

GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2023, 8:15 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *General Studies Student Council of Columbia University* will hold a *REGULAR* meeting on **April 18, 8:15 PM**. 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 President 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 Executive Board for any agenda-related questions.

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call (* → indicates a non-voting member; P → Present, T → Tardy, E → Excused Absence, U → Unexcused Absence)

OFFICERS	STATUS	OFFICERS	STATUS
*President Maya Platek	P	Senior Class President Garrett Gregor-Splaver	P
VP of Policy DeAngelo Hunter	P	Senior Class VP William Grugan	P
VP of Finance Jennifer Odum	P	First Year Class President Jule Boudreaux	P
VP of Communications Faith Grady	P	First Year Class VP Jemima Kingdon-Jones	P
VP of Campus Life Katherine Zimmermann	P	JTS Rep Joshua Brunnlehrman	E
Chief of Policy Kyle Gordon	T	International Students Rep Altynbek Tilebergnov	P
Chief of Finance Su Lee	P	Dual BA & Joint Program Rep Jack Gonzalez	E
Chief of Communications Oliver Neale	E	Alumni Affairs Rep Aliya Steele	P
Chief of Campus Life Robert Mueller	P	Community Service & Sustainability Rep Ally Woodard	P
University Senator Bruce Goumain	E	External Events Ashley Tan	E
Diversity and Equity Rep Marie Febrillet	T	*Outreach Associate Haya Fine	P
Health and Wellness Rep Allison Darne	P	*Communications Coordinator Kevin Gunaratna	E
Student Services & Academic Affairs Rubaab Poonawla	P	*Legislative Assistant Savanah Shulkin	P
Students with Disabilities Rep Rachel Papirmeister	U	*Legislative Assistant Zarrisa Simmons	E
Veteran Students Rep Gaetan Evina Biloa	P	*Policy Coordinator Daniel LaFata	T
Family & Working Students Rep Freida Candido	P	*Commuter Students Representative Sean Reilly	U
Treasurer Kris Packauskas	P	*Campus Life Coordinator Lily Penn	E
Senior Class Treasurer Rebekah Cornish	P	*Finance Coordinator Sylvester Benson	P
Chief Negotiator Eric Yu	P		
Social Media Representative Melanie Wells	P	*Advisor Jawad Cipriani	
Technology Chair Serena Kwan	P	*Advisor Sean Trulby	
		Voting Members: 31 / Quorum: → 21 / Total: 23	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for April 18, 2023

1. Motion Passes/Fails- **PASSES**

D. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2023

1. Motion Passes/Fails- **PASSES**

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. General Remarks
 - a) GSSC is an election/campaign-free zone
 - b) Gala
 - (1) Give Kat a round of applause for throwing an AMAZING Gala
2. Mental Health Proposal
 - a) Since our last meeting, we met with ESC and CCSC and have decided to work on a joint proposal
 - b) The official proposal isn't finished yet, but it should be ready to be shared by next week
 - (1) Will vote on it next Tuesday
 - (2) Will have another meeting with them next week to hopefully pass the bill put together by all schools councils
 - c) There's a chance that there may be another email vote if the proposal is ready in time
 - d) Thank you for participating in the email vote on this!
 - e) Allison, Frieda, DeAngelo, and Maya will be working more with our COI Representative throughout the week!

B. Policy Committee

1. More amendments next week!
 - a) These are from the LAPR form (legislative input form that was sent out in the newsletter!)
 - b) Religious Life Representative, FLI Representative, the establishment of an annual Gala subcommittee, more life enhancement stuff
2. COI Meeting
 - a) Emergency vote on Friday
 - b) We were able to add in GS data because of the email vote!
 - c) Kyle attended and presented on behalf of GSSC
 - d) Hoping for the best!

C. Communications Committee

1. No Updates

D. Finance Committee

1. PPSC Co-Sponsorship
 - a) We have a co-sponsorship request from the PPSC
 - b) Asking for \$1,000

E. Campus Life Committee

1. Gala Recap
 - a) Great event- thanks for coming!
 - b) Over 90% attendance rate!!
2. Upcoming Events
 - a) First Year Bingo Event – Sunday, April 23rd
 - b) Soccer Event for Dual BAs – next Friday, April 28
 - c) Picnic Event – Sunday, April 30th

F. University Senator

1. No Updates

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Co-Sponsorship Request: Postbaccalaureate Premedical Student Council

1. Talia: Vp of medical school outreach
 - a) Here on behalf of the Medical school fair team
2. The Post BA Med school program is a program within GS that helps prepare already graduated undergrads prepare for future medical careers
3. Asking for \$1000: makes up 4% of the cost of the event (the event had a total of \$25,000)
4. Of the 1,444 people who registered for the event, around 400-500 students attended
 - a) 42% of the attendees did not designate which school they were a part of
 - b) Two of the volunteers were undergrad GS students
5. First year back in person since 2021!
6. This event doesn't just benefit post-bac students but all students who are pre-med/pre-health at Columbia and in the surrounding area
7. Want to continue to foster a relationship with GSSC as this program is a part of GS

B. Last Meeting Pizza Allocation

1. At the very beginning of the year, we allocated \$200 for a pizza party that never happened, then reallocated it for when the deans came (but they ended up giving us food), so we propose to reallocate it for a pizza party next week!
2. Question: How many pizzas?
 - a) Answer: 8-10 pizzas
3. **Motion to reallocate \$200 for a pizza party**
 - a) Motion Passes/Fails – **PASSES**

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

A. By-Laws Updates

1. Tabled for next week

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.

A. Kat: Just a clarification from earlier – First Year event is on Sunday not Monday

B. Marie: What happened to dodgeball?

- a. Robert: Sadly Dodge has ghosted all of my emails and I've gone there 4 times and they've always told me to go back another time – but I will not give up

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

This segment of the meeting is reserved for all non-Council members desiring to address the General Studies Student Council on any matter of concern, 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. (Brown Act §54954.3)

A. Fernando: Event next Wednesday, Black Alumni Council, Black Law School Association, and GS medical group

- a. Last year, we were working on changing the name of the building in Teachers College

- i. Long battle
- ii. This event will address this issue
- iii. Issue: we still need support to cover hotel expenses for the speaker
 1. Documentary premiere where Joe Levin was invited → needs two nights of accommodation
- iv. Asking for a Co-Sponsorship
 1. Jennifer: Saw their application, but it came in too late for this week, so they can re-present next week

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

This closed session is reserved for any General Studies Student Council Members to discuss and possibly take action on more sensitive matters, such as but not limited to voting on the nominees for council vacancies, voting on co-sponsorships, and voting on events that are not yet published. The public, and any nominees, will be asked to step out of the room while the council conducts this business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT