

**STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
ELECTION
GUIDE
2020 – 2021**



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

February 3, 2020	All application materials can be found on the Student Life website and can also be picked up at the Office of Student Life (NVC 2-210). Application opens at 9:00am. If you do not receive a confirmation email after submitting the online application, please contact the Office of Student Life.
February 4, 2020	Student Life presents the Student Government Information Session , 1:00pm, NVC 2-125. Any questions regarding Student Government elections, please make sure to stop by.
February 11, 2020	Deadline for Referenda Review.
February 20, 2020	Last day to submit all application materials – this includes Referendas. (Application is no longer available after 11:59pm). Deadline to submit all marketing materials for approval.
February 21 – 26, 2020	Certification of all applications by SERC.
February 27, 2020	Email notification of eligibility.
March 5, 2020	Mandatory Student Government Elections Orientation , 1:00pm, NVC 5-160.
March 5 – March 26, 2020	Official campaigning period, begins immediately after orientation.
March 23, 2020	Presidential Debate & Candidates Forum , 6:00pm, Cafeteria Hosted by The Ticker
March 24, 25, and 26	Voting, NVC 1 st floor Cafeteria Area
March 26, 2020	Official Campaigning Period ends at 7pm. Unofficial results announced.
March 30, 2020	Results certified by SERC. All appeals due in writing to The Office of Student Life (NVC 2-210) by 5:00pm.
April 23, 2020	Newly Elected Orientation Club Hours TBD
July 2020	Student Government Retreat TBD

STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT BARUCH COLLEGE



WHAT IS USG?

The governing body representing all **undergraduate** students at Baruch College.

USG was established to broaden the educational opportunities available to Baruch students, to facilitate extra-curricular activities and to represent, promote and protect the interests of the Undergraduate Students at Baruch College.



WHAT IS GSA?

The umbrella organization that oversees all **graduate** student clubs at Baruch College. Each graduate student is a valuable member of this dynamic group. Through leadership, they promote and advocate the diverse interests of Baruch College's graduate student community. They provide a forum to network, exchange ideas and unite as one voice.

WHAT DOES STUDENT GOVERNMENT DO?

Host and cosponsor various large scale events.

Create initiatives and programs to fulfill the needs of currently enrolled students.

Fund, regulate, and support Baruch student organizations.

Represent student interests on various college-wide committees with faculty and administration.

Advocate on behalf of Baruch and CUNY students to elected officials.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2016, The Princeton Review ranked Baruch College
#6 in "Top Schools for Entrepreneurship: Undergraduate"
#14 in "College City Gets High Marks",
and **#10** Most Active Student Government



ELECTED POSITIONS AVAILABLE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

President (1 position)
Executive Vice President (1 position)
Treasurer (1 position)
Secretary (1 position)
Representative Senator (15 positions)
Vice President of Academic Affairs (1 position)
Vice President of Campus Affairs (1 position)
Vice President of Legislative Affairs (1 position)
Vice President of Student Affairs (1 position)
University Student Senate Representatives (2 positions)
University Student Senate Alternate Representatives (2 positions)
Board of Directors, Baruch College Association, Inc. (4 positions)
Board of Directors, Auxiliary Enterprises Corp. (3 positions)
Faculty/ Student Disciplinary Committee (3 positions)
Athletic Board, Baruch College Association, Inc.(3 positions)
Communications Board, Baruch College Association, Inc.(3 positions)
Student Center Board, Baruch College Association, Inc. (3 positions)
Student Media Council (3 positions)
Student Building Fund Committee (3 positions)
Student Programming Board (4 positions)
Health Advisory Board (2 positions)

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Graduate Student Assembly Members (9 positions)
University Student Senate Representative (1 position)
University Student Senate Alternative Representative (1 position)
Faculty/Student Disciplinary Committee (3 positions)
Communications Board, Baruch College Association, Inc (1 position)
Student Center Board, Baruch College Association, Inc (1 position)
Student Media Council (1 position)



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

1. All candidates must be currently enrolled and registered at Baruch College for the Spring 2020 semester.
2. No student shall run for or hold more than one elected position. *(An exception shall be made only in the case of a student who wishes to run for and hold the positions of University Student Senate Representatives in addition to one other elected position.)*
3. All candidates for executive board positions in the Undergraduate Student Government must be registered for a minimum of **9** credits; all candidates for Senate must be registered for a minimum of **6** credits.
4. All candidates must have achieved an overall grade point average (GPA) of at least **2.5** at the time of candidacy. The minimum 2.5 GPA must be maintained throughout their term of office. In order to serve each semester, students must have completed and earned passing grades in at least 50% of the credits in which they registered the prior semester, but in no event, less than the 3 credits.
5. Second semester Freshmen and Transfer students will be allowed to run on their previous scholastic achievement that enabled them to enroll at Baruch.
6. Candidates for all elected positions must have eligible GPA and available to serve the complete term of office for academic year Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 – no exceptions.
7. Candidates for all elected positions will be subject to a community standards and disciplinary check in order to determine eligibility for candidacy.

