



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

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GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

January 28th 2020 8:15PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **January 28** 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	E	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	vacant	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 Julia Dewey Hewitt	P
Alumni Affairs Rep Karla Puga	P	Dual B.A./ Joint Program Rep Antony Rossi	P

Community/Sustainability Rep Mackenzie Collins	P	Treasurer Joshua Brown	P
JTS Rep	vacant	Student Services/Academic Affairs Rep Jeremy Wahl	P
Equity & Inclusion Chair Jane Jeong	P	Students w/Disabilities Rep Nicole Lyons	P
Tech Chair	vacant	Social Media Rep Paola Duran	P
*Advisor Sean Trulby			27
*Advisor Ashley Johnson		Voting Members: 26 / Quorum: → 18	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for January 28th, 2020 *Passes*

D. Adoption of Meeting Minutes for December 3rd, 2019 *Passes*

II. REPORTS

A. Scott Wright (VP of Campus Services)

- Speaking on how they can offer lower priced textbooks.
- They came up with a program that are being presented to student leadership in the fall.

B. Chris Colbert (Regional Manager, Barnes and Noble College)

- History with Columbia
- Course materials have gone up 180% in the last year, as a result 1/3 of students are going to classes are going to class w/o the material.
- Presenting Access & Affordability chart, measuring different situations within students.
- They plan on discounting buying and rentals.
- The revealed discount price is: \$278/per semester (15pt. Credit load)
 - For undergraduate programs only.
 - Rental program
 - Still needs to settle who would be responsible if the student failed to return the book.
 - Only for required texts.
- Questions:
 - "Are professors not going to be using access codes to books?"
 - Answer: "No matter how you receive the book...it would be included in this price. Including those with access codes."
 - "Some books are a bit obscure. How do you guarantee you'll have what is required? And if someone changes courses last minute, how would you deal with having books readily available for students?"
 - Answer: "We understand the add/drop period...if this happens then we'd ask for the books taken out initially in return and we'll distribute the newly needed books under the same price."
 - "Is there a deadline to drop out of this program and when is it?"
 - Answer: "Until the add/drop period. At that point we work with the university to help the student."

- "What will the process look like for access to refunds, if the situations arises?"
 - Answer: "Any other refunds that come along, they would happen the same way all other refunds may happen within the add/drop period."
- "Please explain more about the financial aid impact."
 - Answer: "For GS there is no impact, because you don't receive Aid for books within this school."
- "The full time average is 15credit...is that a fixed price? Is this something only full time students have access to?"
 - "No, this is a per credit hour price. So it can scale down for part-time students?"
- "Would you guys consider price matching?"
 - "Initially no, but we'd have to give thought to it."
- There are cards being left in case anyone wants to keep in contact"

C. President

1. Welcome remarks

D. Policy Committee

E. Communications Committee

F. Finance Committee

G. Campus Life Committee

1. Snack Attacks update
 - a) Adjustments will continue to be made to Snack Attacks to best serve the GS community, utilize the budget to its fullest extent, and make the best use of volunteer time!
2. NSOP party
 - a) We welcomed about 200 new students during Spring Orientation!
3. Senior Class Kickoff event
 - a) Gave away scarves, would like to purchase more at some point
 - b) Distributing Senior class sweaters tomorrow night the 29th
4. Flamingo Mingle pre-Valentines day party on 02/13/2020
 - a) Be on the lookout for information -- welcome back, GS!

H. University Senator

1. Last Semester as Senator
 - a) This position is very important to him.
2. Wants to find someone capable of taking over the position
 - a) jdc2216@columbia.edu if you'd like to consider applying for the position.

3. Christopher also encourages people who'd like to look into taking over the leadership positions at gssc to contact the current leaders.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Co-sponsorship Form Update

1. 3 main articles
 - a) These are substantial changes.

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.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT