



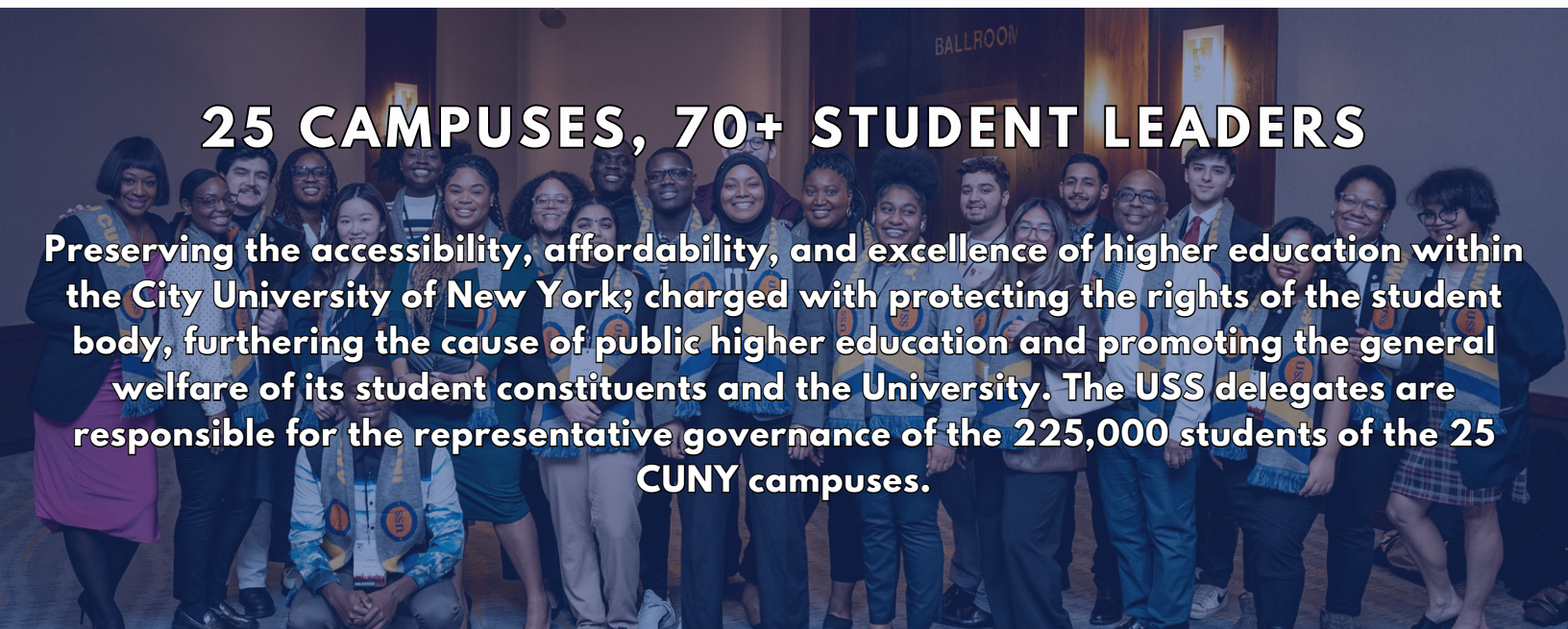
THE CUNY UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE PRESENTS

THE POWER OF ONE VOICE

THE 2024 USS LEADERSHIP RETREAT

25 CAMPUSES, 70+ STUDENT LEADERS

Preserving the accessibility, affordability, and excellence of higher education within the City University of New York; charged with protecting the rights of the student body, furthering the cause of public higher education and promoting the general welfare of its student constituents and the University. The USS delegates are responsible for the representative governance of the 225,000 students of the 25 CUNY campuses.



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SUMMARY

Through training on advocacy, connection, empowerment, and shared governance, this retreat will show the USS delegation that using our voice is an asset and that it is essential to speak with one voice in order to influence policy, emphasizing the value of cooperative decision-making.

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Breakfast - Icebreaker

7AM
CUNY OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



Bus Departure to Villa Roma

9 AM



FRIDAY AUGUST 23RD

9:00 AM	Bus Departure to Villa Roma
11:30 AM	Lunch
12:00 PM	KEYNOTE AND Q&A
12:45 PM	Handouts and breather/Break
1:00 PM	BOT Committees/Subcommittees
2:00 PM	USS 101
3:00 PM	Team Building Activity
4:00 PM	Check in/Free Time
5:30 PM	Roberts Rules
6:30 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	Game Night - Free Time (Spades, Family Feud)



SATURDAY AUGUST 24TH

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Group Activity/ Mock Plenary Intro
9:15 AM	Leadership and Collaboration
10:15 AM	Student Activity Fees
11:00 AM	Introduction and remarks
11:15 AM	Chancellery Roundtable
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:45 PM	Group Activity
1:00 PM	USS History - Voting
2:00 PM	CUNY Budget Adocacy
2:40 PM	State Budget Process
3:30 PM	Board of Trustees Greetings
3:45 PM	Free Time/Bowling
6:30 PM	Dinner
8:30 PM	Team Building
9:00 PM	Free Time/Comedy Night/Karaoke



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SUNDAY AUGUST 25TH

8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Effectively Working across Generations
9:30 AM	Three Years worth of Advocacy - What's Next?
10:40 AM	Mock Plenary Session
11:30 AM	The Student Leadership Experience



LUNCH

12 PM
MAIN DINING ROOM



Bus Departure to NYC

2 PM

Sessions Description



MOCK USS PLENARY

USS members will get to sit in a USS meeting to practice the power of one voice.



