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G.S. STUDENT COUNCIL

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GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 2nd 8:15PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **February 2nd 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 jane.jeong@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 Jane Jeong	P	VP of Finance	
Chief of Finance Ryan Wee	E	VP of Policy Serengeti Timungwa	P
Chief of Policy Jerome Brackins	P	VP of Campus Life Liam McGrane	E
Chief of Campus Life Sofia Trujillo	P	VP of Communications Pao Durán	P
Chief of Communications Noélly Flôr	P	Veteran Student Rep Tony Costanzo	P
Int'l Student Rep Rhe-Anne Tan	P	Senator Jeremy Wahl	U
Senior Class President Safia Southey	P	Senior Class VP Roberto Uribe	P
Senior Class Treasurer		1st Year Class President Kambi Gathesha	U
1st Year Class VP Rachel Harris	P	Health & Wellness Representative	
Special Events Chair Jason You	U	Family and Working Students Rep Sofia Wyszynski	P
Alumni Affairs Rep Cole Wagner	P	Dual B.A./Joint Program Rep Nicholas Li	P

Community Service/Sustainability Rep		Treasurer Alex Ariunbold	P
JTS Rep Josh Brunnlehrmann	P	Student Services/Academic Affairs Rep Bern Gostelow	P
Equity & Inclusion Chair		Students w/Disabilities Rep Joan Bolanos Martinez	P
*Tech Chair Dylan Lee	P	Social Media Rep Brian Laurito	P
*Legislative Assistant Katya Sharma	P	*Legislative Assistant Jené Stefaniak	P
*Advisor Sean Trulby			
*Advisor Ashley Johnson		Voting Members: 23 / Quorum: → 15 / Total: 22	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for February 2nd, 2021 -> PASSED

D. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from January 26th, 2021 -> PASSED

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. HEERF Funding for GS Students
 - a) Second round of CARES Funding
 - b) Approximately \$18 million in aid being distributed to the university, and about \$6 million will be accepted at the very least.
2. Nominations for VP of Finance and Equity & Inclusion Chair
 - a) Louis Cheng for VP of Finance
 - b) Sydney Bowen for Equity & Inclusion Chair

B. Policy Committee

1. No Updates

C. Communications Committee

1. No Updates

D. Finance Committee

1. No Updates

E. Campus Life Committee

1. Spring 2021 Event Program Presentation
 - a) A summary/panner of past, current and future events being planned by the CL Committee.
 - (1) Some upcoming events:
 - (a) Exploring majors with Dean Rosner on February 4th
 - (b) First Year mixer on February 5th
 - (c) Senior/Alumni "Graduating into a Crisis" on February 11th
 - (d) Medical Career Event TBD
 - (e) Pet Event on February 12th
 - (f) Love GSSC on February 14th
 - (i) Can order cards to be sent to someone you know, signed "Love GSSC"

- (g) WNTT Black History Month on February 18th
- (i) We Need To Talk movie night
- (h) Dual BA Mixer on February 19th
- (i) GS Alliance x GSSC on February 25th or 26th (TBD)
- (j) Scavenger Hunt/Puzzle Hunt from March 8th to March 14th
- (k) Careers in Academia Panel TBD
- (l) AMA IG Takeover on March 8th
- (m) Senior Alumni "What We Did With Our Majors" TBD
- (n) Open Discussion - International Women
- (o) Food Pantry X GSSC on March 10th
- (p) Renting in NY Workshop, Cooper & Cooper on March 11th
- (q) WNTT: Film TBD on March 18th
- (r) Interfaith Event TBC TBD
- (s) AMA IG Takeover TBD
- (t) Space Blastoff Alumni/Space Initiative/ESC TBD
- (u) WNTT TBD on April 8th
- (v) End of Year Mixer TBD
- (w) End of Year Virtual Gala on April 10th

F. University Senator

1. No Updates

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nomination for VP of Finance

1. Louis Cheng

- a) A sophomore at GS doing Data Science
- b) Community building was a big factor to join GS, especially coming from a background as a firefighter in Singapore
- c) Held a similar position in the fire department, an administrator handling budgeting and allocation for over 180 people
- d) Helped turn a company with several hundred million dollars debt into a profitable company

B. Nomination for Equity & Inclusion

1. Sydney Bowen

- a) A sophomore at GS, second semester at GS.
- b) Her previous experience was heavily informed by inequity, a huge stigma around socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds
- c) Strives for an egalitarian approach because it can be incredibly detrimental to be in a community where voices aren't heard because of their background (race, sexuality, gender, etc.)
- d) Excited to help raise voices to be heard
- e) Wants to help make policy based off of what she hears - she's good at listening

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

A. No 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.

Nicholas Li, Dual Degree Program Representative, brings up the point that GS students cannot receive a COVID-19 test more than once per week, whereas CC and SEAS are tested twice a week, even if they live in the same housing (Nicholas lives in a housing unit with CC and BC)

Rhe-Anne responds by mentioning that before we should take action, we should make sure that it is indeed a GS policy and not housing policy, as GS housing is incorporated in Columbia Housing, whereas CC, SEAS, and BC is incorporated in Columbia Residential.

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

NONE

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