

GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 27th, 8:15PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *General Studies Student Council of Columbia University* will hold a *REGULAR* meeting on *September 27th, 8:15 PM*. 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 President 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 Executive Board 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 Emily Robinson	P	Treasurer Kris Packauskas	P
VP of Policy Nasser Odetallah	P	Senior Class Treasurer Rebekah Cornish	P
VP of Finance Simas Chacar-Palubinskas	P	Chief Negotiator Jennifer Odum	P
VP of Communications Catherine Sun	P	Technology Chair	
VP of Campus Life Maya Platek	P	Social Media Representative Faith Grady	P
Chief of Policy Kyle Gordon	P	*Outreach Associate Haya Fine	E
Chief of Finance Su Lee	P	Senior Class President Garrett Gregor-Splaver	P
Chief of Communications Jessica Beisser	P	Senior Class VP William Grugam	P
Chief of Campus Life Evan Rork	P	First Year Class President Robert Mueller	P
University Senator Bruce Goumain	P	First Year Class VP Jule Boudreaux	P
Veteran Students Rep		JTS Rep Joshua Brunnlehrman	P
Diversity and Equity Rep Marie Febrillet	P	International Students Rep	
Family & Working Students Rep		Dual BA & Joint Program Rep Ann Mizrahi	E
Health and Wellness Rep Allison Darne	P	Alumni Affairs Rep Katherine Zimmerman	P
Students with Disabilities Rep Rachel Papirmeister	P	Community Service & Sustainability Rep Ranni Wekselman	P
Student Services & Academic Affairs Rubaab Poonawla	P	External Events	
*Legislative Assistant Maria Monzon	P	*Campus Life Coordinator Lily Penn	E
*Legislative Assistant Savanah Shulkin	P	*Commuter Students Representative Sean Reilly	T
*Policy Coordinator Daniel LaFata	P		
*Advisor Sean Trulby		*Advisor Jawad Cipriani	
		Voting Members: 26 / Quorum: → 18 / Total: 25	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for September 20th , 2022

1. Motion Passes/Fails- **Motion Passes**

D. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes from September 27th, 2022

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II. REPORTS

A. President

1. General Remarks
 - a) Thank you for coming back for the semester.
 - b) Join Slack and Google Drive link sent in email
 - c) Reach out and set up meetings to chat about goals, etc.
 - d) Review the attendance policies
2. Open Positions
 - a) 3 open positions
 - (1) Veteran Students Representative
 - (2) Family and Working students Representative
 - (3) International Students Representative
 - b) Applications will be sent out in the Newsletter on Thursday
3. Contact Sheet
 - a) In google drive, under President's folder
 - b) Add birthdays in the contact sheet
 - c) Birthday Song sang for Evan

B. Policy Committee

1. Overview of Parliamentary Procedure for General Body
 - a) Constitutions and By-Laws are on our website
 - (1) Article III: general membership rules
 - (2) Article XI: Attendance
 - b) By-Laws:
 - (1) Article II: Roles and descriptions of the roles
 - (a) New positions are being updated on the website
 - (2) Article IV: Meeting Rules, attendance according to situations
 - c) Parliamentary Procedures
 - (1) We do raise our hands and talk in an orderly fashion, Emily will do a list of speaking order if needed. Ensure equality and fairness.
 - (2) When we need to vote, we start with "Motion to: xxxx"
 - (3) Once the discussion is over, Emily will ask "all in favor/abstain/objection"
 - (a) Be sincere when voting
 - (b) Follow Parliamentary Procedures in the Executive Session
2. How to Contact GSSC about Policy Concerns
 - a) gsscpolicy@columbia.edu, communicate efficiently with policy alias.
3. GS Subsidized Meal Plan Update
 - a) Policy has worked with the financial aid office and Columbia dining, it used to be only 75 swipes, and now this year Policy has worked with the Deans to give GS students a choice from 75 100 125 150 swipe options!
4. Announcement of Major Policy Initiatives for the Year
 - a) Working with Dean Delva
 - b) Lower the Credit Cap from 17 to 15, so GS students don't have to pay as much
 - c) PDF policies, possibly permanently expand the policy.
 - d) Continue working with Columbia Dining
 - e) New Ideas: CPS and Laptop loaning program
 - f) Housing advocacy
 - g) And more!

