



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 31ST 8:15 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *General Studies Student Council of Columbia University* will hold a *REGULAR* meeting on *October 31st, 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	P
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	P
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	E
*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	E
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	P
Community Service and Sustainability Rep. Jemima Kingdon Jones	P
Senior Class President Faith Grady	E
Senior Class Vice President Nick Feibel	P
First Year Class President Lily Canter	P
First Year Class Vice President Ayşe Lara Selçuker	P
Dual BA & Joint Program Rep. Taylor Moniz	P
*Campus Life Coordinator Haya Fine	P
University Senator Bruce Goumain	P
Voting Members: 27 → Quorum → 20	Total:



- C. Adoption of the Current **Agenda** for October 31st, 2023
 - 1. Motion Passes/Fails- PASSES
- D. Adoption of the Meeting **Minutes** from October 24th., 2023
 - 1. Motion Passes/Fails- PASSES

II. REPORTS

A. President

- 1. General updates :)
 - a) Happy Halloween !
 - b) Lots of event presentations
 - c) Meeting with Deans
 - (1) Undergrad student life
 - (2) Financial aid
 - (3) Housing
 - d) No council next week
 - e) Meetings with the Dining committee coming up!

B. Policy

- 1. No updates

C. Finance

- 1. none

D. Communications

- 1. *Tentative:* Upcoming Projects Anatta
 - a) Possibility of including photos from Headshot event in upcoming Newsletter
 - b) Please inform if you would NOT like to be included

E. Campus Life

- 1. Updates from past events
 - a) lerner pubs! record GS attendance
 - b) mel's halloween event!
 - c) headshot! will keep doing these bc it was popular

F. Senator

- 1. focusing on task force about how Columbia interacts with the neighborhood and community, if you want to get involved reach out to Bruce!
- 2. working to publish a land acknowledgement with the Native American Student Council

III. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Dual BA Fall Coffee Chat
 - a. Taylor
 - b. Lewison 505
 - c. November 10th 10:30 am - 12: pm
 - d. coffee/hot coco/donuts
 - e. Turnout:40-50 people
 - f. Supplies
 - i. 151 for coffee, hot chocolate, 4 dozen donuts
- 2. GSSC Thanksgiving- Isabel
 - a. Presented by Aoife!
 - b. For all of GS



- c. Thanksgiving dinner
 - i. Advertised as a potluck, 20th of November 5-6:30 in GS Lounge
 - ii. Provided by Morton Williams
 - iii. Total fee of \$1540 for food, drinks, service fee and tip, expecting 50 students
 - iv. Question: Does the food need to be delivered (aka could we save \$\$ by making sure
 - 1. It is a very popular event, admin is pushing for us to do it
 - a. Normally international students
 - v. Question: Can we get Kosher food and selections?
 - 1. Being looked into—unsure if Morton Williams will be a great vendor but there are vendors if we order early enough
 - vi. Question: What about Trader Joe's (Madison has discount)
 - 1. No refunds available, maybe not the best move
- MOTION PASSES–
- 3. Speakeasy - evan
 - a. on the 17th of november, 9:30-midnight
 - b. location st paul's chapel choir room (still need to get approved)
 - c. no alcohol
 - d. need 11 volunteers to run the event
 - i. 5 bartenders
 - ii. 3 band members (live jazz!)
 - iii. 1 greeter at the door
 - iv. 2-3 monitors to prevent drinking
 - e. everyone gets 2 drink tickets for a mocktail menu
 - f. total cost = \$1000
 - g. free!
 - 4. Plant 'n Paint ==]
 - a. Day after speakeasy
 - b. 18th between 12 - 2 G
 - c. GS lounge
 - d. Lunch provided
 - e. COST: 584
 - i. Supplies 230
 - ii. lunch : dig inn 234
 - iii. drinks : morton williams 20
 - 5. Tree Lighting Budget - evan
 - a. “the best event of the year” - simas
 - b. 4-school event on the 30th of november, 6-7:30pm on college walk and low plaza
 - c. budget: thinking \$38,000 as the absolute max
 - i. last year's total was \$33,816
 - ii. costs include... food, merchandise, facilities, and tech
 - 1. GSSC is in charge of food, this year we'll be working with JJ's
 - 2. all are a bit more expensive than last year
 - d. GSSC contribution
 - i. last year was decided retroactively based on estimated attendance from each student body
 - 1. CCSC around 50%, GSSC ended up around 7%



2. GSSC spent \$2,448
 - ii. this year, maximum contributions have been decided ahead of time
 1. GSSC maximum of \$5,000 (13% of the total)
 2. that's about half of what is left in the 4-school event line item, because the only other one glass house rocks
 - e. why isn't this funded by the school?
 - i. basically all student life is totally funded by the councils
 - ii. the university administration doesn't have to (or really want to) do anything at all for student life

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

- A. GSA
 1. none
- B. Metrocard Program Update
 1. none

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.

1. none

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)

1. 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