

[8:00 PM] Hanna calls meeting into order

- Please raise your name tag when you speak for the first few meetings!

[8:07 PM] roll call completed

- Hanna begins to talk about proxying. You can only proxy one person at the time.

[8:09 PM] please talk to one another. There is no pressure!

[8:10 PM] President's address (Dhruv Kapadia)

[not literal quote] → Good evening everyone, welcome to senate this is a very exciting time. Please ask me anything once we get to that point. I want to thank the branch leaders and the e board. The Senate is where we get together to get incentives through. Everyone in the student is an extremely hard worker. I sent on slack an article relating to what we have done so far, please read it. We are not here for our resume, we are here to make visible change. Please read the article to know some things we are up to!

I was a senator for the last 2 years. I am familiar with what experiences you may have. I strongly encourage you to find someone who can be a mentor who you can talk to to get an idea of how to manage Student voernment. Try to work together and don't try to isolate each other. Feel free to come to me as a resource.

Any questions [8:12 PM]

[8:10 PM] Senator Daniel Perkins → do you have any initiatives that you are going to enact throughout the year?

Dhruv Kapadia → we want to act as the representatives of students. We are working to improve the legitimacy of the senate while advocating for the beliefs of the student body. I have been committed to this cause since freshman year. We have taken over more responsibilities such as the student community service fee.

Senthil Meyyappan → What type of cross branch work do we want to work together with?

Dhruv → my responsibilities lay in the by-laws. I will remain sticking to the sponsors of the bills and try to get on-board from the start. The entire senate will also be part of the process.

[8:16 PM]

Vice Chair Nomination

Sandro → Hi everyone, I've been sending everyone emails! I am currently the nominee for senate vice-chair. I recognize the roles associated with this responsibility. I've understood what initiatives to put value on in the Senate. We put really strong value in the idea this is the place where actual change happens. We all have the same ambition: to make BU a better place. As rules I had a perspective of certain inefficiencies within mandated criterias of the Senate. Through my previous experiences and what I believe, this is why I believe I should be vice chair.

[8:20]

Questions:

Missed the person asking→Why does this photo look like it was taken at the airport?

I went to the same Sunday school as Joe Biden's granddaughter.

Daniel Perkins→Something you would use this position to improve?

This environment isn't as friendly as it could be, sometimes hostile. Want to ensure the environment is where all senators are comfortable with each other, not just the ideas we share. Members of the student government should foster new ideas and work with people.

Ensure what we put in the minutes does not have bias and truly represent what the individual is saying?

No matter how much I disagree with a bill or a speech, I can guarantee that I will not put my personal bias.

[8:25 PM]

Move into voting procedure → Senator Perkins

Second → Many

[8:26 PM]

Motion Passes

Motion to vote on confirmation → Senator Meyyappan

Motion Passes

[8:29 PM]

Committee Confirmations

[8:31 PM]

Julia Samuels Impact Nominee

"I will keep this short. My name is Julia and I am in Wheelock College. I have worked hard to get IMPACT started and I am passionate about getting our initiatives in place."

[8:32 PM]

Ankit Patro

Hi everyone, my name is Ankit. I am Econ and IR. Sandro nice socks. 'Say hi to bureaucracy,' Judicial is awesome! They have a very free and fair and unbiased election,

[8:33 PM]

Grace Choi

Hi, my name is grace. I am a sophomore studying political science and journalism. Annie and I have discussed our priorities within the senate. We are planning on holding events throughout the year alongside other Student Government organizations.

[8:34 PM]

Tommie Lee

I have previous experience in political consulting agencies and for school boards. I currently work at a law firm. I have a lot of legal experience. Please be nice. I yield my time.

[8:35 PM]

Nick Kulda

I am from Delaware and I major in CS and Econ. I was a staffer last year and I have some experience on some ideas on how to improve Student Government.

[8:36 PM]

\*Question period\*

Senator Shamsi: Are there any plans on naming 16k to 17k.

Choi → perhaps

Justice Krseh → what are your detailed plans on senate commute

Julia → our goals are to create a task force for the LGTBQ+ for the student community. We want student voices to be heard by the BU administration. We are building a report to send to Dr Brown.

Senator Kjoller → what experiences do you have?

Ankit → I was in JAC last year

Nick → Staffer in Senate Rules and I have been involved in law internships

Tommie → I have previous experiences in advocating in private schools. I have done a lot of equity work. Something I did was I made my high school recognize it was a PWI and made the school make an inclusivity and diversity board in the school.

Julia → I was part of the original IMPACT team. Eventually I became a part of the team.

Grace → I believe to be the middle ground between the committee and the senator

Senator Perkins → Question to Ankit: How can the senate confirm the integrity of court office, what level of transparency can we expect out of you.

Ankit → All the proceedings from Judicial and SEC are always published online. You can check online details for what we have done including last year.

