



15th of October, 2024

GENERAL BODY MEETING

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Call to order
- b. Roll Call

Officer	Status
President Maya Platek	P
VP of Policy Oscar Wolfe	P
VP of Finance Eric Yu	P
VP of Communications Isabel Tenney	P
VP of Campus Life Caitlin B. Anderson	P
Chief of Policy Marquise Johnson	P
Chief of Finance Adam Platek	P
Chief of Communications Haya Fine	P
Chief of Campus Life Chaya Droznik	P
*Academic Affairs Rep. Nora Zhu	P
First-Generation, Low-Income, and Working Students Representative Janel Perez	E
Veteran Students Rep.	
Students with Disabilities Rep. Paul Audoin	E
Diversity & Equity Rep. Jessica Kim	E
Health & Wellness Rep. Eleanor Robins	E
*Commuting Students & Students with Families Rep.	
*Policy Coordinator Peihan Ge	E
*Policy Coordinator Gezi Fang	
*Policy Coordinator Galia Labowitz	P
*Student Body Liaison Rex Park	P
*Student Services Rep. Alec Rodriguez Stangle	E

Officer	Status
Treasurer Venska Pongoh	P
*Finance Coordinator Irene Souny	?
*Finance Policy Advisor Brea Sloboda	P
Social Media Rep. Maeve Sheehan	P
Technology Chair Sophia Ho	P
*Content Coordinator Thomas West	P
*PR Coordinator Amélia Pagan	E
*PR Coordinator Jeanne Fontaine	P
Alumni Affairs Rep. Anna Hazolyshyn	P
International Students Rep. May Sin Than Tung	E
Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) Rep. Jake Resnick	P
Community Service and Sustainability Rep. Aoife Houlihan	P
Senior Class President Taylor Moniz	P
Senior Class Vice President Evan Edler	P
First Year Class President Gloria Lee	P
First Year Class Vice President Inés Caldara	P
Dual BA & Joint Program Rep. Jorge Ballesterio	P
*Campus Life Coordinator Carina Rudolph-Math	P
University Senator Bruce Goumain	P
Voting Members: 27 → Quorum → 20	Total: 20!



C. Adoption of Last Week's Minutes

1. Motion **PASSES**

D. Adoption of the Current Agenda

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III. REPORTS

A. President—Interview updates, Deans + President Armstrong visit(s) to Council, one-on-ones, upcoming absence (Haya)

- a. Please come to meetings so we can meet quorum and be as productive as possible!!
- b. Hope midterms are going well
- c. This weekend we will be doing our interviews for our open rep positions, so hopefully next Tuesday we will have somebody to appoint for both of those positions
 - i. So we'll have a full council
- d. Next week President Armstrong and Melanie Bernitz will be visiting council
 - i. Come with questions
 - ii. It'll be open to the public
 - iii. There should be an opportunity to ask them questions
 - iv. Will be first 25 minutes of council, might make it so we end a little later
- e. The next week after Dean Rogers and Dean RM will come and talk to us about the \$30 million donation and the new housing update
 - i. Come with questions to this one too!
 - ii. This will probably also cause our meeting to run late
- f. Sign up for your one-on-ones
 - i. In the WhatsApp
 - ii. Goal is to have a one-on-one with everyone by mid-november
- g. Will be traveling to Japan to renew my student visa - but dw I won't be missing council!
 - i. If you have to reach me I can conduct meetings over Zoom
 - ii. Will be back on the 10th

B. Policy

- a. No updates

C. Finance (Haya)

- a. Two (3 if CUBE shows up) co-sponsorship presentations tonight



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- i. Milvets
 - ii. GSA
- D. Communications-Absences + WhatsApp reminder
 - a. Whatsapp - if don't have, ask VP
 - i. event reminders will be there so join!
 - b. Absences - tell Isabel and Maya 24 hours in advance!
- E. Campus Life-Conectando Columbia reminder
 - a. Reminder for Monday Basketball Mania - Eric and Taylor are volunteering against other councils to raise money for charity Dodge @ 7pm
 - i. First 250 people win a free t-shirt/ one student will win a PS5
 - ii. Please show up!
 - iii. Eric heal your foot please otherwise it's Caitlin playing and we don't know how that's gonna go...
 - b. Conectando event with Women Vet Club and Student of Color Alliance @ 8pm Wednesday, October 16th
- F. Senator (Haya)
 - a. No updates

