



# 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

*September 15 8:00PM*

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **September 15 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 [jane.jeong@columbia.edu](mailto:jane.jeong@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 <b>Jane Jeong</b>                | P      | VP of Finance <b>Josh Brown</b>          | P      |
| Chief of Finance                            |        | VP of Policy <b>Serengeti Timungwa</b>   | P      |
| Chief of Policy                             |        | VP of Campus Life <b>Ohad Klopman</b>    | P      |
| Chief of Campus Life <b>Liam McGrane</b>    | P      | VP of Communications <b>Pao Durán</b>    | P      |
| Chief of Communications <b>Noéllly Flôr</b> | P      | Veteran Student Rep <b>Tony Costanzo</b> | P      |
| Int'l Student Rep <b>Rhe-Anne Tan</b>       | P      | Senator <b>Jeremy Wahl</b>               | P      |
| Senior Class President <b>Safia Southey</b> | P      | Senior Class VP <b>Roberto Uribe</b>     | 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                                |        |

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|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------------|--|
| 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  |  | <b>Voting Members: 11 / Quorum: → 3 / Total: 12</b> |  |

**C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for September 15th, 2020 -> Passes**

**D. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from August 25, 2020 -> Passes**

## **II. REPORTS**

### **A. President**

1. Fall Appointments
  - a) Fall appointments will close on Wednesday, September 16th.
2. GSSC Summer Accomplishments
3. CARESAct Update
  - a) Council is drafting a letter to the Deans in order to push for the University to accept the money
4. GSSC Fall 2020 Planning Survey

### **B. Policy Committee**

1. Preliminary Procedures Regarding our Budget
  - a) Our constitution, Article 7.
  - b) A budget needs to be presented at the 2nd meeting. To be further discussed in the Executive Session.
2. Survey Report
  - a) Our advisors, Sean specifically, would like to see a drafted up report of all the concerns that have been submitted to students.
    - (1) I'd love to draft up that report and have ready by sometime mid-next week - Serengeti
3. Zoom Policy Advocacy
  - a) I've circled back with Dean Rodgers, but I haven't heard back yet.
    - (1) We're looking into ways to make the camera policy a bit more inclusive for students.
4. Veteran Student Initiatives
  - a) I've been working with Tony to find outside resources that can help our Veteran's work towards better mental health.
  - b) CU bookstore
    - (1) There are some complications with veteran's getting their books here.
  - c) Veteran Students Rep.:
    - (1) I've been working hand in hand with MilVets and we're planning to meet with DRM & Dean Rodgers
    - (2) Monthly Allowance
5. CARESAct Letter

- a) The President & Policy are working together to draft up a letter to be sent to admin.
  - (1) The letter will highlight points that we made in our Tuition Freeze letter.
  - (2) We hope to get it out by this week, Friday.

#### **C. Communications Committee**

- 1. Appointments
  - a) Designed the graphics for advertisements.
  - b) Working on sending emails and scheduling interviews for applicants.
  - c) Application closes tomorrow, September 16th at 11:59PM EST.
- 2. Event Advertisements
  - a) Designed all graphics for GSSC events
  - b) Working with other student organizations as requests come in for advertisement on GSSC social media channels.
    - (1) Any student groups or initiatives are welcome to email [gssccommunications@columbia.edu](mailto:gssccommunications@columbia.edu) for advertising inquiries.
- 3. Working on producing separate committee progress reports to post on the Website to increase GSSC transparency.

#### **D. Finance Committee**

- 1. Council Budget Updates
  - a) Bacchanal
    - (1) There's a waiting decision on whether to include them in F@CU, and I will update when we reach a decision.
  - b) F@CU
    - (1) We're waiting on final enrollment numbers from the Financing department at Columbia to produce a final budget overall. This is why we'll not be voting on a budget on the second week of classes.

#### **E. Campus Life Committee**

- 1. Events
  - a) Game Night on 9/20
    - (1) This will be the first of a series of late night game nights. It'll be a chill atmosphere where anyone can join to destress.
    - (2) If you have any recommendations as to what games the student body wants, feel free to give us suggestions!
  - b) Trivia Night on 9/24
    - (1) Email Ohad Klopman at [ok2302@columbia.edu](mailto:ok2302@columbia.edu) if you'd like to MC!!
- 2. Through the incoming JTS Rep (whoever it is), working to increase collaboration between GSSC and List College Student Council
- 3. Int'l Students Representative
  - a) Upcoming meeting with DRM & Dean Rodgers - tomorrow
    - (1) We'll be covering a summary of all of the issues that came up over the course of the summer:

- (a) Immigration and Visa issues: it is difficult communicating with ISSO, we'll be looking into setting up an international students list-serve,
  - (b) Health Insurance issues: lack of transparency into how the health fee is spent
  - (c) Lack of unified campus policy of expectations of synchronous and asynchronous teaching: what are the accommodations set up for students?
- (2) Work with student life to set up events accommodating different time zones, work to set up virtual study space
- 4. Senior Class:
  - a) We're working on creating more virtual events that can bring together the senior class.
  - b) We're also beginning to work on the senior newsletter to get that up and coming.

#### **F. University Senator**

- 1. No Updates

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Co-sponsorship Requests**

- 1.

#### **B.**

### **IV. STANDING BUSINESS**

#### **A.**

- 1.

#### **B.**

- 1.

#### **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

janejeong@columbia.edu for the item of discussion to be placed on a future agenda.  
(Brown Act §54954.3)

Kupr Kuprian: You're work on how figuring out how to work with Josh, I think that was a really cool way to go about it.

**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**