



8th 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	P
Veteran Students Rep.	
Students with Disabilities Rep. Paul Audoin	E
Diversity & Equity Rep. Jessica Kim	P
Health & Wellness Rep. Eleanor Robins	P
*Commuting Students & Students with Families Rep.	
*Policy Coordinator Peihan Ge	P
*Policy Coordinator Gezi Fang	
*Policy Coordinator Galia Labowitz	P
*Student Body Liaison Rex Park	P
*Student Services Rep. Alec Rodriguez Stangle	P

Officer	Status
Treasurer Venska Pongoh	P
*Finance Coordinator Irene Souny	P
*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	P
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: 37



C. Adoption of the Current Agenda

1. Motion Passes/Fails – **PASSES**

D. Adoption of Last Week's Minutes

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III. REPORTS

A. President–Dates for admin visiting council, open Rep. positions

- a. Dean RM and Rogers were gonna meet us next meeting, but got postponed to the week after
- b. President Armstrong with a UniLife rep are gonna come on the 22nd of October
- c. Two representative roles open
 - i. Veterans rep and commuting students rep
 1. If you know anyone who wants to apply - let them know!
 2. Applications close at the end of this week
- d. If you're going to be late to council or need an excused absence, please send an email to Maya, Isabel, and your respective VP 24 hours in advance of council
 - i. Questions
 1. Jake: Does late to GSSC meetings mean late to committee?
 - a. That should be discussed with your committee VP – you only have to be officially excused in this way for the General Body meeting
- e. On Wednesday bw 12-2PM there's going to be the Ultimate GS Academic Fair!
 - i. An opportunity to hear from the admin and those involved with grad school advising to talk about choosing a major, fulfilling the core, applying for fellowships, research, and other things to help with your future!
 - ii. Please come and tell your friends!

B. Policy–Formation of new Policy (sub)committee

- a. Creation of GS Policy stakeholder committee
 - i. Subcommittee - ppl that represent various entities of GS not GSSC (student groups, etc)
 - ii. Provide routine reliable way for ppl to bring issues directly to GSSC
 1. Will meet once a month
 2. like a focus group
 - iii. Positions:
 1. Chair - Oscar



2. Vice Chair - student body liaison Rex

3. Secretary - chief of policy Marquise

C. Finance (Thomas)

a. Budget Presentation later in meeting

b. Erin on Zoom

1. Received co-sponsorship last year

2. Will be sharing her experience in new business

D. Communications

a. WhatsApp Group Chat

i. general hub for GSSC, for updates, keep an eye out, please join ASAP

b. Headshot Sign ups/reminder on Whatsapp

c. Folders on Google Drive—this will be a hub for everything your VP needs you to have access to

d. Feedback form initiative → soft launch and see how it goes

E. Campus Life

a. Headshot event reminder

i. This Friday, Oct. 11, group photos in the morning

ii. As painless as possible

iii. Starting at 10:30 for the E-board photos, and every group fifteen minutes after

iv. Recommend wearing business casual for this as that is what most people will be wearing

v. Still several slots open for individual headshots - great opportunity so sign up for one of those five minute sessions if you would like one!

vi. There will be a vote later to pay for it

vii. Don't be late for group photos!!!

b. Gala

i. Making good steam ahead for Gala

ii. Announcing who is on the committee next week

1. Smaller group, tighter timeline

F. Senator

a. Survey by students for students by the senate

i. Let me know if you have any questions you want added on

b. Rebuilding connection between colleges (FLGI space, respect of religious holidays)

c. Building Columbia communities (identity-based groups)



- d. Presidential advisory committee on sexual assault (Looking for someone to serve on the committee - deadline this Friday)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Co-sponsorship Reimbursement–Erin

- a. TCD dual degree graduate
- b. Global collaboratory program within global engagement
- c. Spent 12 weeks on Zoom with a cohort learning a variety of things from professors about Global Health
- d. In August had the privilege to spend 3 weeks in Gambia
 - i. Gambia is the smallest country in Africa
 - ii. Located inside Senegal
 - iii. Partnered with the gujer? project association
 - iv. Also worked with CTag?
 - v. Had a phenomenal experience! :)
- e. This semester the global collaborate is doing a ? relief in Istanbul
 - i. There's also a brazilian and cuban cohort
- f. Question
 - i. ? : How did the local community benefit from these projects?
 - 1. The projects we did were requested to happen – we didn't do anything that wasn't requested of us
 - 2. We were coming in with our resources and our abilities to help us complete *their* goals

B. Budget Vote

- a. Spreadsheet: link
- b. Going through the budget spreadsheet
- c. At the beginning of the year, number given by budget advisor
- d. \$120 per student, estimated revenues around \$285,000 per term
- e. We have these two numbers but still guessing, not 100%
- f. The gross budget which is \$644,000 in total for the academic year is the money in our control
- g. Required allocations are the external spendings that we do
- h. Allocated discretionary budget is the internal spending we do
- i. Budgeted - how much Eric budgeted...
- j. Budget left is the reserve that we can tap into if need be
- k. Spent funds - money that gets allocated to support student events, considered money already spent, we cannot touch that money



