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GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 29th 8:15PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **General Studies Student Council of Columbia University** will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **March 29th** at **8:15PM**. 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 sat2198@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 Serengeti Timungwa		VP of Finance Simas Chacar-Palubinskas	
Chief of Finance Alan Han		VP of Policy Nasser Odetallah	
Chief of Policy		VP of Campus Life Cole Wagner	
Chief of Campus Life Emily Robinson		VP of Communications Brian Laurito	
Chief of Communications Siena Iwasaki Milbauer		Veteran Students Rep Alejandro Rojas	
Int'l Students Rep Carol Chen		University Senator Jeremy Wahl	
Senior Class President Rachel Harris		Senior Class VP Nick Li	
Senior Class Treasurer Garrett Gregor-Splaver		1st Year Class President Faith Grady	
1st Year Class VP Han Qing		Health & Wellness Representative Bruce Goumain	
External Events Chair		Family and Working Students Rep Shatize Pope	
Alumni Affairs Rep Mike Kim		Dual B.A./Joint Program Rep Evan Rork	
Community Services & Sustainability Rep Nour Elgoweili		Treasurer	
JTS Rep Josh Brunnlehrmann		Student Services/Academic Affairs Rep Andre	

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Diversity & Equity Rep Rubaab Poonawala		Students w/Disabilities Rep Erin O'Bannon	
Tech Chair Catherine Sun		Social Media Rep Lisa Cardoso	
*Legislative Assistant Ferdinando Castro Gonzalez		*Legislative Assistant Kyle Gordon	
*Advisor Sean Trulby		Chief Negotiator Katie Peters	
*Advisor Ashley Johnson		Voting Members: 28 / Quorum: → 19 / Total:	

C. **Adoption of the Current Agenda for March 29, 2022 -> Pass/Rejected**

D. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2022**

II. **REPORTS**

A. **President**

1. No updates

B. **Policy Committee**

1. Mental Health Check-In Survey
2. GSSC Teaching Excellence Award Nominations

C. **Communications Committee**

1. No Updates

D. **Finance Committee**

1. No Updates

E. **Campus Life Committee**

1. Gala Tickets Update
2. MilVets x GSSC Mixer at Mels Update
3. Housing Info Session on April 6 Update

F. **University Senator**

1. No Updates

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Chief Policy Representative Presentation
- B. Earth Day Eco-Fair Budget Proposal
- C. Senior Gala Subsidy Fund
- D. Senior Cruise Subsidy Fund
- E. Statement about Upcoming Survey and Relevant Issues
- F. Raffle Funding for Survey
- G. Mario Kart Tournament
- H. Proposed By-Laws Amendments
 1. Rename the "Elections Commission (EC)" to the "Elections Task Force (ETF)" throughout the entire document.

2. Rename the "Elections Commission Appointment Committee (ECAC)" to the "Subcommittee on Elections (SE)" throughout the entire document.
3. Replace "Chairperson" with "Chair" throughout the entire GSSC By-Laws
4. Eliminate Section 1, Subsection a, Section ii, Subsection 3 and replace it with the following: "If vacancies on the SE remain, the chair of the SE may appoint any graduating senior on GSSC to fill the remaining vacancies at his or her discretion."
5. Eliminate Section 1, Subsection a, Section ii, Subsections a & b.
6. Add "(ECs)" to the end of Section 1, Subsection b, Section I, Subsection b.
7. In Section 1, Subsection b, Section iii, Subsection 1, replace "Week 2" with "Week 4" when describing the deadline for publicizing ETF positions to the GS student body.
8. Add Section e to Section 1, Subsection b, Section iii, Subsection 3, which will state: "If there are remaining vacant EC positions, the Elections process shall continue, with the SE assisting the ETF Chair until two EC positions have been filled."
9. Eliminate Section 1, Subsection b, Section iv, Subsections 1 & 2 ("Responsibilities for members of the Elections Commission" & "Ensure a fair and constitution election process") and add a new Section 1, Subsection b, Section iv, Subsection 1, stating the following: "Responsibilities for members of the ETF include, but are not limited to, ensuring a fair and constitution election process." Following Subsections will be renumbered appropriately.
10. Replace the phrase in Section 1, Subsection b, Section iv, Subsection 1, Section a, Subsection ii that states, "Article III:1:b:iv:4-8," with "Subsections 4-8 of Election Task Force Responsibilities."
11. Replace Section 1, Subsection b, Section iv, Subsection 1, Section b ("At-Large Communications position") with "One EC shall be in charge of each of the following," and reword/reformat the proposed Subsections 1 & 2 to clarify these roles.
12. Eliminate the phrase "one year" from Section 1, Subsection b, Section iv, Subsection 2 (previously Subsection 3).
13. Eliminate the word "Rules" in Section 1, Subsection b, Section iv, Subsection 5 (previously Subsection 6).
14. In Section 1, Subsection b, Section v, Subsection 6, Section a, replace the phrase "in Section b.Membership, Subsection ii. Eligibility" with "above."
15. Eliminate the phrase "making every effort to align the date with the other Columbia undergraduate councils" from Section 2, Subsection 1, Section b.
16. In Section 3, Subsection e, Section I, Subsection 1, replace "resigns" and "resigned" with "withdraws" and "withdrew."
17. Eliminate Section 3, Subsection e, Section i, Subsection 2, Section a that begins "The position of Student Body President ...".
18. Rewrite Section 4 to be listed with Subsections a-c, with additional subservient Sections, clarifying aspects of the Presidential Election.

19. Rewrite the newly created Section 4, Subsection b, Section ii to clarify the credit requirements needed to be eligible to run for Student Body President.
20. In the newly created Section 4, Subsection c, add the phrase "as outlined in Article III, Section 9" to the end of the sentence.
21. Rewrite Section 5, Subsection a, Section ii, Subsection 2 to state: "Campaigning must end once voting has begun."
22. Eliminate Section 5, Subsection a, Section ix, which is entitled "Voting Period."
23. Rewrite Section 5, Subsection b, Section 10 to clarify that GSSC as a body may not endorse any candidate.
24. Create a Section 5, Subsection b, Section 11 that specifies what is and is not allowed for current GSSC members to do in regards to endorsements during the Elections period.
25. Rename Section 6 as "Election Voting."
26. Eliminate "notably the Owl" from Section 6, Subsection b.
27. Add Subsection d to Section 6 that makes prominent the situation that results in a Special Election for either the Student Body President or University Senator position.
28. Add Section I to Section 6, Subsection d that stipulates the situation where a Special Election is triggered in a general election with 3 or more candidates for either the role of Student Body President or University Senator.
29. Rename Section 7 to "Adjudication Process."
30. Eliminate Section 8, Subsection a, Section ii, Subsection 1 and replace it with the following: "After receiving a warning if a candidate violates the same election rule, they will be disqualified by the ETF."
31. Eliminate Section 8, Subsection a, Section ii, Subsection 3 and renumber subsequent Subsections accordingly.
32. Eliminate Section 9, Subsections a-d and replace with Section 9, Subsections 1 & 2 that stipulate broadly what a Special Election is and the Intent to Run Forms process for a Special Election.
33. Add Subsection 3 to Section 9 that stipulates how a Special Election is won.
34. Add Section a to Section 9, Subsection 3 that stipulates what occurs in a non-conclusive Special Election between two candidates.
35. Add Section b to Section 9, Subsection 3 that stipulates what occurs in a non-conclusive Special Election between 3 or more candidates.

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

A.

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 President at sat2198@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