USS HISTORY AND USS 101

Learn about how USS was founded and dive into the structure of the Organization



CROSS GENERATIONAL WORK

Explore complexities related to interacting with diverse groups of people.



CHANCELLORY Q&A'S

Interact in a unique panel with CUNY administration and learn more about the institution



LEADERSHIP X COLLABORATION

Dive into the foundations of leadership to obtain achieve improvement.



STATE BUDGET PROCESS

Learn about how to effectively advocate for CUNY Students as a USS member.



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Presenters



Sandra Wilkin
Vice Chair of the
Board of Trustees
Address



**Felix Matos
Rodriguez**
CUNY Chancellor
Address and Q&A



Una S T. Clark
Trustee and Former
Chair of the
Student Life
Committee
Address



Wendy Hensel
Executive Vice
Chancellor and
University Provost
Address and Q&A



**Derek Davis EVC
and General
Counsel**
Session and
Roundtable



Sherif Soliman
Senior Vice
Chancellor for Budget
& Finance and Chief
Financial Officer
Roundtable



Jeff Rodus
Vice Chancellor for
Government Affairs
Roundtable



Denise Maybank
Vice Chancellor
for Student
Affairs
Roundtable



Ian James
Assistant Vice
Chancellor for
Student Affairs
Session and
Roundtable



Mohamed Attalla
Vice Chancellor of
Facilities Planning,
Construction and
Management
Roundtable



Anne Fenton
Deputy Secretary
of the Board of
Trustees
Session



Jay Hershenson
Vice President for
Communications and
Marketing and Senior
Advisor to the
President



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Salimatou Doumbouya
USS Chairperson and Trustee
Facilitator and Moderator



Kafui Kouakou
Assistant Vice President of Career Development and Experiential Learning at Quinnipiac University
Leadership Development



Tinnycuia Williams
USS Vice Chair for Graduate Affairs
Cross Generational Collaboration



Donovan Borington
Former USS Vice Chair and NYS Senate Senior Policy Analyst
New York State Budget

USS Steering Members Attending the Retreat



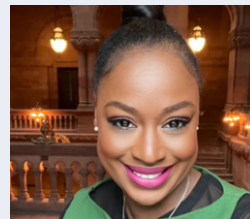
Salimatou Doumbouya
USS Chairperson and Trustee



Tinnycuia Williams
USS Vice Chair for Graduate Affairs



Davia Willis
USS Vice Chair for International Affairs



Falana Fray
USS Vice Chair for Disability Affairs



William Barron
USS Vice Chair for Evening and Part Time Students



Kayla Aaron
USS Vice Chair for Senior Colleges Affairs

USS REP CHEAT SHEET

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Mission

USS is responsible for ensuring that student the voice is heard at all levels, including university administration, city, state, and federal governments.



Removal of Members

If a delegate misses two regularly scheduled plenary sessions without a valid excuse, their voting privileges are automatically suspended. If both the delegate and their alternate fail to attend two meetings, their positions are considered vacant after the roll call of the third meeting.



Filling Vacancies

If a delegate is removed due to absenteeism, their college's Student Government is responsible for appointing a replacement to fill the vacancy for the remaining term. This ensures continuous representation for that college within the USS.



USS Elections

The Steering Committee is elected Annually and includes: the Chairperson/Trustee, The Vice Chairs for various affairs (Legislative, Fiscal, Graduate, Senior Colleges, etc.)



Budget Timeline

The USS Fiscal Year is the same as the calendar year, January 1st to December 31st. Consequently, USS delegates who take office in the Fall semester inherit the budget of the outgoing delegation and have to adopt a budget quickly before the fiscal year begins in January.



Plenary Meetings

Regular plenary meetings are scheduled monthly, normally on the Sunday before the fourth Monday of the month. Attendance is mandatory.



Quorum

A quorum for USS is 29 members. A quorum is required to elect members and pass most matters of USS. To change the USS Constitution, Quorum is 2/3 of total USS membership.



Delegate Duties

Delegates are required to attend all plenary sessions and actively participate in at least one USS Standing Committee.



Alternates Duties

In the absence of a delegate, an alternate gets to vote in plenary. Aside from voting privileges, alternates and delegates have the same duties.



Budget Approval

The lack of an approved budget means that USS will not have the authority to allocate or spend funds for its activities, which can halt all operations, including student representation, advocacy, and any planned initiatives.

FACT: Salimatou Doumbouya is the first person to serve for 3 years as the University Student Trustee and USS Chair: 2022,2023 and 2024 . She is also the first Black African Muslim Woman to serve in this position.