GSSC

- i. Required allocations
 - 1. 22,000 is about 5% of bacchanal's budget is (same as the participation rate of GS students, budget would increase accordingly if more students participated)
 - 2. Facilities and securities pays for labors, not spaces, school rarely forces students to pay for spaces on campus
 - a. Four school fund
 - 3. JCFC
 - a. Money outside of the huge F@CU amount
 - b. Similar to GSSC co-sponsorships, if a group finds itself in financial trouble can ask for this
 - 4. Capital Investment Fund
 - a. Money four school effort for long lasting items
 - 5. Election board
 - a. For printing flyers and materials
 - 6. Senior Week
 - a. Four school events for seniors and senior week
 - i. Question
 - 1. May?: Is the election board budget for flyering for elections?
 - 2. Yes, students can use it
 - 7. Annual Gala
 - a. \$160,000 - everything is expensive, so the event can be open bar, free food and DJ's
 - b. Last year the budget for the gala was \$200,000, which was too much, in Eric's opinion
 - c. A spending we have to cut
 - d. Hopefully we can make this happen this way
 - e. There are other streams of revenue we can dip into if we desperately need to
 - f. Fingers crossed!!
 - 8. Orientation
 - a. Spent on the Amity Hall event
 - 9. Welcome Back Event
 - a. pre-COVID event, but didn't have VP of Campus Life at the start of this year
 - b. May happen in Spring or later this semester



10. Senior Class Fund
 - a. Senior gift, senior cruise, etc.
 - b. If anyone has questions direct them to Taylor, Senior Class President
11. First Year Class Fund
 - a. Does not really get spent
 - b. Up to Gloria (First Year Class President) how much to spend
- ii. Discretionary Allocations
 1. Student Events
 - a. Plant and paint, game night, trivia night, pizza in the GS lounge, dual BA events, etc.
 2. Four School Events
 - a. Christmas tree lighting, Earth Day, Glass House Rocks
 3. Food pantry
 - a. GS has more need for it so we put it more money
 - b. Our effort to support students in need
 4. Snack Attacks
 - a. Unique GSSC event during midterms and finals, hand out food to students
 5. Policy Initiatives
 - a. Metro Card program mainly
 - b. Wishes there were better sources of funding
 6. F@CU
 - a. To support student groups, money allocated at beginning of the year
 - b. 13% of the total pot, because average rate of participation for GS students
 7. Co-sponsorships
 - a. Upping to \$30,000, last year spent \$20,000
 8. Council
 - a. Sweatshirts and merch? Keep an eye out
- iii. Questions:
 1. Chaya: There is \$200 left over from Orientation, what happens to stuff like that?
 - a. Eric: We can put it into student events
 2. For four school events, is it limited to school-wide events (undergrad only)? If there is an event for transfer students?



- a. Eric: That would come from Student Events
- 3. Maya: Where does money come from for January orientation events?
 - a. Eric: Welcome Back budget I think?? Fluid campus life budget
 - b. Doesn't want to shift money around after it has passed but if it's necessary it is fine
- 4. Oscar: In our best interest to bump policy initiative up to 6,000? Is it possible to do so?
 - a. Last year 4,600 just for metro card, and separate was 1,000 so it would be very easy to hit 5,000 with metrocard program and then potentially restricted in other policy initiatives
 - b. Hard to predict with policy projects i.e. incentive for people to fill out a form it would be best to have money at our disposable
 - c. Eric: We have 10,000 leftover, moving over the 200 from orientation leftovers to policy initiative
 - d. Oscar: 6,000 makes him more comfortable
 - e. Eric: It's been done!
- 5. Gloria: Why is there such a disparity between senior class budget and first year?
 - a. Eric: Seniors have to do cruise and the GSSC has to pay for it
 - b. Each school has a cruise, similar to orientation cruise that first year students had to do
 - c. That eats 30 to 40k but going to see what Class President can do
 - d. Taylor: four times a year Lerner Pub so we pay proportionately four times a year for it which is a high chunk of the budget
 - e. Gloria: still a big difference
 - f. Caitlin: Can use money beyond the 3,000 don't panic other types of money can draw from student events budget!!!
 - g. Eric: anyone can look at past budgets on the website!!
 - h. We are the only council to publish and update the budget to the public every year
 - i. If you think there is an event that would benefit from more budget let Eric know!



- j. Once this is passed, council would have to vote on any changes/adjustments, presentation of the events
 - 6. Anna: With regards to Snack Attacks, convo with someone from Alumni Office, we also collab with them. Last year the spending was around \$1,000 per day of lunches. \$500 a day for each snack pack. Roughly 20,000 would provide four weeks of meals. Is that the plan you have in mind for Snack Attacks and how are they usually planned out?
 - a. Maya: That was the situation last year, gala was more expensive so they took from the Snack Attacks budget, used to be 30k, there's been a desire for a return to meal-focused snack attacks, it's the same budget as last year,
 - b. It didn't have to do with the Gala?
 - c. Maya: Usually alumni donate for one of the days we do, one day of meals is between 1,500 and 2,000 and snack packs 500, the alumni donate one day of the week. 6 weeks of snack attack and was focused on majority meals
 - i. Caitlin: Week is four days and one day is sponsored by alumni
 - d. We are only funding 12 days of Snack Attacks
 - e. Eric: preliminarily at 20k can draw from student events if needed
 - iv. Motion to pass 2024-25 budget: **PASSES**

C. Headshot Event Vote

- a. Evan Edler will be taking the headshots (Yay Evan!)
- b. In the past this event has been super popular
 - i. Last year we actually had too much demand, so we are looking to increase that number this year
 - ii. This includes GSSC and Senior headshots
- c. What is included in the Headshots Event?
 - i. One 4 hour photoshoot event for GSSC
 - 1. Group and individual photos
 - ii. Three 4 hour photoshoot events for seniors
 - 1. Will make it available for a total of 144 seniors
- d. This will be about 16 hours in total, plus downloading images and sending them out
 - i. We are requesting \$500 from campus life events to pay Evan



- e. Questions
 - i. Chaya: What are the backgrounds going to be?
 - 1. They're going to be in front of Low Library, and group photos will be in front of Alma
 - 2. Chaya: Is there going to be an entire GSSC photo?
 - a. Yeah, let's go for it! I'll add the new time to the Excel sheet (group photo at 10:30)
- f. Will be voting in exec session

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.

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