, 2017

The Chancellor announced his eventual departure from his position at the end on the 2017-2018 Academic Year which I shared in my letter to plenary over the listserv.

Nov. 22, 2017

I shared the Ad-hoc Committee members, agenda and meeting time over the listserv. And later the Auxiliary Enterprise Corporation and Facilities' Use policy review. The items are to be discussed and voted on December 4th with the hearing having taken place at CUNY central on November 29th.

FROM NOVEMBER 23 -26 CUNY was closed in celebration of thanksgiving.

November 27

USS Budget Hearing

Conducted by the newly elected Vice Chair for Fiscal Affairs. Was open to all CUNY students to discuss the budget of USS.

November 28

Board of Trustees Hearing.

Was in attendance as the only testimony given was by food services workers in response to the changes in auxiliary policy review.

December 1st

STEERING MEETING

A thorough discussion of the budget and areas that need our attention in CUNY as your steering committee.

- V. COMMITTEE REPORT**
- VI. USS RESOLUTION 1718-P07-P10**
 - A. USS RESOLUTION 1718-P07**
 - B. USS RESOLUTION 1718-P08**
 - C. USS RESOLUTION 1718-P09**
 - D. USS RESOLUTION 1718-P10**

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- A. November 2017: Spring Semester 2018 Course Registration at CUNY Colleges Check CUNYFIRST For Appointment**
- B. Financial Aid Application 2018-2019 Academic Year**
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- K. Sen. Uruci:** Announced John Jay College will have 24hr library services during finals week from December 6th--December 20th. Thanked VC. Fernandez for meeting with the John Jay College delegation.
- L. Sen. Khan:** Announced City College will have 24hr library services during finals week
- M. Sen. Morote:** Announced the CUNY DREAMers conference will be held on December 9th at International Community High School.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The University Student Senate Plenary meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

John Aderounmu, USS Chairperson

Date

Donavan Borington, Secretary to the USS Plenary

Date

ADDENDUM: USS PLENARY MEETING VOTING TALLY

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