



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

June 16 8:00PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **June 16** 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	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

D. Adoption of Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2020

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. General GSSC Updates, meetings with Deans
 - a) Dean Rosen-metsch
 - (1) Higher advocacy and transparency
 - (2) Student needs on the tuition freeze, financial aid advising hours, and the idea of progress bars.
 - b) Dean Delva
 - (1) How enrollment has been affected during the summer and how the fall semester may look like on the student-life side, advising side, and campus-life side.
 - c) Dean Galas Hickey, Alumni Relations Team
 - (1) Corporate sponsorships into GS Campus Life events, identifying ways we can work with Alumni, engage with them,
 - (2) Ultimate goal here is to work with the AR team and help connect Alumni with the GS body right now, encourage alumni to give back and increase our endowment.
 - (3) Specific ideas such as Alumni Panel events, possible corporate sponsorships for GS Gala, ways to table for Senior Gift
2. Internal structure of council, how to work on 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.

C. Communications Committee

1. Current

a) Updating the website and having it ready by late August. .

(1) The directory is up-to-date for anyone that wants to look at it. The rest of the site is still being updated. (gssc.gs.columbia.edu)

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
 - 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!
 - b) Movie Screenings
 - c) Panels and conversations with Columbia faculty

F. University Senator

1. No Updates

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Statement of Support

- 1.

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

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 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