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3. All candidates for executive board positions in the Graduate Student Assembly must be registered for a minimum of **6** credits.
4. All candidates must have achieved an overall grade point average (GPA) of at least **3.0** at the time of candidacy. The minimum 3.0 GPA must be maintained throughout their term of office. In order to serve each semester, students must have completed and earned passing grades in at least 50% of the credits in which they registered the prior semester, but in no event, less than the 3 credits.
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POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATIONS

1. Political parties should register with the Office of Student Life as soon as possible to be recognized by the Student Election Review Committee and to claim a party name.
2. Candidates choosing to indicate a party affiliation on the ballot shall indicate such on the application.
3. If there are two or more student groups who wish to use the same party designation, the group led by the candidate who ran under that party designation in the previous election shall be entitled to use the party designation. Any conflicts arising from the above shall be resolved in favor of the party with the earliest original date of registration with the Office of Student Life.
4. Party ballot placement shall be determined by the Student Election Review Committee.

REFERENDA

1. **Referenda must be filed with SERC no later than February 11th at 8:00pm**, to the Office of Student Life for review and clarification before petitions may be circulated for signatures.
2. The deadline for the submission of completed referenda petitions is **February 20th at 8:00pm** to the Office of Student Life. Only hard copies can be accepted.
3. SERC may extend the deadline date, at its discretion, upon filing, prior to the deadline date of a written request.
4. No expenses whatsoever, related to a referendum, its publicity, information or dissemination may be paid from student activity fee nor activities sponsored through student activity fee.
5. All referendas must be petitioned by at least 10% of the undergraduate student body. Signatures will not be considered valid unless the respective student's PRINTED NAME and EMPLID appear next to the SIGNATURE.
6. The text of a referendum must appear on the same sheet as the signatures. Any referendum proposing modification of student activity fees must indicate both the present and proposed fee structures, highlighting the proposed changes(s). Clarity is the determining factor in **determining the number of signatures required per page**. However, signatures per page must be in round numbers (15, 20, 25, etc.). Each sheet must contain actual and original signatures.
7. A referendum proposing modification of student activity fees shall be considered ratified when a majority of the students voting approves it, and it receives the recommendation of the President of Baruch College and the approval of The City University Board of Trustees.



CAMPAIGNING 101

1. Official campaigning begins **March 5th through March 26th** in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by SERC.
 - a. Any marketing materials publicly disseminated prior to the date established by SERC is a violation of the elections guidelines.
2. Campaigning should be governed by standards of ethical conduct as befit leaders seeking elected office. These include those set forth by United States Supreme Court in *The New York Times v. Sullivan* (84 S.C. 710) governing libel and slander.
3. SERC is to receive copies of all campaign materials before it is posted and must be approved by SERC. All campaigning materials must be presented to the Office of Student Life and all marketing materials will be kept on file in Student Life and made available for review if needed.
 - a. Candidates are solely responsible for all information on their flyers, social media accounts and all marketing materials. Candidates cannot use the Baruch logo on any campaign materials. Absolutely no stickers should be purchased as a marketing tool.
4. Campaign materials are allowed on all designated bulletin boards on the campus except those dedicated to departments. Any campaign materials placed on walls, elevators, turnstiles, doors, scaffolding, in the library, computer labs are prohibited and will be removed. No candidate shall deface college property at any time. Breaking any of this may result in penalty.
5. **There is absolutely no campaigning, electioneering, rallying or demonstrating permitted on the first floor of the NVC (including Baruch's Bookstore and Cafeteria Area), The Library, Residence Hall or Computer Lab Facilities – no exceptions.**
6. Flyers can be issued in the hallways of NVC starting on the **2nd floor**; however, this must be done in an orderly and respectful manner. As a point of public safety, the escalators and hallways are considered as special space that must be kept clear for emergency access. Noise must be kept at a minimum in the hallways so that the business of the college can be carried out uninterrupted.
7. The use of amplified sound devices or other audio-visual devices are prohibited within all Baruch buildings.
8. **No student activity fees or offices supported by student activity fees** may be used toward campaigning or otherwise during elections. Electioneering is prohibited within any office supported by Student Activity Fees unless otherwise stated.
 - a. **Clubs are prohibited from donating club funds to a candidate's campaign. Endorsement is fine but cannot include any student activity funds.**
 - b. **Campaigning is not allowed at events funded by student activity fees unless all parties are given equal opportunity to present their case to the audience.**
9. **Elections are only for currently enrolled Baruch students and they are the only ones who can vote. All faculty, staff and others are expected to honor the internal affairs of the student election process and should not inject themselves into campaigning activities.** Non-students may not be involved in any campaigning or in elections for any student slate or candidates on the Baruch campus. All students participating in student election campaigning efforts must have a valid Baruch ID while assisting with campaigning.

