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Meeting Begins [7:59 PM]

[8:03 PM] President's Address: I will be sending out an email and want to share with you the content of it beforehand. We are collaborating with students of the United Nations. All the proceeds of the collaboration will be given to people who have been affected by climate change. The Venmo for donations is @ccristugovxsun. We are also hosting 2 drives to collect personal hygiene products for communities in need in Brighton. BU Closet will have a BU clothing drive to host a thrift store during the winter weeks of welcome. Try to contribute if you can! In addition, I will also be following up with the Workers Graduate Union. We will have an isolated paragraph about the union. Any questions?

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Chair Dworkin: Thank you President Kapadia. I will ask that you close your devices out of respect for the matter. I will give our Chief Justice the podium.

Chief Justice: As you are aware of the article of impeachment, you can see that there has been an article made against a JAC commissioner. The evidence you have today is to proceed with a vote or not. For the two people involved your time to speak is next week, not this week. Any questions?

Chair Dworkin: I am going to give 10 minutes for questions

Senator Shamsi: I can imagine there are people in this room who have not read this. What is it?

Chief Justice: Last year JAC added staffers on their by-laws. At the beginning of this year Commissioner Markovic stated an interest in expanding the JAC to 6 staffers. This caused a possible loss of legitimacy in the organization as it gave positions to people who were in fact not part of the organization. We have had meetings that have made us believe that it makes sense to move forward with a senate vote.

Senator: If we had a hearing next week what would that mean for us?

Chief: If you have a hearing you can have the evidence sent to you prior to the meeting. There will be a 5 min hearing. This time, you are the judicial branch! After that there will be 5 minutes of closing arguments and a standard voting procedure to remove Markovic from office.

Senator Lee: If we remove him from position, is there another commissioner to take his place?

Chief: There are 3 other commissioners currently within the JAC. That position would be filled quickly.

Senator Lee: If we send a proxy, how will that change the way they vote?

Chief: Part of the reason we are presenting evidence this meeting is to make sure everyone is equally informed on the matter they are voting on.

Senator Perkins: Did Ben step aside and had a proxy stand in his place for the original judicial vote.

Chief: If a justice is unable to vote, we promote a JAC commissioner to vote in his place.

Chair: Questions and concerns?

Senator Zeda: As a point of clarification would a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote be required for next week?

Chief: Our discovery process is the first step to determine if this is an offense worthy of the senate.

Senator Perkins: If the vote passes who should we address questions to?

Chief: They will be asked in the meeting.

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Chair: We are going to vote now. Remember that this is 2/3rd majority.

Chair: With 38 votes this passes. Hopefully on a brighter note we have our FinCo nominees!

Rafaele Dimaggio: How's it going? I'm from New York. I am a sophomore in Questrom. I like finance and I'm part of the financial modeling club. I yield.

Darian Singh: Im Darian, I am also a finance dude. I am from Queens. I'm big on finance. I like excel and the Wall Street Journal.

Chair Dworkin: Let's have a 5 minute discussion period. Senator Dudit

Senator Zeda: As Co-Chairs, what do you want to achieve?

Dimaggio: I want to manage a Senate budget. I look forward to staffing and building the committee.

Singh: Money is a very cool thing to work on.

Senator Perkins: Question of procedure. So we are voting first on FinCo chairs and then their budget, is it odd that we are voting on their budget?

Chair Dworkin: No, it's normal!

Senator Mayappan: What if the Dean says no to the budget you present.

Singh: We would look forward to having a student line to talk to Stu Gov leadership, it shouldnt be a problem to have our recommendation passed.

Dimaggio: The point is to make this transparent. We believe that they will be receptive in the first place.

Senator Mayappan: How will you screen for staffers?

Dimaggio: So far we are going to model our screening style on the basis of what other committees have done.

Senator Mayappan: How will you reach out to the mentioned members of the organizations?

Senator Mayappan: Motion to extend vote by 5 minutes

Senator → Second

Chair Dworkin [passes]

Dimaggio: There are 6 disorganized groups right now in sports hypothetically. We need to assume that those people who represent a group of more disorganized associations can serve as representatives of the entire parent organization.

Singh: We also want to use student government organizations to our advantage. I would want to count on more to get access to what students want.

Senator Mayappan: If you come to a position where everyone is disagreeing; how would you decide on choosing a particular decision?

Singh: We would probably vote on it. We will deal with that when it comes.

Dimaggio: I have been trained with mediation tactics as an RA. We have to understand that valid recommendations and invalide recommendations are all in the numbers. Ultimately it would come down to a vote.

Singh: We are just mediators. It's up to the committee at large.

Senator Mayappan: Different groups have different population sizes. What is stopping an organization from sending many representatives to outweigh the vote?

