

Goals and Objectives 2009-2010

The new Undergraduate Student Government (USG) seeks to change the "culture and climate" of Baruch College. We are looking to increase student involvement on campus, enhance student life by building communities, and continue to raise Baruch's prestige through collaborative efforts.

We intend to achieve our mission by pursuing the following goals:

- 1) Acclimating Freshmen to Baruch
- 2) Systematic Assistance for Clubs and Organizations
- 3) Increasing student engagement in academic and extracurricular pursuits
- 4) Enhancing the Campus

For full details of our goals and objectives, please visit www.usgbaruch.com

Welcome Week

The USG was pleased to have opened the year with Welcome Week. In the effort to acclimate our freshmen to their new college environment, we held several events during the first week of the semester. This included a freshmen social, an ice cream social, a Getting Involved on Campus workshop, a movie night and ended with a Toga Party on Thursday night.

Welcome Week is a concept prevalent on many college campuses. In the future we are seeking ways on getting faculty involved during this week as well. In the effort to close the gap between student-faculty partnerships (which is at an all time low) we are seeking to engage professors in several of our other initiatives.

Freshmen Trip

Baruch's commuter environment makes it a difficult setting for students to get to know each other. For the first time, USG is sponsoring an overnight trip for 200 freshmen. The purpose is for students to gain a residence hall experience and to interact with their peers outside of the classroom setting. This two day program will allow them to build friendships, engage in teamwork, and get the sense of community at Baruch.

Also, we are bringing 8-12 faculty and/or staff members on this trip to facilitate small groups of 20 and 10 student leaders to serve as program assistants. The program includes sessions which these members will lead. Speaker seminars, a scavenger hunt, a community service component, and a mixer are also a part of the program.

The New USG

Student government consists of a brand new team of highly motivated individuals. This year we are looking to build a strong foundation to leave for our predecessors. We want

our legacy to reflect collaboration and student leadership in which we leave behind a sense of community on campus.

Our vision for a greater Baruch has been described as a "paradigm shift." While change does not happen overnight, we want to begin to shift much of the attitude on the way business is conducted. As said by another administrator "the shock value" of the output we have already gained from our policies have resulted in much resistance. But we seek to build allies and want the faculty and others to look at the bigger picture. Baruch needs to adapt to the dynamic environment that today's global economy demands. The college has met unprecedented success just within the past few years thanks to the hard work of many administrators, faculty and students resulting in new distinctions and rising in the ranks. While much of this has been led by the faculty and staff, on behalf of the students, I'd like to announce that we are ready too.

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