



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 29 8:00PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **September 29 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 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 Ryan Wee	P	VP of Policy Serengeti Timungwa	P
Chief of Policy Jerome Brackins	P	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	P
Senior Class President Safia Southey	P	Senior Class VP Roberto Uribe	E
Senior Class Treasurer		1st Year Class President Kambi Gathesha	P
1st Year Class VP Rachel Harris	L	Health & Wellness Representative Savannah Melcher	P
Special Events Chair Jason You	P	Family and Working Students Rep	
Alumni Affairs Rep Cole Wagner	P	Dual B.A./Joint Program Rep	
Community Service/Sustainability Rep	P	Treasurer Alex Ariunbold	P

Claire Kang			
JTS Rep		Student Services/Academic Affairs Rep Ace Cook	P
Equity & Inclusion Chair Xochitl Pereira	P	Students w/Disabilities Rep Joan Bolanos Martinez	P
*Tech Chair Dylan Lee	P	Social Media Rep Brian Laurito	P
*Advisor Sean Trulby			
*Advisor Ashley Johnson		Voting Members: 26 / Quorum: → 17 / Total: 25	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for September 29th, 2020

D. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2020

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. WELCOME to our new members!
2. GSSC Fall Appointments, Round 2
 - a) Application closes on **Thursday, Oct 1st at 6PM EST!!**
3. Fall Budget Decision
4. CARES Act
5. GSSC Retreat this Sunday, Oct. 4th

B. Policy Committee

1. CARES Act
 - a) Letter drafted and sent to Dean Rosen-Metsch
 - (1) Emphasis on GS matters, 40% of students Pell Grant Recipients
 - b) Getting the other student councils to also be involved with acceptance of the CARES Act
 - c) Letter signing campaign, considering using something along the lines of Change.org
2. Get Out The Vote
 - a) Hoping to involve GSSC with Get Out The Vote efforts
 - b) Will remain completely non-partisan
 - c) https://docs.google.com/document/d/15doST5DndlebNVJtP9hnnvkb_d6PLDqfPoA78tHx3N2ZQ/edit
 - d) We Need to Talk Series - talk about voting rights, looking for movie recommendations
 - e) Social Media campaign for this movement as well, have GSSC Social Media repost this?
3. List of Mental Health Companies
 - a) Nightline has seen hours cut down, insurance cut down as well
 - b) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NDIO-W2EW7rjSn6or6w4rJ1GG1FD5opSieQ5vAu8kBE/edit>
4. Potential Constitutional Considerations
 - a) Decided to not talk, made space

C. Communications Committee

1. 2nd Round of Appointments

- a) Working on getting emails out to all of our applicants regarding interview scheduling for this Thursday & Friday.

2. GSSC Intros/Directory

- a) We're working on creating individual posts for each new GSSC member, and we're planning on releasing one everyday until we're done with introductions.

b) **COMMS IS STILL WAITING ON PICTURES!**

- (1) If you are a new member and you have not directly sent me what I've requested of you: your pictures and blurbs. I cannot (1) Add you to the directory on our website, nor (2) create an introduction post for you.

- (a) You know who you are, and if you forgot I'll be sending emails out to you all after the meeting.

- (b) Please get this into me by tomorrow, Wed. 9/30, evening.

(2) **If you're still wondering what you need to submit, it's the following:**

- (a) Two profile photos of yourself:

- (i) One in [business casual attire](#)

- (ii) One in [regular casual attire](#)

- (b) A 5 sentence minimum blurb answering the following:

- (i) Major

- (ii) Academic year (*Freshman, Sophomore, etc.*)

- (iii) Approximate graduation year

- (iv) Key interests (*Tip: What're your hobbies? Do you have any pets? ANY fun facts about yourself.*)

- (v) Goals for the position (*What's one, or two, things you specifically want to do in your position?*)

- (c) A short quote of your preference.

3. GSSC Slack Channel

- a) New GSSC Members who have not joined the Slack message channel NEED to do so ASAP.

