

GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 8:15 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *General Studies Student Council of Columbia University* will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **February 28, 8:15 PM**. 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 President 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 Executive Board for any agenda-related questions.

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call (* → indicates a non-voting member; *P* → *Present*, *T* → *Tardy*, *E* → *Excused Absence*, *U* → *Unexcused Absence*)

OFFICERS	STATUS	OFFICERS	STATUS
*President Maya Platek	P	Senior Class President Garrett Gregor-Splaver	P
VP of Policy DeAngelo Hunter	E	Senior Class VP William Grugam	P
VP of Finance Jennifer Odum	P	First Year Class President Robert Mueller	P
VP of Communications Faith Grady	P	First Year Class VP Jule Boudreaux	P
VP of Campus Life Katherine Zimmermann	P	JTS Rep Joshua Brunnlehrman	P
Chief of Policy Kyle Gordon	P	International Students Rep Altynbek Tilepbergnov	P
Chief of Finance Su Lee	P	Dual BA & Joint Program Rep	
Chief of Communications Oliver Neale	P	Alumni Affairs Rep	
Chief of Campus Life		Community Service & Sustainability Rep Ally Woodard	P
University Senator Bruce Goumain	P	External Events Ashley Tan	P
Diversity and Equity Rep Marie Febrillet	P	*Outreach Associate Haya Fine	P
Health and Wellness Rep Allison Darne	P	*Communications Coordinator Kevin Gunaratna	P
Student Services & Academic Affairs Rubaab Poonawla	P	*Legislative Assistant Savanah Shulkin	P
Students with Disabilities Rep Rachel Papirmeister	P	*Legislative Assistant Zarria Simmons	P
Veteran Students Rep		*Policy Coordinator Daniel LaFata	P
Family & Working Students Rep Gaetan Evina Biloa	P	*Commuter Students Representative Sean Reilly	T
Treasurer Kris Packauskas	P	*Campus Life Coordinator Lily Penn	P
Senior Class Treasurer Rebekah Cornish	P	*Finance Coordinator Sylvester Benson	P
Chief Negotiator Eric Yu	P		
Social Media Representative Melanie Wells	P	*Advisor Jawad Cipriani	
Technology Chair Serena Kwan	P	*Advisor Sean Trulby	
		Voting Members: 25 / Quorum: → 18 / Total:	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for February 28, 2023

1. Motion Passes/Fails- **PASSES**

D. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2023

1. Motion Passes/Fails- **PASSES**

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. General Remarks:
 - a) Hi- hope everyone is well - sign up for one on one
 - b) Will be starting office hours with the general student body this upcoming coming wednesday's from 3-4
 - (1) Time might change next week
 - c) BACCHANAL tickets coming out later this week
2. Chief of Campus Life Nomination
 - a) We have a nominee who we'll be hearing from later
 - b) Will vote in executive session
3. Subcommittee on Elections (SE)
 - a) Will have further updates on elections this upcoming week
 - b) Will present later and vote in executive session

B. Policy Committee

1. No Updates

C. Communications Committee

1. Website Updates
 - a) We have been working on updating the website
 - b) Links are now updated!
 - (1) Please let us know if there are any links that don't work
 - c) If you're in a new position and want to change your bio let us know
 - d) Send bio, photo, etc if a new member of GSSC
 - e) We're working to make sure all of the campus life events are on the website
 - (1) If you're on a committee and want something to be on the website - please let us know

D. Finance Committee

1. Finance Committee Shadowing Opportunity
 - a) Co-chair shadowing → if interested, a google doc will be put on slack to sign up
2. Allocation tracker
3. Bacchanal update in executive session
 - a) Bacchanal: 5 drops for tickets, 200 tickets for GS (can get more if necessary)
 - b) First drop will be on March 3rd at 3 PM for seniors (for all schools)
 - c) Second drop will be class specific (two days: 7th)
 - d) Fourth drop (more general)
 - e) Fifth drop: general flash drop
 - f) Tickets are free
 - g) We decided to give water bottles with purchase of tickets to promote hydration (paid for by just JCFC ??)

E. Campus Life Committee

1. Snack Attacks
 - a) Next week

- b) Monday - Thursday
 - c) Anybody in GSSC – we are looking for volunteers to help!!!!
 - (1) ...specifically from other committees→ you get free food!
 - 2. Trivia Night
 - a) Wednesday, March 8, starting at 6:30 PM
 - (1) If anyone wants to help set up, please be there at 4!
 - b) If you have any interest in helping out please reach out to Robert, Jule, or Kat
 - c) Games will start at 7
 - 3. Alumni Event
 - a) coffee chats yesterday
 - (1) 2 alumni showed up
 - b) Another one in march
 - c) Fourth one in april
 - d) Looking forward to continue this programing
 - 4. Yoga
 - a) Next week for relaxation during midterms
 - b) Lily will talk about it more later
 - 5. Gala Updates + Voting in Exec
 - a) Will be voting in exec about an item for gala
- F. University Senator**
- 1. Student Survey
 - a) Just reached 50% response rate
 - b) Still hoping for 60%
 - c) About 250 students
 - d) We will get the numbers!
 - e) Try to send to at least 5 people who you know haven't done it!!! <3