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. GSA Halloween Co-Sponsorship Presentation (Sophia)
 - a. Robert - VP for GSA
 - i. Explanation of what GSA is
 - ii. One of the most active GS clubs on campus
 - b. Raisa? - Senior VP
 - i. Want to create a space that doesn't have all the chaos w everything going on on campus
 - c. Halloween Party
 - i. 10pm-1am (can be changed)
 - ii. age restriction - 21+ only (atm but WIP)
 - d. Vision and Tradition
 - i. looking to move to Amity (will double the attendance)
 - e. Amity
 - i. Area 1 (most of venue) - accommodates approx 200 ppl, table & chairs removed, reopens to public after event
 - f. what's included
 - i. Food - snacks, finger food, substantial options (options for everyone)



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- ii. Beverages - 3 hours of regular open bar (2 hr package, 1 hr free) - took lots of negotiation! (want to build relationship w GSSC and work together in future)
- g. GSA will gladly take over advertising, weekly newsletter, social media, if possible on campus - GSSC comms to collab if we want
- h. Decorations - all of it
- i. DJ & music - GSA will take care of it, currently DJ not planned (but spoken to Amity and they would allow us to use sound system)
- j. Costume Contest & Prizes - dressing up not required however
 - i. GSA contribute \$750 in prizes
 - ii. popular vote vs jury (TBD)
- k. Expenses
 - i. food: 1,980.00
 - ii. beverages: 9,000.00 - 2hr base rate (we get free hour!)
 - iii. subtotal: 10,980
 - iv. admin fee: 494.10
 - v. gratuity: 2,196.00
 - vi. grand total: 13,670.10
- l. net cost
 - i. selling 200 tix at \$15 - expect \$3,000 in revenue
 - ii. net cost: \$10,670.00
- m. GSA requesting 13,670.10 - revenue of tix sales to GSSC
- n. Questions
 - i. Eric: What is the new time?
 - 1. Going to try to go from 8-11PM, because GS has a deadline for paying for events that involve alcohol after 11 PM
 - ii. Additional detail: at midnight - happy hour (any drinks purchased individually, \$5 wine and beer) - so if we time it right....
 - iii. Eric: For the 3rd hour do we still have the venue?
 - 1. Yes, but we're not paying for it, they're throwing it in for free!!
 - 2. They also won't kick us out after the third hour
 - iv. Eric: All of this is confirmed in writing in a contract?
 - 1. In writing yes, but not in the contract, because its a freebie from amity
 - v. Eric: When can you confirm the decision on if they're allowing ppl under 21 to be allowed in the venue?
 - 1. Hopefully by tonight



- vi. Eric: for the prize how are you guys thinking about paying the winner?
 - 1. Last year we did it thru the bookstore merchandise
 - 2. The details are still being worked out, but that is the amount of money that is going to be allocated to the prizes, but it's gonna go to the students no matter what
- vii. Eric: on the budget sheet that you guys submitted it says you have 18k?
 - 1. I don't think that's something we have to discuss in open discussion right now
 - 2. Also a large chunk of that is revenue we don't think we have
 - 3. Our budget didn't cut this year, but we also spend a lot of money on very popular events
 - a. Most of our revenue comes from fundraising from the past 5 years
 - i. Currently being worked on from our VP of Finance
 - 4. We have \$11,000 allocated for this year
 - a. Eric: What are you guys planning to do with the rest of this budget? Why aren't you putting any money into this event?
 - i. We have weekly programming every Thursday where we see over 35 participants and provide food. We also host lots of other events like the Queer Cruise
- viii. Eric: This is a very expensive event, this would be $\frac{1}{3}$ of our co-sponsorship fund for the entire school year. In the event we could not fund the full amount, what are your contingency plans?
 - 1. We've provided an incredible deal with amity, and in terms of finding the funding we can always look into raising ticket prices and our guess is that we'll still probably sell out
- ix. Chaya: How much do you expect to get from ticket revenue? At what point would you consider raising prices? What amount of tickets are going to be allocated to GS students?
 - 1. We should get \$3000 from ticket revenue
 - 2. We obviously don't want to charge too much, so our main priority is to keep the event accessible and the price low so as many ppl can afford the tickets as possible. We're also offering subsidized tickets through the student life office
- x. Adam: Oct 31 is the day right before fall break, I have a concern that this makes the event less accessible. Also do we need to serve food on top of alcohol?



