



Associated Students of Columbia University

G.S. STUDENT COUNCIL

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Meeting Location:

Lerner Hall

2920 Broadway, Satow Room, New York, NY 10027

GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

November 12 2019 8:15PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **November 12** 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 crt2144@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 Christopher Thompson	P	VP of Finance Nadia Vaso	P
Chief of Finance Dynah Vidaurre	P	VP of Policy Joshua Lefkow	P
Chief of Policy Max Waldroop	P	VP of Campus Life Megan Calderazzo	P
Chief of Campus Life Carolyn Christenson	P	VP of Communications Luisa Dacroce	P
Chief of Communications Lenny Ciotti	P	Veteran Student Rep Kevin Petersen	P
Int'l Student Rep Sr. Piragathesh Son of Subramanian	P	Senator Jonathan Criswell	P
Senior Class President Matthew Linsky	P	Senior Class VP Alexa Boncimino	P
Senior Class Treasurer Eric Lunzer	U	1st Year Class President Serengeti Timungwa	P
1st Year Class VP Paul Lee	P	Health & Wellness Representative Caroline Clifford	P
Special Events Chair Chantel Hover	E	Family and Working Students Rep	vacant
Alumni Affairs Rep Karla Puga	P	Dual B.A./Joint Program Rep Antony Rossi	P
Community/Sustainability Rep Mackenzie	P	Treasurer Joshua Brown	P

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JTS Rep Daniela Bernstein	P	Student Services/Academic Affairs Rep Jeremy Wahl	P
Equity & Inclusion Chair Jane Jeong	E	Students w/Disabilities Rep Nicole Lyons	P
Tech Chair Arjun Vairavan	P	Social Media Rep Paola Duran	P
*Advisor Sean Trulby			29
*Advisor Ashley Johnson		Voting Members: 28 / Quorum: → 20 Quorum reached	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for November 12th, 2019-Motion passes

D. Adoption of Meeting Minutes for October 29th, 2019-Motion passes

II. REPORTS

A. Stephanie Jennings

Representatives of the Student Health Insurance plans. We switched to 1 plan from 2. The plan covers 90% of medical expenses and covers most medical services. Students can access most care on campus with no copay and students can schedule a visit within 24-48 hours. Specialist visits off-campus are \$30 with a referral from one of the GPs on campus.

The student health insurance plan does not cover personal leaves of absence. It covers medical leaves of absence and it covers study abroad trips.

For any questions you can contact us through Columbia Health, the link is on our website.

You can also look for specialists at aetnastudenthealth.com

The insurance has no exclusion for pre-existing conditions

B. Bonnie Li

Columbia Health is offering a Naloxone training. The initiative received a grant from the medical center to prevent overdoses on campus. Any student who wants to can receive a Naloxone kit and Naloxone training. As of now we have trained roughly 700 students and 100 staff members.

Jonathan: How are you promoting this initiative?

Bonnie: The initiative has not been heavily advertised because we were trying doing research on the utility and effectiveness of the program.

Piragatesh: There is research that Naloxone therapy can lead to an increase in use of opioids. Is the Naloxone therapy considered a short or long term therapy.

Bonnie: Our goal is to save lives.

Serengeti: Would it be possible to offer the training in off-peak or after school hours?

Bonnie: Yes. Whenever you want to schedule a training just let us know.

C. President

D. Policy Committee

E. Communications Committee

F. Finance Committee

G. Campus Life Committee

1. Halloween Party Recap
We had great feedback
2. FLI Finance event (11/15)
There is a link for this financial literacy event. There will be food provided
3. FY/SR Lunch (11/22)
4. Thanksgiving Lunch (11/28, 1-4pm)
On TG in the lounge. The event is co-sponsored by the Alumni Association
5. Snack attack survey
6. Tree Lighting submissions
7. Senior Announcements
MATT: Lerner pub #2 was a success. Presentation of the logo options for the 2020 senior class
ALEXA: Senior Luncheon is next week on the 22nd.
8. FY Class Announcements
We have 2 upcoming events. 1-End of year happy hour (no drinks but hopefully a raffle). 2-
DANIELA: motion to allocate \$250 from student event for dual degree students for food drinks and decorations for dual degree event.

H. University Senator

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Co-sponsorship Request: PMA**
Due to some budget shortfalls we are asking \$900 for the medical school fair proportional to 9% of GS undergrads that attended the event.
ERIC: How consistent the presence of undergrads has been
BRITTANY: we don't know because last year it was the first we had data
MOTION TO APPROVE \$900 from co-sponsorship budget
MATT: amend the motion to \$1800
JOSH: I advise against the amendment
NADIA: Our budget comes from Undergrad Student Life fees. I don't think it's fair.
KARLA: How high can we go without compromising our budget.
NADIA (Answer) : It's about protocol. 9% of undergrads attend and providing more would send the wrong message to the administration.
JEREMY: I think would make sense to increase our contribution to \$1350 (50% more).
The motion to approve \$1800 does not pass
AMENDMENT \$1350

Voting to pass \$1350 Amendment: TIED
Chris breaks the tie: Votes in favor of \$1350
Allocating \$1350: PASSES

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.

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 crt2144@columbia.edu for the item of discussion to be placed on a future agenda. (Brown Act §54954.3)

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