Presentation (with handout) on SAF earmarks at CUNY (Roberta Nord)

- Definitions and process
  - Board
  - Local
- Review of current earmarks
- Examples to show different models used by the colleges (e.g., no local earmarks, unallocated)

Presentation (with handout) on Student Associations: Collection and Surplus (Tom Zhou)

- FY'17 cash collected $37.8 million (total) and by college
- Surplus $29.3 million (total) and by college
- Baruch shows highest surplus ($8.6 million) dedicated to a new student center
- According to Tom, budgeting for one year ahead is prudent; you should have some reserve
- Problems with earmarks within surpluses
- Should there be a cap on surpluses (by %); how much is too much surplus?
- Who on campus has the responsibility overseeing these funds? College Associations
- Need clear definition of the roles and responsibilities of College Associations

Questions for consideration going forward regarding referenda, earmarks and surpluses

- Possible revision: zero out all clubs and organizations then annually allocate in a neutral manner
  - What would the allocating process look like under this scenario?
  - SAFs going to clubs and organizations account for a small amount of the SAF
- Should there be standard earmarks across the campuses? Which “buckets” do they go in? How should decisions get made?
- If we do not govern by referenda, what are the alternatives?
- Need for definitions of SAFs categories and how they can be spent (e.g., 1. student government, clubs, organization and 2. student services)
- Why should students pay for programs and services?
- Our process is awkward; need a process that is on-going, collaborative and responsive
- If students want more of a say in how SAFs are spent, then there needs to be an increase in participation in student elections

Next meeting: 1/25

SA to produce models from other schools and Legal will provide draft by-laws, including neutral criteria