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Singh: It should be based on the size of the school. Ultimately they will be representing one body, even if there are many people. Ultimately having 10 people represents 1 college.

Senator Mayappan: Will you guys have checks and balances?

Singh: We want to have it equal.

Dimaggio: We are a new committee so we are learning which models best work for our interests.

Senator Perkins: What does any senator mean?

Dimaggio: Everyone can apply!

Chair Dworkin: Do I see any motions?

Senator Perkins: Motion to enter voting procedure  
Second-ed

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Chair Dworkin: Passes. Do I hear any motions?

Senator Shamsi: Vote on Raf  
Second

Chair: We aren't voting on him, we are just motioning to vote on him. We are in the voting procedure.  
Passes.

Chair: Go ahead and cast your vote. Remember we are voting on the nominee.  
This passes. Do I see any other motions?

Senator Kjoller: Motion to vote on Darian Singh

Chair Dworkin: Go ahead and vote.

Chair dworkin : if you could all pull up the legislation, it is sr 004

Druch : To summarize this is the csf distribution, 2.5% of it is what you all voted on. We will be voting on an updated recommendation for the dean of students on every single distribution. Used to be controlled by sao, they have not changed this distribution in 8 years, but we would like to update to better fit students needs. We are trying to change and recommend an updated allocation of this distribution

It is a small change that'll lead to a large effect on the day to day of students groups

Chair dworkin: senate will pass an annual csf distribution to the DoS within the senate finance committee, which any senator is welcome to join

President Dhruv : These events, weeks of welcome etc, need to happen and are safeguarded so they happen every year. These allocations cannot be changed and will not be approved

Mayypan - And DoS has made this explicit?

Dhruv : yes

Zeda: does this mean there must be a consensus on the allocation

Dworkin: it is just regular consensus in forum

Chief justice: are there provisions in place to assure this vote does not take place in the last meeting of the semester?

Dworkin: the finance chair and the senate chair would hopefully take provisions to not allow this

Steger- is there a way to gauge student interest

Dhruv- there has been a form , and hopefully the finance committee would take recommandations

Aiaia- any motions at this time

Meyyappan- extend by 5

Aiaia- open vote to extend time by five. Closing voting. Extension has passed.

Meyyappan- i want to clarify , is the vision for fineco is that the vision for colleges is represented by size or equity

Dworkin- equity. One person from every college, up to the discretion of the chairs, but it has to be equitable

Dhruv- and the check would be through the senate, a recommendation can be vetoed. The purpose of fineco is to draft allocation recommendations for you all.

- How can we insure the dean of students will listen to us, how we can reform what they agree with  
Dhruv- so far the DoS has been agreeable with us, ultimately the recommendations will take data from student organizations. So at the end of the day it will be heavily backed up and efficient data that would be in their best interest to accept

- Can we ensure that the recommendation will be different than before?  
Dhruv- we cannot assure it, but it is our best recommendation that would be in their best interest

Daniel Perkins - will senate have access to data from how student organizations have used their budget in the past?

Aiaia- motion to extend? Open vote to extend by five minutes. Closing voting. Extension has passed

Perkins - as an additional point, i don't want to cause internal problems by using past data

Dhruv- at the end of the day, every organization in fineco is required to be transparent about their spending. It's on us to be reaching out to organizations about this, at the end of the day it is meant to be transparent as it is our money to allocate. To add on, we will not be getting spending breakdowns, just allocations distributions.

My last point is that this is a very legitimate power given to the senate that changes how student organizations are organized on campus. This is your chance to do your job to serve students, to gauge interest and faithfully represent them in the senate. In the 93 years of student government, this is the most amount of power given to the senate.

President Dhruv: If senators do decide to make amendments to the bill we are proposing, would we have to wait an additional week?

Chair Dworkin: Last year we waited another week, but the by-laws say we do not have to wait another week.

SR 005 FAFSA Workshop

Jacob Aznavoorian: I am working on a financial aid workshop. We need this! Cost of attendance at BU is 82K. Right now there is no education around that process, especially if you didn't receive financial aid at first. All students who receive federal financial aid at BU are required to fill out the FAFSA each year. Institutional aid and outside scholarships also play an important, if not vital role, in the financial aid system.

So far I have teamed up with BUFA and a financial aid workshop on November 14th. We want to teach how to apply for Federal and institutional aid. Then discuss fellowships and scholarships. There will be light food and beverages! If you are interested in coming please come! Do you have any questions?

Senator Perkins: How will you make this information available for students who cannot attend?

JA: We will have a person taking notes during the event.

Senator Marush: So for international students will you guys cover any forms of aid?

