



Associated Students of Columbia University

G.S. STUDENT COUNCIL

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GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 30th 8:15PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **March 30th** at **8:15PM**. The meeting information is noted below. The General Studies Student Council reserves the right to suspend the orders of the day if necessary to conduct business. All General Studies Student Council meetings are held in locations that are wheelchair accessible. Other disability-related accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities upon request. Persons requesting such accommodations should notify the General Studies Student Council Chair at jane.jeong@columbia.edu no less than three (3) working days prior to the meeting. The General Studies Student Council will make efforts to meet requests made after such date, if possible. Please also contact the General Studies Student Council Chair for any agenda related questions.

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call (* → indicates non-voting | ~ → indicates Interim Position)

OFFICERS	STATUS	OFFICERS	STATUS
*President Jane Jeong	P	VP of Finance Louis Cheng	P
Chief of Finance Ryan Wee	P	VP of Policy Serengeti Timungwa	P
Chief of Policy Jerome Brackins	P	VP of Campus Life Liam McGrane	P
Chief of Campus Life Sofia Trujillo	P	VP of Communications Pao Durán	P
Chief of Communications Noéllly Flôr	P	Veteran Student Rep Tony Costanzo	P
Int'l Student Rep Rhe-Anne Tan	P	Senator Jeremy Wahl	U
Senior Class President Safia Southey	P	Senior Class VP Roberto Uribe	P
Senior Class Treasurer		1st Year Class President Kambi Gathesha	P
1st Year Class VP Rachel Harris	P	Health & Wellness Representative	
Special Events Chair Jason You	P	Family and Working Students Rep Sofia Wyszynski	P
Alumni Affairs Rep Cole Wagner	P	Dual B.A./Joint Program Rep Nicholas Li	U

Community Service/Sustainability Rep Simas Chacar-Palubinskas	P	Treasurer Alex Ariunbold	E
JTS Rep Josh Brunnlehrmann	P	Student Services/Academic Affairs Rep Bern Gostelow	P
Equity & Inclusion Chair Sydney Bowen	U	Students w/Disabilities Rep Joan Bolanos Martinez	P
*Tech Chair Dylan Lee	P	Social Media Rep Brian Laurito	P
*Legislative Assistant		*Legislative Assistant Jené Stefaniak	P
*Advisor Sean Trulby			
*Advisor Ashley Johnson		Voting Members: 24 / Quorum: → 17 / Total: 25	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for March 30th, 2021 - PASSED

D. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from March 23th, 2021 - PASSED

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. Upcoming Elections!

- a) This Wednesday final deadline
- b) Rules Meeting is mandatory for any prospective candidate
- c) Campaigning starts next week

2. Election Debates Next Week

a) April 6th!

3. GSSC Against Racism Action Plan

- a) Ensuring voices are heard
- b) Potential amendments in the constitution to address institutionalize anti-Racism
- c) Proposing various plans for those struggling against these incidents

B. Policy Committee

1. GSSC Excellence in Teaching Award Nominees

- a) Policy has voted for preferred nominees, GSSC will approve these nominations
- b) We will announce awardees on April 29th
- c) GSSC Approval will occur during Executive Session

C. Communications Committee

1. No Updates

D. Finance Committee

1. No Updates

E. Campus Life Committee

1. Upcoming Events:

- a) **In Women's Words** on March 31st at 8pm EST
 - (1)** Women's poetry to close out Women's History Month

- b) **The Undergraduate Students with Disabilities Representatives and ODS: A Roundtable** on April 5th at 4:30pm EST
- c) **Reaching Milestones: A Roundtable** on April 6th at 4:30pm EST
- d) **Alumni in Conversation: Pursuing Graduate Degrees in the Humanities** on April 8th at 7pm EST
- e) **Pre-Finals Mental Health Check-In** on April 9th at 4pm EST

F. University Senator

- 1. No Updates

III. NEW BUSINESS

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

This time is reserved for any General Studies Student Council Members to make announcements on items not on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and (25) twenty five minutes total shall be observed. **NO** action will be taken and the total time limit for this item shall not be extended.

Safia - A travel fund for potential Class Day - budgeting not yet set, but look out for an email next week regarding some sort of a fund for seniors after such a rough year

Kambi - Learning more about the Ban the Box initiative, and how it works in the specific context of the Columbia-sphere

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

This segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the General Studies Student Council on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and ten (10) minutes per topic shall be observed. The law does not permit any action to be taken, nor extended discussion of any items not on the agenda. The General Studies Student Council may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, however, for further information, please contact the General Studies Student Council Chair at jane.jeong@columbia.edu for the item of discussion to be placed on a future agenda. (Brown Act §54954.3)

Shaqed Tzabbar - A Resolution Defining and Condemning Antisemitism (by University Students

Ezra Dayanim - Reading slide 1: Recent incidents in both the US and Columbia

Shaqed Tzabbar - definition proposed on slide 2

Ezra Dayanim - discussions on generalizations

S - Holocaust denial

E - Minority Status by the University

S - Goal: GSSC approves this definition of antisemitism, University should recognize that anti-semitism is a hate crime.

Resolution:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c2MhfOslRDwVJSrPpmOldUPjXRjo_DCfFZEkcKWFvQ/edit?usp=sharing

Slides:

Joshua Brunnlehrman: Motion to assemble a committee in GSSC to talk this through for all minorities.

Serengeti - Robert's Rules states clearly we cannot motion during public comment
Upon later review by Jane, it seems GSSC members can indeed motion

Kambi - Question for the presenters: Question regarding the section on minority rights - Are we asking for minority rights for this community, a redefinition of minority rights, or something else?

Bar Halperin response: Minority rights started with Jews during the Napoleonic era, gave status to minorities as protection. Many people do not believe Jews are a minority and do not receive that protection. Similarly, there are a couple of professors at Columbia that believe in this, and in their speeches mentioned that antisemitism "is no longer a thing" and thus professors are pushing this concept.

Safia - What is the ask exactly?

Bar Halperin - Given that there have been more attacks against other minorities, we know there have been actions taken by GSSC for them - they ask that we ensure inclusion of this community as well.

Serengeti - We need to know which organization is bringing this to us, but we will review and take the time to sign a resolution

Response by Shaqed - There is a petition in the works but still in progress, thus we have no copy. Request to send the petition to us.

Rhe-Anne - We need to discuss this resolution with great time and deliberation. In addition, if we pass this resolution it not only affirms the statements made, but also has some ambiguity - a request for a committee or some other solution.

At this point, the scribe has tired their fingers - if there is further interest in the discussion, please feel free to review the recording on the GSSC Facebook page!

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

This closed session is reserved for any General Studies Student Council Members to discuss and possibly take action on voting in the nominees for various, posted,

council vacancies. The public, and the nominees, will be asked to step out of the room while the council conducts this business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT