



Associated Students of Columbia University

G.S. STUDENT COUNCIL

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Meeting Location:

Lerner Hall

2920 Broadway, Satow Room, New York, NY 10027

GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

July 7th 8:00PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **June 7th** 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 Noélly Flôr	P	Veteran Student Rep Tony Costanzo	E
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	
1st Year Class VP		Health & Wellness Representative	
Special Events Chair		Family and Working Students Rep	
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: 11 / Quorum: → 3 / Total: 10	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for July 7, 2020

D. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from June 16th, 2020

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. Putting together a town hall, GSSC meeting with Dean Rosen-metsch. Taking questions from the GS student body.
2. Exploring ideas of what we can do for the mental health of our community
3. International Student Advocacy

B. Policy Committee

1. Tuition Freeze
 - a) Email to BoT is drafted. Waiting on councils to get back to me on being copied to the new email.

(1)
2. Meeting with Dean Curtis Rodgers
 - a) Heard back from him today. Apparently all areas of policy we discussed seem like good areas to collaborate on. Just to name a few things we had talked about: Laptop Rental Program, Racial Sensitivity and Unconscious Bias Mandatory Training at Orientation, Increasing Classroom Accessibility. Mentioned that for some of these initiatives that may already be underway in some way, we need to discuss more details.

(1) Biweekly meetings will be set up
3. Inclusive Constitution and By-Laws
 - a) The Constitution and By-Laws are very binary as they currently stand. We need to amend them to make sure that our very foundation is inclusive.
4. Policy Expenses
 - a) Thinking about the ways we can use our GSSC budget to purchase physical, permanent items that can benefit students in a long-term way.

(1) After talking with Dean CR - is there a way to subsidize amount of laptops

C. Communications Committee

1. No updates

D. Finance Committee

1. No updates

E. Campus Life Committee

1. "We need to talk" series
 - a) I Am Not Your Negro screening
 - (1) Screening this and then later holding a conversation discussing what we watched. The discussion will potentially hold a faculty member.
 - (2) Screened on **July 17th at 7PM EST**
1. **Subscription of the New York Times Newspaper through GS**

F. University Senator

1. **Not present.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. ICE International Students Regulations Response from GSSC

1. Rhe-Anne Tan: "I trust that everyone has seen the exact wording of the modifications."
 - a) <https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/sevp-modifies-temporary-exemptions-nonimmigrant-students-taking-online-courses-during?fbclid=IwAR2nPgUkpxMP2MrOsNxXQhoFjzG8Pl5qXjOsRjcJD2fWV-U2iVblgMUIAyg>
 - b) These new changes were released yesterday, July 6th. These regulations differ pertaining to our own school's fall/spring 2020 academic year plan.
 - (1) It is still unclear how the recent university changes are going to affect our international students.
 - (2) We acknowledge that we still have several students that are concerned.
 - c) "I have a meeting scheduled with Dean Eddie, where I will bring all concerns addressed up to her. Hopefully, we get precise answers from this meeting."
2. Question from Ohad: "Do we know if its possible for someone to choose to remain off campus, even if they have a legitimate visa?...Now that Columbia has released its plans."
 - a) Answer: "If the school goes forward with a hybrid plan, the student has to take one in-person class to have a legitimate visa status"
3. To further look at current International Student's concerns, please visit this link:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12jjR2JrwZhaoacxxa2zTSzXxfSnoXxi mezBrFToly64/edit>
4. "The first level of responding to our university is reaching out to the undergraduate schools, to create a unified strategy, before organizing anything that can make a difference." - Rhe-Anne Tan
 - a) If, as a student, you have any additional concerns, please make them known to us, through Rhe-Anne.

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

- A. Meetings
- B. 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