JA: We will talk about Merit aid and international aid that international students can apply for!

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Chair Dworkin: Do I see any motions on the floor?

Senator Nabiha: Motion to enter voting procedure.

Second: Senator Kulda

Senator Segal: Motion to vote on SR005.

Second: Senator Kulda

Chair Dworkin

Senator Shamsi: What does the bill do? Remove the clause from the by-laws that requires students to dress in business attire. Why should we do this? It makes the senate a more welcoming place. Another reason is that it gives senators the discretion to dress up when they want to. Removes the stigmatization of 'proper dress' for low income students

Senator Lee: Had we considered the idea that removing the dress code would de-legitimize the organization?

Senator Shamsi: I don't think any student would change their interpretation of Student Government on the basis of the dress code. But again, that is up to you guys to make that decision

Senator Marrouche: Would we ever need to dress up?

Senator Shamsi: it's up to each individual senator to and when to dress up. It's always going to be up to the discretion of the senator.

Senator Sonn: People buy goodwill.

Senator Shamsi: Buying things to be part of an organization is still not fair to students as it's an unjust expectation.

Senator xxx: Would visiting presenters have a dress code?

Senator Shamsi: if someone is choosing to vote in non business casual then you should consider people's personal decisions.

Senator Lee: How do you choose to dress as a student government?

Senator Shamsi: Like today, I don't see our organization as less legitimate.

Senator Sullivan: I went to the thrift store with the budget of \$15. I don't think people should decide between groceries and dressing well.

Senator Mayappan: Extend by 4 minutes  
Passes

Senator Mayappan: It shouldn't be the burden of the student to be part of an organization. I don't think anyone here signed up to buy something for the student government. It is unfair to say that students should have this burden.

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FEAST: We got a total of \$1500. We only used 300 so far. We need to take 544 from the leftover money to put it into merchandise.

Senator Perkins: The objective is to raise \$1,000 by spending \$1,000.

Response: The merchandise allows for use to raise money and to also gather additional interest in the organization. We think we could have a good markup on those pieces of merchandise.

Chief Justice Kresch: Are you transferring money internally or from the general senate leisure.

Chair Dworkin: Committees are given money on the basis of itemized requests. Any money that is allocated to them stays in the committee but still requires the triggering of the passing of a funding request.

Senator Perkins: My brain does not understand.

Chair Dworkin: As long as it's going to a senate committee, it shouldn't be voted on but I want to vote on this.

Vice President: You can only donate the profits you raise from the event. The money does not add up in the bill.

Chief Justice Kresch: You don't need to fix it. It just says "should."

Senator Mayappan: Extend by 10 minutes  
Second

President Dhruv: We cannot donate to any organization that is outside of BU because the funding comes out of the CSF. The logic is if we raise 700 in profits we can only donate the 700. If we were to donate all the proceeds we would be donating CSF money.

Jacob Aznavoorian: What is the FEAST-ivle entail.

FEAST: This has nothing to do with the FEAST-ivile. It's like labeling at GSU that promotes choosing more vegan options and general sustainability.

Senator Mayappan: Let's say we don't pass this. What would you do?

Chair Dworkin: I would match whatever you guys say

Senator Perkins: It sounds like there are some questions raised about the language. Should we table the vote until the next meeting?

Chair Dworkin: this is a matter with an expiration date therefore we must vote on it today!

Senator: Have you sold merchandise before?

FEAST: This would be the first time we organize merchandise to raise money.

Senator Marrouche: Motion to enter voting procedure

Senator → Second

Chair Dworkin: Okay Vote

This passes.

Senator Muwowo: Motion to vote on SR007.

Senator → Second

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Chair Dworkin: go ahead and vote. This passes so we will vote on the budget request.

### **Open Forum**

Senator Perkins: Sr009. Constitutional amendment affecting the presidential veto powers. Next week will be when it will be presented to the senate. I want people to know that the draft is available on the senate initiative spreadsheet. I am aware that there are formatting issues now.

VP: Boston U overnight is happening! If you are a host you can have a high school student for the night. If you are interested go to instagram to sign up! Laney booked table tables for us in the GSU. There are a few days and time to sign up. Please sign up! I know there is a faithful representation clause so please do it!

Senator Dimaggio: I am running an initiative that makes GSU have discounted food deals. Check the Slack and see the Change.org initiative.

Chair Dworkin: In November there will be a meeting where you tell us how you have been representing your constituents and what makes you a good senator. If you are doing an initiative it must be on the spreadsheet. Is there anything here that is confusing?

Senator Sullivan: What do committee Chairs do in this spreadsheet?

Chair Dworkin: Yes, just make a note you don't need help.

Meeting Adjourned [9:50]