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G.S. STUDENT COUNCIL

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GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 22nd 8:15PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **March 22nd** 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	E
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	E
Chief of Communications Siena Iwasaki Milbauer	P	Veteran Students Rep Alejandro Rojas	P
Int'l Students Rep Carol Chen	E	University Senator Jeremy Wahl	U
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		Family and Working Students Rep Shatize Pope	P
Alumni Affairs Rep Mike Kim	P	Dual B.A./Joint Program Rep Evan Rork	P
Community Services & Sustainability Rep Nour Elgoweili	P	Treasurer	

JTS Rep Josh Brunnlehrmann	P	Student Services/Academic Affairs Rep Andre Moutafov	P
Diversity & Equity Rep Rubaab Poonawala	P	Students w/Disabilities Rep Erin O'Bannon	E
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: 24	

C. **Adoption of the Current Agenda for March 22, 2022 -> Pass/Rejected**

1. Motion: Passes

D. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2022**

1. Motion: Passes

II. **REPORTS**

A. **President**

1. No Updates

B. **Policy Committee**

1. GSSC Awards for Academic Excellence
 - a) Final Winners will be announced April 12th. This will be a short survey that will be sent out soon with three categories: TA, Professor, and Administrator
 - (1) Administrator can be any general administrator does not have to be Dean,
 - (2) Grad student teachers will be counted as a Professor
 - b) Hope to get good nominations and be on a lookout for an email. Tell your friends!

C. **Communications Committee**

1. No Updates

D. **Finance Committee**

1. No Updates

E. **Campus Life Committee**

1. GS Neighborhood Tours: Thrift Shopping Update
 - a) Meeting in front of Lewisohn Hall at noon. We are doing the metro card unit, and currently have 10 people signed up. If possible, we will launch coffee at the Hungarian Pastry Shop depending on if it gets approved.
 - b) Location: Williamsburg
2. Renting in New York: A Practical Guide Update
 - a) Was originally specially for seniors, but open to all. Have two sessions on Thursday one starting at 6 one at 8. Have realtors coming in and sharing information of renting in New York

F. **University Senator**

1. No Updates

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed By-Laws Amendments

- a) Amendment process is going to be substantial; so we are going to amend the constitution over the course of the semester
 - b) There will be a vote on spelling and grammar corrections towards the end of the process
 2. Replace the term "Officer(s)" with "Voting Member(s)" as defined in Article I of the By-Laws throughout the entire document.
 - a) Standardizing the way we refer to voting GSSC members instead of using a variety of terms
 - (1) Evan: Will this affect how we refer to e-board members?
 - (a) Nasser: no, we will address that when we get to that section of the constitution
 - b) **Motion passes**
 3. Replace the term "Associate(s)" with "Non-Voting Member(s)" as defined in Article I of the By-Laws throughout the entire document, as well as update the description given to this classification in Article I, Section 1, Subsection b.
 - a) Standardizing the way we refer to non-voting GSSC members instead of using a variety of terms
 - b) Clarifying language to more clearly delineate non-voting members role
 - c) **Motion passes**
 4. Delete what looks like an accidentally-added position responsibility from the Community Services and Sustainability Representative, as described in Article II of the By-Laws.
 - a) Removing erroneous addition to Community Services and Sustainability Representative list of duties (keeping a first-year class ledger; this is being kept by First-year class President and VP)
 - b) **Motion passes**
 5. Add a line under the description of the Student Body President's role description in Article II that clarifies his or her ability to vote, which is referenced in other places throughout the By-Laws without a formal definition.
 - a) Clarifying Student Body President's role and voting responsibilities
 - b) **Motion passes**
- #### B. Shabbat Dinner Co-Sponsorship
1. Zach, treasurer of Chabad Student group, presenting co-sponsorship
 - a) Dean Rosen-Metsch joining the dinner
 - b) Would block off 60% of reservations for GS students because of co-sponsorships
 - (1) Would likely be about 3/4 of GS attendance
 - c) **Funding request: \$2100** (food, setup and cleaning, cutlery, table arrangements)
 - (1) Capacity of 100 people for event

- d) Serengeti: When is the dinner happening
(1) Answer: This Fri night
- e) **Co-sponsorship motion passes (unanimous) [in executive session]**

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

A.

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)

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