C. Communications Committee

1. Communication Policy
 - a) Individuals are entitled to their own opinions, this also means that individual opinions do not represent GSSC
 - b) GSSC statement comes from official statements on our platforms and official statements from our eboards ONLY.
2. GSSC Website Blurbs
 - a) Short introduction of yourself for the GSSC website
 - b) Third Person!
 - c) Name, Major, Expected Graduation Year, Hobbies/Fun Fact/ What you hope to accomplish in your role on GSSC
 - d) Email Cat a semi-formal picture
3. New Students Facebook Group
 - a) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gs22newstudents>
 - b) Provide information to the new students to increase engagement.
 - c) Emily: The new student Facebook Group returns to the pre-covid communication style
 - d) Robert: when can we start advertising this Facebook group
 - (1) Emily: you can start advertising it now, but when the first-year class President and VP speak with Jawad, they can start advertising it in their newsletter
 - e) Su: Do we have Instagram? Are we advertising them?
 - (1) Emily: Yes, we have Instagram and Facebook, and we are advertising them in our Newsletter and when we have events.
4. Follow us on Social Media

D. Finance Committee

1. Budget Presentation for the 2022-2023 School Year
 - a) Simas Introduction: 2nd time presenting
 - b) Background on Budget: \$98 from the student body, we use this budget on our events
 - (1) We are the only council that shares all information public, information transparency. All information on our budget can be found on the GSSC website.
 - (2) Revenue from GS Finance
 - (3) 4% of revenue to the Dean of Students Office
 - (4) Rollover mainly from Covid and late start of events in April last year
 - (a) This money will most likely not be left over last year
 - (5) Two types of allocation: Required and Discretionary
 - (6) Main Allocations:
 - (a) Required-Bachannal: Raise our commitment in hopes that this event will return to campus. Our investment ensures a seat at the table and GS representation
 - (b) Security and Facility Funds, CIF,
 - (c) Co-Sponsorship Budget: \$25000, collaboration with Milvets
 - (d) Gala: Budget \$160,000,
 - (i) The contract is going to be a significant increase from last year
 - (e) Senior Class Fund: converse the senior cruise
 - (f) Student events: Gala, Snack Attacks
 - (g) F@CU - Funding @ Columbia University

- (i) Part of the 4 schools finance at Columbia
- 2. The budget is liable to change over the semester and Council will vote on it
- 3. Finance Q&A Session with Simas
 - a) Savannah: What is the MTA Metro Card Program?
 - (1) Simas: distributing during final or shopping seasons to students who need and are interested in the program. The goal is to decrease the cost and burdens of transportation for students.
 - b) Katherine: How is a Co-Sponsorship decided?
 - (1) Simas: we as a council decide
 - c) Evan: Is the budget updated for Fall Orientation Events?
 - (1) Simas: Yes
- 4. I will address how to submit FTF Forms
- 5. **Motion to adopt the presented budget as the budget of 2022-2023 GSSC**
 - a) **Motion Passes**

E. Campus Life Committee

- 1. Campus Life Updates
 - a) Events for the upcoming semester :
 - (1) Early October: likely 10th, Mario Kart Tournament
 - (2) Oct 17-20 Midterm Snack Attacks
 - (3) Oct 22 (Homecoming Week): Joint Spirit Week CCSC SGA ESC
 - (4) Oct 27: Halloween Event with GSA
 - (5) Date Pending: Game Night, Shabbat Dinner
 - (6) December 1st (most likely) Tree Lighting decorations
 - (7) Final Weeks Snack Attacks
 - b) Please do not hesitate to contact Maya with any questions or ideas!

F. University Senator

- 1. Senator Updates
 - a) Voted on the resolution to establish a dual academy program leading in Ph.D. program from SEAS and Doctorate Dental Program
 - b) Research officers at the university and the roles
 - c) Alumni relations and the expansion of their resources
 - (1) Discussion on merging
 - d) Housing policy and updates
 - e) Campus rehearsal space in Columbia
- 2. Next meeting: Friday, Oct 21st at 1 pm

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Technology Chair Nominee

- 1. Raymond Yoon: Transfer student during Fall 2021, studying computer science. Work to improve communication within the GS community. Founded the CCSC to build bridges with the CS majors at Columbia. Worked the communications in community college (PTK). Cofounded the program called Hub, awarded as the top 10 PTK club projects, currently still utilized at the school. Beginning the GS Podcast for GSers to share their stories. A weekly podcast to bring motivation to students, increase connections with each other, and possibly to find friends through the podcast channel.

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

A. No Updates

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. Evan: Midterm Snack Attacks Timeline
 - a. 10/17 Shake Shack
 - b. 10/18 VNT
 - c. 10/19 Tropical Sensations
 - d. 10/20 Famiglia Pizza

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

This segment of the meeting is reserved for all non-Council members desiring to address the General Studies Student Council on any matter of concern, 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. (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