



12th of November, 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	L
Academic Affairs Rep. Nora Zhu	P
First-Generation, Low-Income, and Working Students Representative Janel Perez	E
Veteran Students Rep. Nathan Pane	P
Students with Disabilities Rep. Paul Audoin	P
Diversity & Equity Rep. Jessica Kim	P
Health & Wellness Rep. Eleanor Robins	P
*Students with Families Rep. Michael Spalter	P
*Policy Coordinator Peihan Ge	P
*Policy Coordinator Ashlynn Alexander	U
*Policy Coordinator Galia Labowitz	P
*Student Body Liaison Rex Park	P
Student Services Rep. Alec Rodriguez Stangle	P

Officer	Status
*Commuting Students Rep. Walter Koike-Seira	P
Treasurer Venska Pongoh	E
*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	P
*PR Coordinator Jeanne Fontaine	P
Alumni Affairs Rep. Anna Hazolyshyn	P
International Students Rep.	
Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) Rep. Jake Resnick	P
Community Service and Sustainability Rep. Aoife Houlihan	P
Senior Class President Taylor Moniz	E
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 Ballestero	P
*Campus Life Coordinator Carina Rudolph-Math	U
University Senator Bruce Goumain	E
Voting Members: 28 → Quorum → 20	Total: 22



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C. Adoption of the Current Agenda

1. Motion **PASSES**

II. REPORTS

A. President (Haya)

- a. I've resent the link for my one-on-ones so everyone should go sign up!
 - i. Hopefully will meet with everyone by the end of the semester
- b. Zoom policy
 - i. There's an expectation that if you are a voting member and on zoom there is an expectation that you should be voting
 - ii. If you are missing more than 2 votes in a council meeting it will count as an absence
- c. reopening apps for international students rep

B. Policy–Stakeholder Committee

- a. The Stakeholder Committee is in existence now!! Yay
 - i. Both reps from the committee on instruction, core, science instruction, someone repping the provost, and people repping MilVets, alliance, alumni, food pantry, equality for GS, etc.
 - ii. If you have anything you'd like me to share with the group let Oscar know!

C. Finance (Sophia)

- a. No updates

D. Communications (Jeanne)

- a. First video content was filmed today with Thomas, shout out to Gloria and Janelle who answered questions about how metro card would benefit their life, the video will be out on social media soon
- b. You can come to comms committee and we will listen to your content pitch

E. Campus Life–Tree Lighting Volunteers (Haya)

- a. Thank you to MilVets for inviting all of us to the ball on Friday is was a wonderful time
- b. At the end of today's meeting or tomorrow Isabel will be sending out a link for volunteer sign ups for Tree Lighting
 - i. If you're a volunteer you get merch!

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Toys for Tots Presentation–Caitlin



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- a. Event with Milvets every year run this drive at school, donate toys that will be given to underprivileged kids this Christmas
 - i. Nov 22, 2024 all 4 undergrad councils are invited to send representatives and place toys in the box on behalf of GSSC
 - ii. Invited to attend and see the ceremony
 - iii. Everyone is invited to make a donation please do so if you can
 - iv. Request 155 dollars from student life event, not expecting to use all of this and realistically we will use 75 dollars - McLaren lego set because Eric likes McLaren
- B. By-Law Amendments (Sophia)
 - a. Adding requirement that International Students Rep. must be an international student - **PASSES**
 - b. Adding policy language to International Student Rep. role description - **PASSES**
 - c. Dividing Commuting Students and Students with Families Rep. into two new roles - **PASSES**
 - d. Fixing a typo - **PASSES**
 - e. Removing requirement to interview all applicants for GSSC roles - **PASSES**
 - f. Removing unnecessary language in section on resignations - **PASSES**
- C. MetroCard Statement
 - a. The first statement was to give a baseline this is the more important of the two
 - i. The one that will be sent to administration once the other councils have signed
 - ii. People from other schools have already had a hand in crafting this statement
 - b. Oscar reads the statement
 - i. Everyone applauds
 - c. Alec
 - i. Who else is our focus on signing with us?
 - d. Oscar
 - i. Mostly graduate colleges but not limited to them, might reach out Barnard but gets complicated
 - 1. CC and SEAS definitely will reach out to them
 - 2. This issue does not affect the other undergrad colleges the same way as it affects GS and grad students
 - e. Approval of the statement
 - i. Motion **PASSES**
 - ii. Everyone cheers again!



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.

- Anna: Now that we have approved the MetroCard statement, what is a rough timeline of support and funding?
 - Maya: It will take a while, hopefully significant amounts of other councils will sign on that is our goal right now until we hand it off to the staff
 - Hopefully it will be sooner rather than later but asking administration to allocate funding can be challenging
 - Oscar: No, no timeline, not guaranteed that it even works, we are bringing it to the table it has never happened before
 - Some people think this is not possible, I strongly disagree
 - We are going to do everything we can to get this to happen as quickly as possible!
- Marquise: Sharing an update on behalf of Janel
 - FLI Office hosting a winter accessory giveaway tomorrow so if you would like to attend shoot Janel an email or keep up to date with the FLI office at GS

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



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