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G.S. STUDENT COUNCIL

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GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 8th 8:15PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **February 8th** 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 sat2198@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 Serengeti Timungwa	P	VP of Finance Simas Chacar-Palubinskas	P
Chief of Finance Alan Han	P	VP of Policy Nasser Odetallah	P
Chief of Policy Stephanie Pierre	P	VP of Campus Life Cole Wagner	P
Chief of Campus Life Emily Robinson	P	VP of Communications Brian Laurito	P
Chief of Communications Siena Iwasaki Milbauer	P	Veteran Students Rep Alejandro Rojas	PP
Int'l Students Rep Carol Chen	P	University Senator Jeremy Wahl	E
Senior Class President Rachel Harris	P	Senior Class VP Nick Li	P
Senior Class Treasurer Garrett Gregor-Splaver	P	1st Year Class President Faith Grady	P
1st Year Class VP Han Qing	P	Health & Wellness Representative Bruce Goumain	P
External Events Chair Alex Starzyk	P	Family and Working Students Rep Shatize Pope	P
Alumni Affairs Rep Mike Kim	E	Dual B.A./Joint Program Rep Evan Rork	P
Community Services & Sustainability Rep		Treasurer	
JTS Rep Josh Brunnlehrmann	P	Student Services/Academic Affairs Rep Andre	P

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Diversity & Equity Rep Rubaab Poonawala	P	Students w/Disabilities Rep Erin O'Bannon	P
Tech Chair Catherine Sun	P	Social Media Rep Lisa Cardoso	P
*Legislative Assistant Ferdinando Castro Gonzalez	P	*Legislative Assistant Kyle Gordon	P
*Advisor Sean Trulby		Chief Negotiator Katie Peters	P
*Advisor Ashley Johnson		Voting Members: 29 / Quorum: → 19 / Total: 27	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for February 8, 2022 -> Pass/Rejected

1. Motion Passes

D. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2022

1. Motion Passes

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. ECAC Updates

- a. Election Commission Appointment Committee (GSSC Seniors)
- b. Will appoint Election Commission Chairperson who then appoints commissioners
- c. ECAC met earlier this week to discuss timeline for appointing EC chairperson
 - i. App will go out on Thursday, close Feb 25
 - 1. People can express interest in being considered for commissioner if they are not selected as chair
 - ii. Will be appointed by March 1st
- d. By March 7, we'll have an Election Commission
 - i. They will determine the timeline for elections
 - ii. Hoping for election results by Friday, April 29
- e. Seniors would be good for Election Commission as they are most separate from GSSC

2. Student Trustee Subcommittee Updates

- a. Committee formed last week, now we need subcommittee members
- b. Helpful to have GSSC members on subcommittee for guidance, but non-GSSC members can also join subcommittees and will be welcome on this subcommittee
- c. Exploring this for a referendum question, in conjunction with referendum question to have our diplomas in Latin or not

B. Policy Committee

1. General Policy Update

- a) First Policy team meeting
- b) Shatize/Serengeti: After school care for parents who are GS students
- c) Bruce, Rubaab, Erin: CTS, Office of Disability Service, expanding resources, better comms with students about events and resources
- d) New initiatives:
 - (1) Columbia Dining (continuing conversations to ensure next semester's rollout is smooth) by Nasser/Andre

- (2) Advocating for permanent expansion of PDF policies (moving deadline back to last day of school)
 - (3) Getting GS' voice in the convo surrounding the upcoming expansion of CC/SEAS to understand concerns and how we can make our voices heard
 - (4) Getting credit cap reduced for GS students so that it is equal to CC SEAS students
- 2. First Year Welcome Pack Giveaway
 - a) As outgoing First Year Class President, wants to give update on last planned event
 - b) Welcome Packs will be given away on Friday at 3 pm
 - (1) Enough for 300 students
 - (2) Letter from GSSC included
 - (3) Totebag, sticky notes, pens, pencils, candy, and campus maps
 - c) Open to everyone who started at Columbia this semester or last semester (including transfers, Dual BA students, etc)

C. Communications Committee

- 1. No Updates

D. Finance Committee

- 1. Cosponsorships Update
 - a) Milvets will be presented for a cosponsorship later in new business
 - b) This semester with things reopening, we can now co-sponsor more events compared to last semester. So folks engaging with organizations that want to engage with GSSC as a cosponsor, we have a fund for co-sponsorships, so please email Simas and/or gsscfinance@columbia.edu.

E. Campus Life Committee

- 1. Flamingo Mingle Promotion
 - a) Next Monday (2/14) in the student lounge at 7 pm
 - b) Running with PPSC
 - c) First day with full indoor eating and no capacity restrictions
 - d) There will be Speed Meeting and treats
- 2. Glass House Rocks Volunteering Assignment
 - a) On the 24th, promotional materials will be going out soon, please spread the word
 - b) Renting arcade games, nintendo stations, mechanical bull, karaoke contest, cult movie night
 - c) For GSSC members, we need volunteers to help staff this
 - (1) Cole will soon get a chart from planning committee with specific assignments soon and will get folks' names on the list so people know what exactly they will be doing

F. University Senator

- 1. No Updates

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. MilVets Co-Sponsorship Proposal

1. Grayson, President of MilVets: Decrease in mental health linked to virtual learning, feelings of isolation/lack of community
 - a) Veterans often go from robust community during service to civilian life
 - b) Mixed GSSC and MilVets social, at Mel's Burger, tentatively for March 11.
 - (1) A full restaurant buy-out, 8-10:30
 - (2) Negotiating price with the owner's of Mels and getting it at a 50-60% discount
 - c) \$3500 base + 20% tip equals \$4200 total ask, providing for around 150 attendees
 - d) Food and drinks included
 - e) There will be an eventbrite link
 - f) Emily: Will this be ticketed? (Could guarantee people showing up, allow for subsidized tickets)
 - (1) Not considered ticketing yet, would like it to be a completely free event; don't want any barriers to getting people out to socialize
 - g) Emily: With regard to current COVID policies (replace mask in-between bites/sips), how will you enforce mask wearing in a non-campus space?
 - (1) Mask mandate is in effect until March 31st, has been discussion of pushing to April 1st; currently just looking for funding
 - (2) April 1st is quite far away
 - (3) Understanding is we would need two faculty advisors, Dean Trulby and Dean K have agreed to chaperone and would assist with enforcing Covid proposals
 - h) Carol: Will the event's whole budget be coming from GSSC?
 - (1) Currently MilVets has limited budget; 100% goes toward hosting career initiatives
 - (2) Whole cost will come from GSSC co-sponsorship fund
 - i) Exact price would be \$4200 (\$3500 + 20% tip)
2. Metro Cards for Midterms Proposal
 - a) Last semester we passed a budget to buy metrocards for students during shopping period
 - (1) This didn't happen because shopping period was online
 - b) Proposal is to purchase 50 weekly metro cards for students to use during midterms at \$33 each
 - (1) \$1650 + \$10 processing fee for a total of \$1660
 - c) Serengeti: This amount has already been allocated?
 - (1) Emily: Yes. We'd like to be strategic with how we use our funds so we'll be reallocating the previously allocated funds to a new purchase
 - d) Motion to reallocate \$1660 for metro cards
 - (1) Motion 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 President at sat2198@columbia.edu for the item of discussion to be placed on a future agenda. (Brown Act §54954.3)

Liam: Wants to say thank you for the effort GSSC makes to advocate for students

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