



# Associated Students of Columbia University

## G.S. STUDENT COUNCIL

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### GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**October 19th 8:15PM**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **October 19th** 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 [sat2198@columbia.edu](mailto:sat2198@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 <b>Serengeti Timungwa</b>                       | P      | VP of Finance <b>Simas Chacar-Palubinskas</b>               | P      |
| Chief of Finance <b>Alan Han</b>                           | P      | VP of Policy <b>Kambi Gathesha</b>                          | P      |
| Chief of Policy <b>Stephanie Pierre</b>                    | P      | VP of Campus Life <b>Cole Wagner</b>                        | P      |
| Chief of Campus Life <b>Emily Robinson</b>                 | P      | VP of Communications <b>Brian Laurito</b>                   | P      |
| Chief of Communications <b>Siena Iwasaki Milbauer</b>      | P      | Veteran Students Rep <b>Alejandro Rojas</b>                 | P      |
| Int'l Students Rep <b>Carol Chen</b>                       | P      | University Senator <b>Jeremy Wahl</b>                       | E      |
| Senior Class President <b>Rachel Harris</b>                | P      | Senior Class VP <b>Nick Li</b>                              | P      |
| Senior Class Treasurer <b>Garrett Gregor-Splaver</b>       | E      | 1st Year Class President <b>Nasser Odetallah</b>            | P      |
| 1st Year Class VP <b>Han Qing</b>                          | P      | Health & Wellness Representative                            |        |
| External Events Chair <b>Alex Starzyk</b>                  | P      | Family and Working Students Rep <b>Shatize Pope</b>         | P      |
| Alumni Affairs Rep <b>Mike Kim</b>                         | P      | Dual B.A./Joint Program Rep <b>Evan Rork</b>                | P      |
| Community Services & Sustainability Rep <b>Faith Grady</b> | P      | Treasurer <b>June Lim</b>                                   | P      |
| JTS Rep <b>Josh Brunnlehrmann</b>                          | P      | Student Services/Academic Affairs Rep <b>Andre Moutafov</b> | P      |

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| Diversity & Equity Rep <b>Rubaab Poonawala</b>           | <b>P</b> | Students w/Disabilities Rep <b>Erin O'Bannon</b>     | <b>P</b> |
| Tech Chair <b>Catherine Sun</b>                          | <b>P</b> | Social Media Rep <b>Lisa Cardoso</b>                 | <b>P</b> |
| *Legislative Assistant <b>Ferdinando Castro Gonzalez</b> | <b>P</b> | *Legislative Assistant <b>Kyle Gordon</b>            | <b>E</b> |
| *Advisor Sean Trulby                                     |          | Chief Negotiator <b>Katie Peters</b>                 | <b>P</b> |
| *Advisor Ashley Johnson                                  |          | <b>Voting Members: 30 / Quorum: → 20 / Total: 27</b> |          |

**C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for October 19th, 2021 -> Pass/Rejected**

1. **Pass**

**D. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from October 12th, 2021**

1. **Pass**

**II. REPORTS**

**A. President**

1. No Updates

**B. Policy Committee**

1. Update from Meeting with Dean Rosner
  - a) Kambi: First meeting with Dean of Academic Affairs; discussed things to keep in mind (committee on instruction, faculty of arts and sciences, who is in charge of what), PDF policy, accommodations

**C. Communications Committee**

1. Website Member Directory Update
  - a) Website directory completely updated; please let us know if you have any change requests
2. GSSC Survey Reminder
  - a) We've received a good number of responses (about half the council). If you haven't filled it out yet, please do. It shouldn't take more than a few minutes.

**D. Finance Committee**

1. No Updates

**E. Campus Life Committee**

1. Snack Attacks Volunteers
  - a) Final call to sign up (especially for 11:30 next Wednesday 10/27)
  - b) Katie: Can we recruit other GS students to volunteer?
    - (1) Serengeti: Yes, that could work (provide contact info ahead of time)

**F. University Senator**

1. No Updates

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Senior Sweaters Budget**

1. A tradition done every year (CC, Barnard, and GS)
2. Vendor is Hillflint
3. Allocate \$6000 from senior events budget to subsidize sweaters
  - a) Subsidies get you \$30 off a sweater (need approval and then GSSC will cover that \$30)
  - b) Also makes sense in context of the cancellation/not happening of many senior events
4. Motion for the allocation of \$6000 (approx 200 subsidized sweater) from senior events fund to subsidize sweaters
  - a) Simas: Recommends the motion; we've allocated \$50,000 for senior class and this is a traditional senior purchase
  - b) Andre: Who decides who gets subsidized?
    - (1) It's a form run by University Life; they make the decision
  - c) Erin: How will we be making students aware of the subsidy?
    - (1) Inclusion in Serengeti's newsletter, other newsletter, potential special email blast
    - (2) Final date to purchase is 10/29 at 11:59pm (short turnover due to late information coming in about sweaters themselves)
      - (a) Serengeti: Short timeline is not on Senior reps, in fact they are responsible for making sure that GS seniors have access to sweaters at all despite GS seeming to be left out of info chain at times
  - d) Motion passes

#### IV. **STANDING BUSINESS**

- A. No Updates

#### 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. Alan: Dual BA friend was living in GS residence and experienced some security issues; someone tried to break into the unit and campus security was not efficient in resolving the situation. She felt unsafe and wanted to know what resources were available for safety other than contacting campus security.
  - a. Serengeti: Could ask around (Columbia Deans, Dean Rogers?) with some info around that
  - b. Nick: Public safety is not really allowed to intervene within certain parameters (basically, until some sort of harm is actually done) based on Columbia residential/Columbia housing guidelines. Also a LionSafe app with resources/numbers from public safety.
  - c. Rachel (in chat): She could report to Columbia Residential
  - d. Katie (in chat): Via free rides potentially available as a preventative measure

#### 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 President at [sat2198@columbia.edu](mailto:sat2198@columbia.edu) for the item of discussion to be placed on a future agenda. (Brown Act §54954.3)

- Jerome: "Columbia Class of 2022" Facebook group
  - Serengeti: Primarily led by CC-SEAS Admin but provides useful information for all students; GSers should join (this is how we found out about the Class of 2022 sweaters); potentially integrate GSers into the existing page
  - Nick: This is the official page for all Columbia 2022 undergraduates; should be subsequent pages for all the other years as well; Nick and Rae will be arranging a meeting with their counterparts in the other schools to discuss

## **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**