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Chief of Campus Life Nomination
 - 1. Robert
 - a) Already on GSSC
 - b) Born and raised in Germany
 - c) First year
 - d) Studying financial econ and hopefully graduating in Dec. 2024
 - e) Originally came as an au pair. Then eventually decided to apply for university
 - f) GSSC has been going through some things but we are motivated, capable, creative → excited for the opportunity to channel that into something great (lots of potential!!!)
 - g) Background:
 - (1) after graduation social volunteer worked as teacher and volunteer coordinator teaching refugees, representing country school district
 - (2) Moved to Santa Monica, CA then White Plains, NY
 - (a) Learned how to professionally work with people you don't necessarily get along with
 - (b) Learned how to be more optimistic
 - h) Questions
 - (1) Garret: What do you think of White Plains compared to Santa Monica?
 - (a) Answer: nothing
 - (2) Bruce: Can you talk a bit about your experience in organizing events and how you plan on putting this into the role of Chief of Campus Life?

(a) Answer: I served as First Year Class President for this last semester, so I've helped plan many events. I enjoy communicating with people and am very organized. I've negotiated many contracts. SBP in High School.

B. Subcommittee on Elections (SE)

1. Hi- today here to discuss subcommittee on elections the chair role

2. Article VI

a) Typically, the President is meant to take on the role of the SE, but she is not a senior and is therefore ineligible (!)

b) Maya is not a senior and neither is Garrett→ therefore not eligible

c) Solution: MAKE LIAM THE SE CHAIR

d) Questions?

(1) Robert: What does the committee do ?

(a) I'm not completely certain, and I'm not really allowed to know since I'm not a senior

(b) For the most part it's just to guarantee that elections are fair

(c) Maya can not say who will be in task force

(d) Kyle: The SE oversees the entire election process and works with the ETF

3. Will vote during exec session

C. Yoga Event: Lily

1. Planning a study break yoga thing for next week

2. Time isn't confirmed but probs next Tuesday

3. Look out for it in next newsletter

D. Senior Gift (presented by Liam)

1. Wants a magnetic wallet card case

2. Navy blue with a design on it (no official design quite yet)

3. Official price is ~\$6,700, but just want a little bit of wiggle room (about \$7 per unit)

4. Questions:

a) Jennifer: Is this coming out of the senior class budget? Because you've kind of run out of money. Actually, a lot of people have gone over – so we may need to vote to reallocate money around especially with the senior cruise

(1) As of right now, the contract with the senior cruise is contingent on ticket sales – so we should be able to meet that

(2) Faith: just so everyone knows we made about half of our money back from the senior cruise

b) Allison: I'm concerned because it's real leather, are there any options for those who might have an ethical concern with that?

(1) We're getting it from a certain company that we've gotten everything from for the past year. We chose this because it's probably the best quality we can get it, but we'll definitely keep that in mind

(2) We should be able to cover alternative options with this allocation

c) Maya: If we vote on it now, are we voting with invisible money? Or are we moving money from the campus life budget?

(1) We're basing it on the senior cruise ticket sales for now

d) Kevin: What are some examples of gifts given in the past?

- (1) Tote bag, tshirt, pen
 - (2) One of the considerations right now is to potentially add another gift if there's room in the budget (which there should be), but the card case is very practical so we feel like people will actually use it
 - (3) Also people in past years had a lot more money than us, because they had money roll over from covid
 - 5. Maya: We will probably move the money from the snack attack budget because we have extra room there
 - a) Questions
 - (1) Robert: The money that's being moved will be moved back once the money is organized?
 - (a) Yes
 - b) **Motion to move \$7,200 from the Snack Attack budget to the Senior Class Budget**
 - (1) Motion Passes/Fails - **PASSES**
 - (2) Money will be allocated from the snack attack fund
 - 6. **Motion to allocate \$7,200 for the Senior Class Gift**
 - a) Motion Passes/Fails - **PASSES**
- E. Gavel Order (Faith)
 - 1. Maya needs a gavel! We have a new SBP and we need a gavel for her, so she can keep meetings organized!
 - 2. Will cost \$35.87
 - 3. Questions
 - a) Robert: Does it say anything on it?
 - (1) Her name and Student Body President
 - b) Kris: Does it need to be personalized?
 - (1) Technically no, but the general idea is that it's a token of appreciation for the SBP
 - 4. **Motion To allocate \$35.87 from the President Budget for a gavel**
 - a) Motion Passes/Fails - **PASSES**

IV. **STANDING BUSINESS**

A. Trivia Night

- 1. Wants cool posters and more money
- 2. Want money: for posters
 - a) Kat: We could just use our CUIDS
 - b) Lily: JTS has free color printing if you want help
- 3. Robert: Nevermind, we will figure it out then

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. applications still open for remaining spots on council till friday at midnight
 - a. Interviews will be Saturday and Sunday

- B. Want to take a few moments to remember Elan Ganeles who was murdered this week – may his memory be a blessing
 - a. There are resources available if anybody needs support and are always available, if you ever need somebody to talk to you can always come to me (Maya)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

This segment of the meeting is reserved for all non-Council members desiring to address the General Studies Student Council on any matter of concern, 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. (Brown Act §54954.3)

No public members in council or on zoom

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