[8:41 PM] Senator Sullivan → Extend voting

Second → Many

Passed

[8:43 PM]

Senator Sullivan → What organizations will you work with? Will their voices be uplifted rather than inserted?

We work with different groups. We recognize the fact that it is difficult to uplift the voices without just inserting. We will work with the Alianza Latina BU.

[8:44 PM]

Motion to Kjoller → enter voting procedure.

Many → Second

Passed

Motion to vote on confirmation Julia Samuels  
Many → Second  
Passed

\*every committee nomination left the room\*

Passed

[8:47 PM]  
Senator Shumsi → Motion to vote on grace  
Many → Second  
Passed

[8:48 PM]  
Senator Kjoller → vote on tommie Lee  
Many → Second  
Passed

[8:50 PM]  
Senator Patel → vote on Ankit  
Many → Second  
Passed

[8:51 PM]  
Senator DiMaggio → vote on Nick  
Many → Second  
Passed

\*all confirmed\*

[8:53 PM]  
Update on S. RES 011  
Senator James

“This is an update of the resolution. This endorsed the development of a better transportation system. It aimed to lower the cost of transportation and the blue bike initiative. This was an issue worked on before. We tried to make the T free for BU students.

- BU said no.

In 2021 I focused on the BU bus rather than the MBTA. The BU bus system said no to adding an extra bus to the route. I brought forth the idea of adding a program that teaches on how transportation works. BU said yes to that proposal.

Last year we tried to subzuzude the T pass for Pell Grants. BU does not have the money for it. The idea for incoming students was introduced by making a series of videos that detailed how different things went on on campus. The videos cover a set of topics. We are trying to outreach

the video to current students. We are also actively getting the signage out there. We don't know when or how the signage will be out, but it's happening.

Senator Lee → what's happening to the Amory station?

Senator James → we don't know but I can ask and get back to you!

Senator Sonn → Last year CGS students who lived in Fenway got T-passes. Where did they get the funding?

Senator James → I can find that out, thank you!

Senator Marush → What did they say about additional weekend services?

Senator James → they did not listen to us. We still exist on weekends.

Senator Werneck → did you have data to back your claim?

Senator James → Yes but they didn't listen.

Senator Cavazos → did you mention a seasonal demand for the bus?

Senator James → They were still hesitant.

Senator Perkins → Did you get these signs in the dorms?

Senator James → We did not think about that as an idea!

Senator Friedland → Did you guys talk with the Mayor's office?

Senator James → good idea!

Senator Masri → collaborate with Uber and Lyft

Senator James → BU Says that it's not environmentally friendly to do so.

[9:02 PM]

Emily Wright Confirmation Speech

"It's great to see most of you. Last year I was in the SEC and I had a great time learning about mobilizing other people to vote. I hope to get to know them by working with other branches in student government. Most of my extracurriculars have been rule related. I would love to answer any related questions!"

[9:04 PM]

Teresa Chen

"Hi everyone. I have worked with the SEC for the last 2 year and hopefully do it even better next time! I yield my time."

Kiana Atahi

"I have experience in my previous university."

Jerry Chen

“Honorable senators; my name is Jerry chen. I am a first year student. I was born and raised in NYC. Last summer I worked on the Elon Musk takeover. I was a co-president in my previous highschool.

[9:06 PM]

Eitan Marshashall

“I am a history major. I got a UROP grant last year doing research on Chinese Christinanity. This summer I researched the history of American policing. I intend to write a senior thesis on Bostonian policing. That's a bit about my research experience.”

[9:07 PM]

Q&A Time

Chief Justice Ilana Keusch

Senator → what actions will you be taking in the JAC.

Jerry Chen → We intend to do research that can help student voeriment. I will be here at senate meetings some times.

Eithan Marshashall → The research is on the website and can be reached by all students. We will finalize a 20ish page report. I am interested in BUPD as a topic.

Senator Perkins → enter voting procedure

Senator Kulda → Second

Passes

Senator Zeda → Enter to vote on Jerry

Many → Second

Passes

Vote on Chen

Passes

Senator Segal → Vote on Emily Wright

Many → Second

Passes

Vote on Emily Wright

Passes

Senator → Vote on Teresa Chen

Many → Second

Passes

Vote on Teresa Chen

Passes

Senator Sullivan → Vote on Eithan Marshall-Pinko

Many → Second  
Passes  
Vote on Eithan Marshall-Pinko  
Passes

Senator DiMaggio → Vote on Kiana Aftahi  
Many → Second  
Passes  
Vote on Kiana Aftahi  
Passes

[9:20 PM]  
S.Res 001  
President Kapadia  
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Lauren Kong

“The fall budget will be 34,500. Out of that we have already spent 7784.”

PK “to see where all the money is going you can look at the graphs and use the colors to recognize what branch is getting. You have access to them on your computer. This budget is very different from previous years. Why is this budget so much more different?”

There is something called the CSF. The CSF is a fee that all students get. Each semester that totals around 2.2 million dollars. The DOS will add \$500,000 into the funds. The total fund will be around 2.78 million dollars. These 2.78 million dollars will fund all student organizations. The CSF goes into a variety of categories. The numbers on the slide represent the precedent. Fees are taken out of the fund on the basis of services that all students receive, such as the BUPD. AB (allocation board) funds each student organization that is not one of the major advocacy organizations.

CP received 33% and some interesting things have happened there.

This year we have worked with the Campus activities board to absorb the ownerships of the CSF fund.”

Senator Perkin → Extend motion by 5 minutes  
Many → Second

Passes.

PK “on the past few years these fees have been allocated to a group of 6 to 7 students. Generally though, it's not the students who manage the funds. We worked with CAB and intend to use it for student events. Those are events that need to happen every year. For that reason, events are getting 0 dollars since it uses the CAB fund. This means that the student government is receiving additional funding given the fact that events will no longer receive stu gov funding. All branches have grown, and the distribution is more equitable now for years to come.

What does that mean? The Senate gets \$19,000 per year. The Senate can allocate that money in whatever way it wants. The SEC will expand its budget. Events will have additional funding now that they are in charge of taking care of winter weeks of welcome and so on. We are making ourselves seem more visible in Boston University. It's the first step in legitimizing student government. Any questions?

Richard Segalman → CSF is going back in the hands of students. Who is in control of it?

PK: The ultimate goal is to give senators the power to propose the specific percentage breakdown. Since DOS does not get any representations from students, we are getting the student body involved in the process.

Senator Meyyappan → Why did the senate grow percentage wise compared to judicial and legislative.

PK: it's not about proportional growth, rather it's about ensuring the right people get the money they demand.

Senator Perkins → How are the college percentages decided?

PK → Student enrolment

Richard Segalman → How will we not enter a deficit?

PK → We have a more responsible style of leadership that will hold us accountable to the budget we design.

Chief Justice → Senate votes on these things to catch errors in the budget. The errors are partially and initially on the budgeting. Ultimately the senate is the body that passes the budget.

Senator Perkins → Extend by 4 minutes

Many → Second

Passed

Senator Meyyappan → Can the distributions be reallocated between committees.

Chair Dworkin → To change it you would have to vote against this bill.

Senator Perkins → We should be making an educated decision on the budget. A Lot of us here are new... part of me feels like it's difficult to make an educated decision. What are the pros and cons to this budget?

Chair Dworkin → You can vote to table or vote to eject?

Richard Segalman → How will we be able to check the spreadsheet?

VPF → We have the budget linked on the website so you can visit the budget on your own time.

Senator Perl → What is the Senate Budget dispersed in?

PK → Senate can vote to allocate money to other student organizations.

Richard Segalman → Walk us through the additional funding process.

Senator Dimaggio → Extend by 1 minute

Many → Second

Passed

PK → Club sports are the only activities that include liability. Because of that any other organization can come to us for additional funding. They would have to submit a senator proposal as a funding request.

Serves the same function as the AB.

Senator Perkins → Extend by 2 minutes

Many → Seconds

Passed

PK: The issue we are trying to address is to absorb responsibility. We want to be held accountable for how to allocate the funds. What we can do differently is that we can act as a last resort. We only have 9,500 only so we manage different sized projects.

Meyyappan → Would they pass the senate for additional funds.

PK → If cabinet needs additional finding it can

[9:51]

Senator Deal → Voting procedure

Many → Second

Passed.

Senator DiMaggio → Motion to Vote

Senator Kulda → Second

Passed.

[9:53]

Bill 001 Passes.

[9:55]

S.Res 002

Senator Kulda "SR 002. Proposes to create a finance commute for the BU senate."

Senator DiMaggio "Fico"

Senator Kulda "this is an idea that has been floated around. The goal would be to help the Senate Chair in making informed decisions regarding the budget."

Senator Lee "this bill does not decide senate lesure or committee allocation. FiCo will only make recommendations and check for financial correctness."

Senator DiMaggio "We yield our time"

[9:56]

Senator Shamsi → "In the bill any senator can be nominated to this committee."

Senator Kulda → since it pertains to the senate budget, it's only fair to have someone who's literate in the topic.

Senator Meyyappan → Will you have funding?

Senator DiMaggio → We would have to request for money and do not intend to.

Richard Segalman → Why is this not VPF

Chair Dworkin → Senate Chair is incharge of the senate leisure.

PK → Each branch should manage their internal affairs.

Senator Marrouche → Enter voting procedure

Many → Second

Passed.

Senator DiMaggio → Vote on SR002

Many → Second

Passed.

SR002 Passes.

Senator James → Motion to adjourn

Many → Second

Passed.