

GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 8:15 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *General Studies Student Council of Columbia University* will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **March 7, 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	P	Senior Class VP William Grugam	P
VP of Finance Jennifer Odum	E	First Year Class President Jule Boudreaux	E
VP of Communications Faith Grady	P	First Year Class VP Jemima Kingdon-Jones	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 Jack Gonzalez	P
Chief of Communications Oliver Neale	P	Alumni Affairs Rep Aliya Steele	P
Chief of Campus Life Robert Mueller	P	Community Service & Sustainability Rep Ally Woodard	P
University Senator Bruce Goumain	E	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	E
Student Services & Academic Affairs Rubaab Poonawla	P	*Legislative Assistant Savanah Shulkin	P
Students with Disabilities Rep Rachel Papirmeister	E	*Legislative Assistant Zarria Simmons	P
Veteran Students Rep Gaetan Evina Biloa	E	*Policy Coordinator Daniel LaFata	E
Family & Working Students Rep		*Commuter Students Representative Sean Reilly	P
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	E	*Advisor Jawad Cipriani	
Technology Chair Serena Kwan	P	*Advisor Sean Trulby	
		Voting Members: 25 / Quorum: → 18 / Total: 23	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for March 21, 2023

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

D. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2023

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

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. General Remarks
 - a) April 4th council meeting will be over zoom
 - (1) Will hear about each individual committee meeting from each VP
2. GS Town Hall
 - a) Next week
 - b) Opportunity to ask Dean Delva, R-M, and Marvin any questions you may have

B. Policy Committee

1. Amendments to By-Laws/Constitution
 - a) Will be providing a questionnaire for student council and maybe student body – an opportunity for students to suggest policies they'd like to see made
 - b) Policy will review and present changes to vote on by our last meeting
2. GSSC Excellence Awards
 - a) Nomination for TA, Teacher, Administrator, 3 awards
 - b) Awards are presented on May 3rd at GS Student Leadership Awards
 - c) Award dinner on May third
 - d) If somebody's made an impact on you in your time at GS, feel free to nominate them!!!!

C. Communications Committee

1. No Updates

D. Finance Committee

1. No Updates

E. Campus Life Committee

1. Gala Updates + Voting in Exec
 - a) Gala vote to do with tickets during exec

F. University Senator

1. No Updates

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Family & Working Students Rep

- a) Frieda Candido
- b) Junior in GS
 - i) Human rights major
- c) Transferred from California
- d) Daughter at UCLA
- e) Went to college earlier in life but ended up having to take a break from that experience due to family
- f) Worked with at risk youth and families
- g) Always wanted to go back to school
- h) Experience
 - i) Served in 2 non-profits in california and americorps
 - ii) Was the director of student clubs and organizations

- iii) President of black student union
- iv) Co-president of political science club
- i) Likes to support the community at her previous school and wants to do the same here
- j) Serves as GS peer advisor and University Life advisor
- k) Focus on how to make gs more inclusive and accessible
- l) Questions:
 - i) Robert: What made you interested in GSSC?
 - 1) Everything that I said has led me to this point and it seems like the next right thing to do
 - 2) Personal experience, prioritize academics at first
 - 3) Wanted to prioritize social connectivity, take relationships within the GS community
 - ii) Robert: What is the biggest thing you want to improve on in GS
 - 1) The inclusiveness
 - 2) I have friends the commute all the way from NJ, but they're unable to make it to a lot of events because they have to commute or have families
 - 3) Strategising with current resources GSSC has + creativity

B. ETF Commissioners

- 1. Postponed until next week

C. March 28th Town Hall

- a) *Quick update*; The deans coming for a Town Hall next Tuesday
- b) They might be bringing food, but in case they don't we'd like to allocate money to provide pizza
- c) **Motion: Re-allocate the \$200 we had for pizza from last semester**
 - i) Questions:
 - 1) Is this a GSSC event?
 - (a) Yes, we host the Deans each Spring for a Q&A with the student body
 - 2) Should we increase the allocation?
 - (a) That would be a separate motion
 - ii) Motion Passes/Fails: **PASSES**
- d) **Motion: Add another \$100 for the Town Hall (total of \$300)**
 - i) Motion Passes/Fails: **PASSES**

D. GSSC Social Outing

- a) We're having a potluck! Bring your best homemade or store-bought dishes;
- b) Please fill out the form to figure out what date is best!!!
- c) Wants to have GSSC provide the drinks
 - i) \$100 from campus life budget
- d) **Motion: Allocate \$100 from the Campus Life Budget for soft drinks at the potluck**
 - i) Motion Passes/Fails: **PASSES**

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

- A. None

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. Allison
 - a. Health and wellness rep
 - b. GS representative on the CU FLI network
 - c. Start a GS group;
 - d. Interest form has been created, open to all students regardless of FGLI background (but FGLI students will be prioritized for leadership roles)
 - e. Interest form will have 3 parts
 - i. Gauge general interest
 - ii. Optional survey
 - iii. Leadership application
 - f. Due Friday, March 31
 - g. Questions?
 - i. NO
- B. DeAngelo
 - a. GS Student Leader nominations are open
 - i. You can submit them anonymously (or put in your UNI)
 - ii. There's no limit to the amount of people you can nominate
 - iii. Deadline is March 28 at 12 PM
 - b. ZBT(his fraternity) is collecting swabs for Gift of Life
 - i. Bone marrow transplant organization
 - 1. Basically take a swab to see if you can donate bone marrow
 - c. ZBT is also hosting a toga party next Thursday

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)

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