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**2017-2018 Bernard M. Baruch College Undergraduate Student Government Resolution 01:  
Resolution Against the Extension and Any Other Versions of the Moratorium on Social Greek  
Organizations**

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Chair of Appeals Committee, Emma Jorgensen

Chair of Marketing Committee, Nicole Taniguchi

Representative Senator, Aaron D'Souza

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WHEREAS, we, the Undergraduate Student Government (herein referred to as "U.S.G.") have been established by the Undergraduate Students of The City University of New York at Bernard M. Baruch College (herein referred to as "Baruch College") to broaden the number of educational opportunities available to students, to facilitate extracurricular activities, and to represent, promote, and protect the interests of the Undergraduate Students at Baruch College;<sup>1</sup> and,

WHEREAS, the administration of Baruch College is currently considering an extension of the May 6, 2015 moratorium on social Greek fraternities and sororities that forbids them from engaging in "intake processes", which bans induction of new members, thereby discontinuing the organizations over time; and,

WHEREAS, a description on the website for the Baruch College Office of the Provost writes, "Essential to our mission is the development of our students as thoughtful learners, ethical and engaged citizens, and confident adults, who choose to build healthy and sustainable communities through their families and organizations;"<sup>2</sup> and,

WHEREAS, U.S.G. believes social Greek organizations develop thoughtful and engaged leaders and citizens who aid in building and sustaining healthy communities through a familial organization; and,

WHEREAS, U.S.G. sees others in the Baruch College community at a loss, as *The Ticker* reported that, “Social Greek life was a major source of fundraising for [“Relay for Life”], and the fraternities’ lack of presence on campus in recent years has led to the event’s stagnation,” and that the amount fundraised has decreased from \$72,532 in spring 2014 to \$52,043 in spring 2015 to \$32,000 in spring 2017, with news that “Relay for Life” will not be returning to Baruch College in spring 2018;<sup>3</sup> and,

WHEREAS, the Office of the Provost wrote that, “Our overriding interest is in ensuring the safety, well-being, and development of our students;”<sup>4</sup> and,

WHEREAS, U.S.G. sees the lack of regulation as per the moratorium on social Greek organizations contradictory to the previous quotes on safety from the Office of the Provost; and,

WHEREAS, the administration of Baruch College has to make a decision by the moratorium expiration date of June 1, 2018, but has decided to place a deadline of March 2, 2018 on this matter; and,

WHEREAS, U.S.G. finds the March 2, 2018 deadline a limitation on proper research and collection of input from students on this matter; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of students have been prohibited from making a choice on joining social Greek organizations because of the moratorium; and,

WHEREAS, past social Greek organizations have publicly said that the moratorium “effectively shuts them down” and have expressed feeling “eliminated”;<sup>5</sup> and,

WHEREAS, students deserve to have a voice in determining their own rights to assembly, creation and participation in clubs and organizations; and,

WHEREAS, U.S.G. does not believe it just to punish thousands of undergraduates by breaching their constitutional right to form or join a certain club or organization on the basis of a tragedy committed by a separate individual or group; and,

WHEREAS, multiple lawsuits have been filed against Baruch College on this matter, including one for infringing on First & Fourteenth Amendment rights to freedom of speech, association, and due process;<sup>6</sup> and,

WHEREAS, U.S.G. is unable to reflect the attitudes of the student body found in the survey because the survey was not distributed effectively given the administration’s untimely deadline of March 2, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, U.S.G. will instead decide on this matter as representatives of the student body, their rights and attitudes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2017-2018 U.S.G. take a firm stance against the extension of the moratorium and expect a complete end to the moratorium and its unconstitutional effects on the student body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, U.S.G. applies this resolution to any other moratoriums or bans that, one, punish clubs or organizations for actions they are not found guilty of, and, two, produce the same disparities this resolution seeks to end.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to amend this resolution, a simple majority of the U.S.G. Senate must vote in favor of amendment(s) supported by a majority of the original sponsors/co-sponsors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above resolution be made public notice to the student body immediately after the passage of this resolution, including any amendments after passage.



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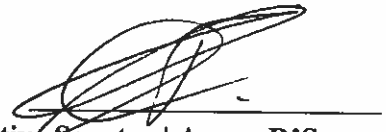
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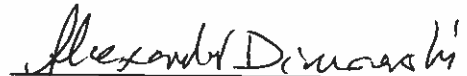
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