



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

December 3 2019 8:15PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **December 3** 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	E
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	U
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	P	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	P	Students w/Disabilities Rep Nicole Lyons	E
Tech Chair Arjun Vairavan	U	Social Media Rep Paola Duran	P
*Advisor Sean Trulby			29
*Advisor Ashley Johnson		Voting Members: 28 / Quorum: → 19 Reached	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for December 3rd, 2019-Motion passes

D. Adoption of Meeting Minutes for November 19th, 2019-motion passes

II. REPORTS

A. Dean Delva

Scholarship dinner.

Coffee with the dean

Dual BA mixer

Matt: is it possible to group the students that transfer less than 30 credits together and separate them from the students that transfer close to 60 credits

DEAN DELVA: I have not looked into it yet but I will and I encourage you to cooperate with me on the issue.

SERENGETI: Is it possible to change the policy around University Studies for students that transfer 60 credits.

DEAN DELVA: I am looking at things that have more urgency but I am open to changing the policy where policy.

CAROLINE: Can you amend the policy that caps the credits at 18 per semester?

DEAN DELVA: The policy is in place for pedagogical reasons.

McKENZIE: The language requirements block a big amount of credits for those who, like me, have transferred 60 credits. Is there any possibility to change the policy.

JANE: Can we increase accessibility to Jump Start to other students?

DEAN DELVA: We are trying to implement solutions for the fall.

B. President

1. MetroCard Pilot: Finals Week Edition-Deadline is tomorrow-we are distributing 43 weekly metrocards
2. GSSC x FLIP Financial Literacy Workshop - Tomorrow 4:30 in Lerner
3. GSSC x CCE Fridays for the Future-these events will take place at CCE and they will be every Friday through the spring semester
4. iGrad-Free lifetime membership to all Columbia students.

C. Policy Committee

D. Communications Committee

E. Finance Committee

F. Campus Life Committee

1. Recap: FY/SR Lunch
SErengeti, Paul, Matt, Alexa event was well attended
2. Recap: Friendsgiving
Pira and Karla
3. Reminders
 - a) Financial Literacy Workshop
 - b) Tree Lighting- December 5th at 5:30
 - c) Dual BA Mixer-Lewisohn 212A Thursday Dec 5 7:00pm
 - d) FY GS Kick Back-Monday December 9 Lerner
 - e) FY End of Semester Gathering @ Amity Hall
 - f) February Degree Dinner
 - g) SR Coffee Break - 2-4 Lewisohn 308 Next friday 13
4. Motion for budget approval for Gala-motion to allocate \$40,765 for the downpayment for the gala.
Caroline-motion to move the vote in executive session-does not pass
Motion to allocate funds for downpayment.
5. Motion for budget approval for Flamingo Mingle-Motion to allocate \$4000 from student events, with the possibility to spend only \$3500
6. Motion for budget approval for SR Spring Kickoff Event (from Senior budget)
motion to allocate \$300 from senior budget-Passed
Motion to allocate \$555 for coasters-passed

G. University Senator

The Quality Life survey is finally ready and it will come out soon.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Vacancies/Interviews for Council(s) Position(s)

1. Nomination
 - a) The council will discuss and possibly take action on the nomination of council vacancies. Including, but not limited to:
 - (i) Family and Working Students Representative
 - (a) The Executive Board puts forth nominee
Julia Dewey Hewitt

B. Co-sponsorship Requests

1. Columbia Organization of Rising Entrepreneurs

Tech trek is a CORE program that brings young entrepreneurs to visit the startup ecosystem around the world. The trip this year will be to Berlin and to Brazil
We are requesting \$3,500 to offset the cost of the trip for 7 of the students.

MOTION TO ALLOCATE \$250 per person

Motion to change the allocation \$100 Motion doesn't pass
Motion to amend the allocation to \$150 Motion doesn't pass
Motion to allocate 75 per person- doesn't pass
Motion for \$250 per person-PASSES

2. iTrek-Not present
3. MilVets-RACHEL BALLEW-request for funding for 2 students to attend the SVA in January. We are asking for \$1,238.
Motion to allocate \$250 for one student to go
Amendment to allocate \$1238 (full amount)-motion fails
Motion to amend to \$555 for one person- passes
Allocation of \$555 for one person-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