



Associated Students of Columbia University

G.S. STUDENT COUNCIL

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Lerner Hall

2920 Broadway, Satow Room, New York, NY 10027

GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 16 8:00PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **June 2** at **8:00PM**. 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 crt2144@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 Josh Brown	P
Chief of Finance		VP of Policy Serengeti Timungwa	P
Chief of Policy		VP of Campus Life Ohad Klopman	P
Chief of Campus Life Liam McGrane	P	VP of Communications Pao Durán	P
Chief of Communications Noéllly Flôr	P	Veteran Student Rep Tony Costanzo	P
Int'l Student Rep Rhe-Anne Tan	P	Senator Jeremy Wahl	E
Senior Class President Safia Southey	P	Senior Class VP Roberto Uribe	P
Senior Class Treasurer		1st Year Class President	
1st Year Class VP		Health & Wellness Representative	
Special Events Chair		Family and Working Students Rep Mack Collins	P
Alumni Affairs Rep		Dual B.A./Joint Program Rep	
Community Service/Sustainability Rep		Treasurer	

JTS Rep		Student Services/Academic Affairs Rep	
Equity & Inclusion Chair		Students w/Disabilities Rep	
*Tech Chair		Social Media Rep	
*Advisor Sean Trulby			
*Advisor Ashley Johnson		Voting Members: 12 / Quorum: → 8 / Total: 11	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for June 16, 2020 - Passed

D. Adoption of Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2020 - Passed

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. General GSSC Updates, meetings with Deans
 - a) **Jane met with Dean Rosen-Metsch and discussed:**
 - (1) **Tuition freeze: there will be an increase in tuition implemented by a commission governing over the 4 schools**
 - (2) **Incorporation of progress bars and increase of GSSC's transparency**
 - b) **Meeting with Dean Delva:**
 - (1) **Academic Advising has not been affected by the online structure.**
 - (2) **Talked a bit more about incorporating progress bars (Monday.com)**
 - c) **Meeting with Dean Galas Hickey:**
 - (1) **Continue to work with Alumni Relations Team: they are how GSSC's financial aid will increase in the future**
 - (2) **Senior gifts were discussed and will be addressed more with SCP/SCVP**
2. Internal structure of council, how to work on initiatives
 - a) **Meetings WILL be held bi-weekly, and we want to aim to take one week off of GSSC work every month.**
 - b) **This year the goal is to incorporate all committee members on all council issues. To hopefully surpass communicative barriers.**
 - (1) **From the President to the members: "If there are any issues that you see that you would like brought up to the Vice Presidents, please feel free to bring them up. The same applies to any initiatives."**

B. Policy Committee

1. Meetings with Key Collaborators, Collaboration in Advocacy
 - a) **Dean Curtis Rogers: Met with D. Rodgers last week to discuss a general vision for the policy team, discussed a few topics namely**
 - (1) **Accessibility:** Covid has shown us that remote learning is possible. Students with disabilities and students with families have asked for remote learning opportunities for a while now.

We discussed providing lasting support for our students with disabilities and students with families when it comes to classes, specifically starting efforts to create a hybrid model for every class so that some students with needs can access these classes remotely.

(2) Tech Insecurity: Covid has also shown us that some of our peers struggle when it comes to access to computers and internet. There is already an existing program at the ARC for laptop loaning, but it is long term. I raised the idea of another model which is more short term rental opportunities, as well as expanding the existing loan program, and increasing the marketing of that program so that students know it's there.

(3) Mandatory Diversity Training at Orientation: The current socio-political landscape has shown us that there are still a lot of misunderstandings when it comes to navigating race, even on our campus. I communicated that similarly to Title IX mandatory training, at Orientation, we need mandatory Racial Sensitivity training. He mentioned this was also possible to some extent, and that he needed to check in which parts of the university may already be working on this in order to perhaps collaborate. My next step is to check in with D. Rodgers on whether there have been any efforts for this at the greater university level.

(4) Childcare: I know this issue is quite important to many of our constituents so we briefly chatted about it. He mentioned collaborating with the University Senate, and the Worklife office.

b) Dean Galas Hickey: Met with D&AR D. Hickey, Dean Ashley S., Jane, and Ohad last week to discuss a general vision for GSSC, raised some of policy's ideas namely

(1) Corporate Sponsorships and Relationships: This idea was received really well. Their office will be sharing data on top GS employers so that we can potentially build working relationships with these companies to establish small grants and sponsorship opportunities. My next step here is to circle back with the D&AR about this initiative, specifically getting this data from CCE and being able to use it within Dev.

2. Communications with Columbia Spectator about GSSC's Tuition Freeze Statement:

a) There was some miscommunication at the beginning followed by a commitment to publish the statement.

C. Communications Committee

1. Current
 - a) Updating the website and having it ready by late August. .
 - b) Information Tuesdays on the new students group coming to an end. We'll be carrying it out to the next new student groups.

D. Finance Committee

1. No Updates

E. Campus Life Committee

1. GSSC Calls for Change:
 - a) Successfully partnered with CCSC, Barnard SGA, ESC, and MilVets.
 - (1) Event on Friday was a success. There was a great number of people and a showing from all 4 schools.**
 - b) Forthcoming partnerships with Columbia Undergraduate Law Review and the Black Student Organization at Columbia
 - c) Sent over 40 letters and phone calls to lawmakers in 7 states
 - d) Join us at our upcoming workshops on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday!
2. Future Summer Programming
 - a) Cooking with Chris 2.0-- sign up if you want to lead an episode!
 - (1) Step up if you have any talent or any event ideas you wish to host. GS needs something to bring us together!**
 - b) Movie Screenings
 - (1) "Book Club" idea from the VP of Campus Life where people can watch a movie (or something like it) and gather together and discuss it. The goal is to further educate on current events and build relationships between students at GS.**
 - (a) Showing of "The 13th", Netflix documentary about mass incarceration of African-Americans in the U.S, followed by a discussion.**
 - c) Panels and conversations with Columbia faculty

F. University Senator

1. No Updates

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Co-sponsorship Requests

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- B. Roles and Duties: The Council will address roles, responsibilities, and accountability of officers

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

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C. Meetings

D. Office Hours

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 Chair at r.flor@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