



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 17TH, 8:15 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *General Studies Student Council of Columbia University* will hold a REGULAR meeting on **October 17th, 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

Officer	Status
President Nasser Odetallah	P
VP of Policy Savanah Shulkin	P
VP of Finance Simas Chacar-Palubinskas	P
VP of Communications Oliver Neale	P
VP of Campus Life Kat Zimmermann	P
Chief of Policy Jonathan DuCloud	P
Chief of Finance Eric Yu	E
Chief of Communications Melanie Wells	P
Chief of Campus Life Olivia McAlpine	P
Student Services & Academic Affairs Rep. Oscar Wolfe	P
First-Generation, Low-Income, and Working Students Representative Freida Candido	E
Veteran Students Rep. Brian Williams	P
Students with Disabilities Rep. Alec Rodriguez Stangle	P
Diversity & Equity Rep. Madison Cabellos-Rivera	P
Health & Wellness Rep. Malika Ali	P
*Commuting Students & Students with Families Rep. Walter Koike-Sieira	P
*Policy Coordinator Alina Kreynovich	P
*Policy Coordinator Chelsey Giraldo	P
*Policy Coordinator Marquise Johnson	P

Officer	Status
Treasurer Michael Galvin	P
*Finance Coordinator Rychard Tymakhovych	P
Social Media Rep. Isabel Tenney	P
Technology Chair Jacob Resnick	P
*Content Coordinator Evan Edler	P
*Communications Coordinator Caroline Nicholson	P
*Communications Coordinator Anatta Tantiwongse	P
Alumni Affairs Rep. Clara Kruijtzter	P
International Students Rep. Aoife Houlihan	P
Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) Rep. Ilan Cohen	E
Community Service and Sustainability Rep. Jemima Kingdon Jones	P
Senior Class President Faith Grady	P
Senior Class Vice President Nick Feibel	P
First Year Class President Lily Canter	P
First Year Class Vice President Ayşe Lara Selçuker	E
Dual BA & Joint Program Rep. Taylor Moniz	P
*Campus Life Coordinator Haya Fine	E
University Senator Bruce Goumain	P
Voting Members: 27 → Quorum → 20	Total: 24



- C. Adoption of the Current **Agenda** for October 17th, 2023
 - 1. Motion Passes/Fails- PASSES
- D. Adoption of the Meeting **Minutes** from October 10th,, 2023
 - 1. Motion Passes/Fails- PASSES

II. REPORTS

- A. President
 - 1. General Updates
 - a) A few presentations tonight from Policy & Campus life
 - b) Update on co-sponsorship we discussed last week
 - c) Updates from Senator
 - d) A few meetings coming up (Savannah will introduce one)
 - (1) First E-Board and Deans meeting on Thursday
 - (2) Other important meetings - will tell about later
 - 2. Dining Advisory Committee Update (Caroline)
 - a) Last Thursday, Nasser attended Student Dining Advisory Committee w presidents of CCSC & ESC + other reps + all of Columbia dining staff
 - b) Columbia dining planning some fun things
 - (1) Potential trips with students
 - c) FacShack is new this year
 - (1) GS students requesting another quick place to get food brought it to fruition
 - (2) Lots of positive feedback
 - d) Teachers College Dining hall also new this year
 - (1) Lots of positive feedback
 - e) Chef Don's is doing breakfast now (as of yesterday)
 - f) Dining has extended their operation period until Dec 30
 - (1) Meal Plan in the fall goes through the new year
 - g) Will be 2 more dining advisory committee meetings this semester
 - 3. Shoutout to campus life ! YAY snacks! Round of applause for Kat
- B. Policy
 - 1. Metro Card Program
 - a) Meeting about metro cards with student group - more changes to come in the week
- C. Finance
 - 1. none
- D. Communications
 - 1. none
- E. Campus Life
 - 1. Thank you to everyone who helped with snack attacks!
 - 2. If anyone is available to help out on Thursday, reach out to Kat!
 - 3. headshot event coming up! first sign-up slots will go out in newsletter on thursday
 - a) 27th of october
 - b) 9:30am-10am will be for the committee (dress in business casual)
 - c) slots after that will be for the public
- F. Senator Updates from Senator Bruce Goumain
- G. CAMPUS SPACE



GSSC

1. Reopening the gates
 2. Reducing the cost of renting student space on Campus (Low, Lerner, Faculty House, Earl Hall religious life building)
- H. CAA
1. Mentorship program with alumni and current students
 2. Mentorship program between grad/undergrad
- I. FGLI
1. Undergraduate student expansion
 2. Extending FGLI to graduate students
- J. IT Committee
1. Vergil/SSOL renovation
 2. Universal space reservation system across all schools and all buildings

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Metro Card Program
 - a. By Walter Koike-Sieira, previous body voted to purchase metrocards during midterms and they were not allocated, but they are nonrefundable
 - b. GSSC sets aside some amount of previously purchased metrocards
 - c. Emergency relief
 - i. FGLI
 - ii. Financial aid info
 - iii. Commuting/working need
 - iv. Extraordinary need
 - d. Vetting and distribution run by GS
 - e. Set aside another portion for use by any other GS-sponsored emergency aid scheme
 - f. Possibly set aside a third amount for other use by GSSC

TOTAL COST: \$0.00

60% of cards committed to emergency program, other 40% remains uncommitted for use in GS programs, supplement to relief programs or additional emergency funding

 - Would be vetted by the GS office/administration
 - ~50 Metrocards, 7-day use, expire in May, so need to be used ASAP!

MOTION to allocate the metrocards?
MOTION PASSED (unanimously!)
2. Senior Cruise Presentation
 - a. Pier 40
 - b. Monday May 13th
 - c. 6:30- 10:00 PM
 - d. We do our own cruise ! used to do it with other schools but we decided to do our own due to the unique culture and community of GS
 - e. Cost:
 - i. 77 pers person for the yacht buyout/dinner/dessert/refreshments/ DJ
 - ii. 900 flat rate for the photo booth (maybe will be comped)
 1. Includes unlimited photo strips, the operator, and the props
 - iii. Actual cost is 140 per person + 1500 for the photo booth but Margaret is our hero!!
 - f. What does this mean



- i. A 500 person cruise has a contract price of 38,500
 - 1. Maybe 29,400 if the booth is not comped
- g. Motion
 - i. To allocate 39,400 for senior cruise
 - 1. 23,500 from the senior line item
 - 2. 15,000 from somewhere simal will determine
- h. MOTION PASSES !!

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

A. GSA

- 1. update on the halloween co-sponsorship
- 2. proposing 9-11pm on the 26th (next thursday)
 - a) people may be traveling in the time off the next week
 - b) student life said they can be there at that time
 - c) we'll re-vote during exec session (same event and price, just a different date)

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.

- Faith
 - Needs names in slack for lerner pub
 - Staff member checks for uni usually
 - Student job now
 - Any volunteers?
 - Anyone can be a volunteer

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)

- None

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