



Associated Students of Columbia University

G.S. STUDENT COUNCIL

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GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 13th 8:15PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **October 13th 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 Josh Brown	P
Chief of Finance Ryan Wee	P	VP of Policy Serengeti Timungwa	P
Chief of Policy Jerome Brackins	P	VP of Campus Life Ohad Klopman	P
Chief of Campus Life Liam McGrane	P	VP of Communications Pao Durán	P
Chief of Communications Noélly Flôr	E	Veteran Student Rep Tony Costanzo	P
Int'l Student Rep Rhe-Anne Tan	P	Senator Jeremy Wahl	P
Senior Class President Safia Southey	P	Senior Class VP Roberto Uribe	P
Senior Class Treasurer Michal Chertock	P	1st Year Class President Kambi Gathesha	P
1st Year Class VP Rachel Harris	P	Health & Wellness Representative Savannah Melcher	P
Special Events Chair Jason You	P	Family and Working Students Rep	

Alumni Affairs Rep Cole Wagner	E	Dual B.A./ Joint Program Rep Nicholas Li	P
Community Service/Sustainability Rep Claire Kang	P	Treasurer Alex Ariunbold	P
JTS Rep Josh Brunnlehrmann	P	Student Services/Academic Affairs Rep	
Equity & Inclusion Chair Xochitl Pereira	U	Students w/Disabilities Rep Joan Bolanos Martinez	P
*Tech Chair Dylan Lee	P	Social Media Rep Brian Laurito	P
*Legislative Assistant Katya Sharma	P	*Legislative Assistant Jené Stefaniak	P
*Advisor Sean Trulby			
*Advisor Ashley Johnson		Voting Members: 26 / Quorum: → 18 / Total: 27	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for October 13th, 2020

D. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from October 6th, 2020

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. CARES Act Update
 - a) Email sent out from Serengeti
2. Get Out the Vote
 - a) Revitalized Social Media campaign to encourage civic engagement in the GS Community
3. Fall Appointments
 - a) Academics Affairs & Student Services Representative

B. Policy Committee

1. CARES Act Update
 - a) Two documents sent out on 10/13/2020, on the second part of advocacy - we already asked GS Admin, but now this is for the greater Columbia body, directed at President Bollinger and Provost Katznelson
 - b) If the vote goes through, push this through our social media as the collective GSSC
 - c) \$12.8 million dollars - 40% of GSers are Pell Grant students, this money can be directed towards those who need it - an application will open for why the money is needed, and money will be distributed directly to the applicant
2. Policy Committee Appointments

C. Communications Committee

1. Reminders
 - a) GSSC Slack Channel
 - (1) If you're not on it, you need to be.
 - (2) GSSC Slack Invite:
https://join.slack.com/t/gssc20-21/shared_invite/zt-hfsw2qy-2oLhgzM41RXklWdozAuW8w

D. Finance Committee

1. No Updates

E. Campus Life Committee

1. Events
 - a) HalloWeek Announcement
 - (1) A full week of events lined up for GSers
 - (2) Sunday, October 25th - Halloween Game Night on Discord
 - (3) Monday, October 26th - GSSC Reads World Horror
 - (4) Tuesday, October 27th - Halloween Trivia Night
 - (5) Wednesday, October 28th - Horror Disco and Escape Room
 - (6) Thursday, October 29th - GSSC x MilVets Halloweenixer
 - (7) Friday, October 30th - Free Movie Screening, Donnie Darko
 - b) Scavenger Hunt, Oct. 16th on Discord
 - (1) Find the Owl!
 - (2) Winning team gets \$100!
2. GS Discord Updates
 - a) We've reached over 200 members!
 - (1) 222 people joined, 129 verified!
 - (2) Study sessions and game nights have been happening
 - (3) Invite Link: <https://discord.gg/hBt5kvb>
3. First Year Class
 - a) First-Year Newsletter coming out this week
 - (1) Will be coming out every Thursday or Wednesday
 - (2) First edition will have a survey to figure out what the First Year class wants
 - (3) Both president and VP will be sitting in on meet and greets to introduce themselves

F. University Senator

1. No Updates

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Applicant Presentations

1. **Bernadette Gostelow** as **Academic Affairs & Student Services Rep.**
2. Transferred to GS in Spring 2020
3. Given Fall 2020 being 100% online, she wants to ensure that students are satisfied with their educational experience at Columbia, even in an online format

B. Voting on the CARES Act **PASSED**

1. Motion: Motion to adopt the letter for the letter signing campaign for the CARES Act as well as the Google form that will comprise the signature component.
2. Letter:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1z1kGwxw2z0yNh9ajPIGXxTjOQkpvnJwbIEK6LSUzSs/edit?usp=sharing>
3. Form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVEioxNPGCtJl4en41xsgvqpAynQZHW2jo8_HDbvSUE53v2w/viewform
4. Query: Can first years sign the CARES Act? Yes. The primary purpose of signing the CARES Act is to advocate to Columbia Administration to keep the CARES Act and not return it to the federal government
5. Query: If this vote passes, when can we have the form released? Tomorrow (10/14), it will be released on our socials and Discord, and will be on the Newsletter, closing the following Wednesday (10/21)
6. Query: Can anyone outside of GS sign this specific form? No, we want to emphasize the GS Voice here - in the greater consideration for returning the money, many are forgetting the GS students who are worse off financially as a whole.

C. Voting on a new virtual voting system

1. Small Presentation from Josh Brown (VPoF)
 - a) Google Form combined with a Google Sheet - Comms Team will draft out the Vote Key live during GSSC Meetings
2. Motion: Move to adopt the news voting system as presented by Joshua Brown
3. Query: Will these votes only be in public session, or will we be also using this for the Executive Session? Both options are viable. If we want to keep record, we could privatize the results.
4. Query: Who will have access to see how the votes are happening? Who is privy to these results? How quickly can we see the results? As of right now, all results are available to all GSSC members. If we need to, we can privatize the results.
5. Query: What safeguards do we have for ensuring votes are not tampered with? How can we ensure that the votes cannot be amended? Only Josh can edit the sheet right now. That responsibility may be handed off to Noelly or Pao later.
6. Query: How will we keep track of what the vote is about? Since some votes will be rapid fire, couldn't we get inundated with too many votes? Vote keys
7. Query: Google form for procedural votes feel like they would slow down the flow of the committee - will we reserve this voting system to only substantive votes? Ideally, we wouldn't do procedural votes on this system. But we're unsure of constitutionality of using two voting systems - will get back on that
8. Query: Will we keep this form open during the course of the meeting? No, each vote will have its own form submission.
9. Query: Jeremy Wahl: We have no real restriction on votes in the Constitution.
10. Motion: Ohad moves to table this issue until the next meeting. **PASSED**

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.

NONE

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)

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