10. A candidate may campaign without the instructor's permission if the instructor is not present. However, if the instructor is present, a candidate must receive permission from the instructor.
11. During elections, one or more debates and/or forums may be held among the candidates under the oversight and guidance of SERC and The Office of Student Life. Each candidate is encouraged to participate. Candidates must refrain from personal references and only comment on the issues at hand.
12. Candidates may reserve space for the purpose of rallying or demonstrating support at the discretion and the approval of the Office of Student Life.
13. There will be a mandatory candidate workshop for all parties and individuals. Each party/individual is required to send at least 2 candidates running for executive board and at least 50% of each party's candidates. **This workshop takes place on Thursday, March 5th at 1:00PM, NVC 5-160.**
14. All application materials are due February 20th by 11:59pm.
 - a. All candidates are responsible for obtaining their own signatures for the student petition and writing their own statements.
15. All campaigners must comply with SERC's Official Election Guidelines outlined in this document.

CAMPAIGNING VIOLATIONS

1. Any complaints regarding alleged violations of campaign rules and regulations must be submitted to SERC in email to, Savanna Ramsey at Savanna.Ramsey@baruch.cuny.edu no later than 24 hours after the alleged occurrence.
2. Violations to the rules and regulations governing the election process may result in penalties to either individual candidates or to the entire slate. Please be advised that disqualification is possible for any illegal behavior during and until the last minute of the election. At the time of the violation SERC will determine if the penalty is to an individual or slate.
3. All candidates have the right to request an appeal regarding a SERC decision. Candidates are given the opportunity to share their concerns with the committee and SERC will review any new evidence presented. SERC will issue a new decision or stay with the initial decision.
 - a. All appeals must be accompanied by supporting evidence to substantiate the appeal
4. The Student Election Review Committee reserves the right to determine if a complaint shall be resolved through hearing. The committee reserves the right to determine the procedures for holding said hearing. The hearing format shall be presented to disputing parties, in writing, at least two (2) days before an actual hearing date.
5. After hearing of the charges made against a candidate or party, and upon presentation of evidence and a finding by the committee that a party or candidate violated election procedures or Baruch College regulations governing student behavior, the committee may disqualify a candidate or a party from the election.
6. The Student Election Review Committee may forward, at its discretion, charges to the Dean of Students office for appropriate discipline action warranted.

UNDERGRADUATE 2020 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

PLEASE PRINT:

FIRST NAME			M.I.	LAST NAME		
ADDRESS						
CITY			STATE	ZIP CODE		
HOME PHONE NUMBER:	EMAIL:			EMPL ID:		
CANDIDATE FOR:				POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (OPTIONAL)		
SCHOOL: (CHECK ONE)						
<input type="checkbox"/> MARXE		<input type="checkbox"/> WEISSMAN			<input type="checkbox"/> ZICKLIN	
GRADE POINT AVERAGE (APPROXIMATE):			MAJOR:			

NOTE: Applicants for all Undergraduate Student Government (USG) elected positions must be matriculated and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5. USG Executive Board members must be registered for at least 9 credits. USG Senators must be registered for at least 6 semester, students must have completed and earned passing grades in at least 50% of the credits for which they registered the prior semester, but in no event less than 3 credits. Applicants for all other positions outside of USG, must be matriculated and have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 as well. Candidates must submit an electronic platform statement of no more than 200 words.

I have read the foregoing statement and certify that I am in compliance. I have read the Student Elections Guide for 2020 - 2021 and agree to abide by all guidelines stated therein.

Candidate's Signature

Date

PLEASE PREPARE AND ATTACH A TYPED PLATFORM STATEMENT OF 200 WORDS OR LESS WHICH WILL BE RELEASED TO STUDENT MEDIA AND USED ON THE ELECTIONS WEBSITE.

FOR STUDENT ELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE USE

SIGNATURE OF
STUDENT LIFE DESIGNEE:

DATE:

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VERIFIED:

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT NOMINATING PETITION

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, HEREBY PETITION THAT
 (Name of Candidate) _____ BE NOMINATED FOR THE
 POSITION OF _____ ON THE TICKET OF
 (Political Party Optional) _____ IN
 THE SPRING 2020 STUDENT ELECTIONS.

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GRADUATE 2020 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

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CANDIDATE FOR:		
SCHOOL: (CHECK ONE)		
<input type="checkbox"/> MARXE	<input type="checkbox"/> WEISSMAN	<input type="checkbox"/> ZICKLIN
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