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2017-2018 Bernard M. Baruch College Undergraduate Student Government Resolution 02:
Resolution to Recommend Transparency to CUNY University Student Senate

Resolution Sponsor: Co-chair of Constitutional Review Committee, Andrew Windsor

We, the members of the Baruch College Undergraduate Student Government, insist that the CUNY University Student Senate (USS) must seek to be absolutely transparent in their processes. We make this statement because of the Senate's attempt to introduce a one-sided, controversial resolution without the knowledge or the input of the actual senators and the students they claim to represent.

We express our serious concerns over the process and circumstances that have led to this situation. We feel the the lack of transparency and general lack of interest in actually solving the issues that plague our campus communities has been evident through the past several weeks.

No agenda was posted, nor was language of a the resolution presented to inform the campus communities what this body would be voting on. USS has not uploaded meeting minutes to their website since the end of 2016 and the Delegates on the website are out of date. There are no newsletters sent on behalf of USS to CUNY students informing them about the issues, or whether or not students should mobilize against raising tuition. USS has not published an Annual Report since the 2014-2015 term. All of these things serve to disenfranchise student constituents by hindering their ability to know who represents them and what is being done on their behalf.

The subject of this resolution is by no means simple, and we do not claim to be experts. What we do know is that we need more debate, more transparency and more dialogue and less grandstanding on important issues like this and countless others. We call on the USS to withhold any resolution regarding CUNY investments and to listen to their constituents before considering divisive topics in the future. We look forward to working with the USS to create a more inclusive environment for CUNY moving forward.