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1. Eric: We're required to have food at any event that there's alcohol
 2. We have done this halloween party with GSSC for the past 2 years (it's becoming a tradition) and have sold out every year with a line of ppl who are trying to get in without a ticket
 - a. We're very unconcerned about not having enough attendance
 3. The \$2,000 for food is a very low price and like Eric says is required to be included
 4. Adam: and with the changing events to different semesters...? Also the cost is more than double than it has been in the past
 - a. It's meant to be a Halloween event, and so many ppl will be here for halloween. Halloween is considered gay christmas as well
 - xi. Caitlin: What drinks are included in the open bar?
 1. There will be water stations spread throughout venue
 2. House liquor and mixers
 - xii. Maya: more expensive to do drink tix than open bar?
 1. Yes
- B. Milvets Co-Sponsorship Presentation (Thomas)
- a. Matthew (President of MilVets)
 - i. MetOpera "Grounded"
 - ii. New Met initiative to gain younger followers
 - iii. Follows the story of Jess, a fighter pilot who transitions to a drone pilot and suffers from PTSD
 - iv. Arts initiative to help vets transition to civilian life
 - v. Showcases GS and Milvet Community
 - vi. After the opera: Cedric of GSAA is putting together a panel of moderators
 - vii. 30 tickets booked, 19 signed up and ready to go.
 1. \$300 tickets to be purchased for \$90 each
 2. 75% military affiliated - 25% unaffiliated
 - viii. Maya: Is there a way to get back money for unsold tickets?
 1. "I think we can get them back, if not MilVets/CAA can cover the cost"
 - ix. Maya: Is CAA going to co-sponsor this
 1. "We asked, but they weren't interested"
 - x. Haya: Have you tried to purchase tickets for student groups
 1. "We went with CAA recommendation and they are going to put us in a specific section up front"



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- xi. Eric: Do you have the funds if we do not approve it?
 - 1. “We have been severely undercut, but we will cover it and take the brunt if we need to”
- xii. Eric: You already have a group of people coming?
 - 1. “We have 21 of 30 signed up on a Google Sheets document”
 - 2. 90% of signups are GS students
- xiii. Maya: Thank you so much for coming in today and presenting today.
- C. CUBE Co-Sponsorship Presentation
 - a. Did not attend
- D. Sukkot Event–Jake
 - a. Monday Oct 21st from 3pm to 5.30pm on Kraft center 3rd floor outdoor sukkah
 - b. Event helps fulfilling the sukkah - decorate the sukkah
 - i. Make paper ring with construction paper - \$16.29
 - ii. Get food from Morton Williams \$100
 - c. Request \$115 will return money unused for Mitzvot
 - i. Gets most things supplied so we don’t have to pay for it
 - ii. Hillel will provide clubs with food
 - iii. Hillel provides the space and materials necessary and the food (?)
 - 1. Have bracelet making ?
 - d. Eric: Have a list of what you want to purchase for future reference
 - i. Might be harder for Kosher food
 - ii. Will probably use less than requested
 - e. Adam: If they don’t use all the money can they return it to us?
 - i. Eric: Yes they can because it is a GSSC event, don’t worry about it
 - ii. Adam: What if Hillel sponsors all of it?
 - iii. Eric: We keep all the money in the student life budget
 - f. Vote: **PASSES**
- E. By-Law Amendments (Maeve)
 - a. Dividing Student Services and Academic Affairs Rep. into two distinct roles
 - i. We used to have student services and academic affairs position, but it's too broad so we have split it into two new roles
 - ii. Now splitting them into two voting roles
 - iii. Original Language to be Struck: **PASSES**
 - iv. Add New Language for description of the Academic Affairs Rep: **PASSES**
 - v. Add New Language for description of the Student Services Rep: **PASSES**
 - b. Adding requirements for Veterans Rep. to be a veteran, JTS Rep. to be in the JTS program, and Dual BA Rep. to be in Dual BA program



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- i. Has been the practice but making it official
 - ii. Eric: In the case that a JTS student does not apply to the role, do we change the language to allow someone not in the program to run?
 - 1. Oscar: No, I'd rather have no one be in the role than have someone not in the program be the role
 - iii. "Be a veteran" because it makes it a requirement but we won't be fact-checking, inclusive to international veterans and other identities of veterans
 - iv. Haya: Can we change the language from Dual BA and Joint Program Representative, remove Joint Program?
 - 1. Oscar: Not right now, needs to be submitted 72 hours in advance but can be discussed in the future
 - v. All these by-laws: **PASS**
- c. Creating position of Student Body Liaison
 - i. **PASSES**
- d. Removing unnecessary language in section on abstentions
 - i. The by-laws should say these are what you're allowed to do, not offering opinions on what we should do
 - ii. Protects your right to abstain, please don't start abstaining during every vote after this :)
 - iii. **PASSES**
- e. Replacing "punishments" with "penalties"
 - i. If you are impeached you will receive a punishment, sounds rather punitive so maybe let's change that
 - ii. 11 or 12 instances
 - iii. **PASSES**

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

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.

- Evan asks for people's names in regards to headshots



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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.

Maya: starting GB meeting at 8PM - tabled to next meeting

VIII. ADJOURNMENT