- (1) This is one of the main sources we use for communication and it's vital that all council members join. The link to join is here:

- https://join.slack.com/t/gssc20-21/shared_invite/zt-hf-swn2qv-2oLhgzM41RXklW/dozAuW8w

(a) When you're done signing up, please let the VP of your committee know. That way they can individually add you to your separate committee chats.

4. GSSC's social media

a) If you aren't already doing so, to keep up on any GSSC updates, please follow us on social media; @yourgssc on both Facebook and Instagram.

(1) We ask this of everyone that joins GSSC, because if our own members share our events or council's updates...it increases the coverage that we get as we're advertising anything on social media.

D. Finance Committee

1. Budget Presentation

a) Tabled for later in the night.

b) 24 hours of discussion via email, then a vote

2. Update: F@CU, this weekend

a) Vehicle how most clubs and student organizations are funded at CU

E. Campus Life Committee

1. No Updates

F. University Senator

1. No Updates

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Applicant Presentations

1. **Nicholas Li for Dual B.A./Joint Program Representative**

a) Nick, first year at CU, third year in Dual BA between Sciences Po and Columbia. Open to get a feel for what's going on, and how GSSC works as a whole to get hands-on experience. Working on clarity, transparency for not just here but also internationally. Wishes to join us because he has a good amount of experience as a rep for various student organizations. Wants to increase accessibility for GS and with the Dual BA program - seems that the two schools are rather separate, and wants to make them feel more situated and comfortable, and nurture a community for both groups.

B. CARES Act Letter Writing Campaign

1. Adopt letter sign on campaign for CARES

a) **Vote PASSES**

C. Anthony Costanzo attending the Ivy League Veteran Council

1. The Ivy League Veteran Council, a one-time conference is an NPO for student veterans to remove barriers to student veterans in top tier universities, Tony will represent GSSC and do advocacy, and

networking on a virtual platform. We as the GSSC expect a strategy/agenda of what he plans to do in the meeting, and a small report to us after the conference. Ultimately, Tony expects to get networking from other student veteran advocates from other schools - gain resources and network expansion.

a) Vote PASSES

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

A. Budget Presentation

- 1.** Where does the budget come from?
 - a)** 1,987 students paying \$98 per student, but GSSC voted to cut student activities fee to \$50, which means \$96,000.
 - b)** Rollover is approximately \$100,000
- 2.** Allocations
 - a)** \$5,000 unallocated for the Fall
 - b)** Numbers are subject to change
 - c)** Annual Budget:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lUQnevBYioUqUrL7-3mReuvCfs-tJRxUx-hMv2QJ52M/edit#gid=0>
 - d)** Facilities fund and securities fund - questions asked by Policy, must be paid even without facilities
 - e)** Question brought by Ace - reserves. Line 19, Required Reserves
 - f)** Question by Savannah - Rooftop events, do we need funding for this? Ohad answers - will still try to replicate the events in some other way
 - g)** Question by Noelly - Gala location was calculated by a percentage of the budget. Budget for Gala in previous years was at least \$60,000 - will we do reallocations? Numbers from previous years can be sent out, we have about \$30,000 unallocated, as well as a \$100,000 rollover from last year's budget.
 - h)** Question by Cole - MetroCard program, given the current status of students on campus, do we still need this? Should we reserve this money for rollover next semester or next year, when campus is more open? Also, how was the money allocated this year?
 - (1)** Budget was calculated based off a percentage of previous year budgets
 - (2)** This is a preliminary budget - will be discussed and balanced as things happen.
 - i)** Question by Serengeti - We can always change things in the budget. Make sure to reply all for all email discussion and for votes (comment).

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.

1. Do we have any plans to help the Trinity program coalesce into GS - given that this is their first year? From DG Lee.
 - a. Our DualBA representative will be working towards that, and Ohad will be working on this. Brain is also from Trinity, so we can talk to him about it.

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 jane.jeong@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