



28th of January, 2025

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. Nathan Pane	P
Students with Disabilities Rep. Paul Audoin	P
Diversity & Equity Rep. Jessica Kim	P
Health & Wellness Rep. Eleanor Robins	UE
*Students with Families Rep. Michael Spalter	P
*Policy Coordinator Peihan Ge	P
*Policy Coordinator Ashlynn Alexander	P
*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	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	P
*PR Coordinator Jeanne Fontaine	P
Alumni Affairs Rep. Anna Hazolyshyn	E
International Students Rep. Apolline Ancel	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 Ballestero	P
*Campus Life Coordinator Carina Rudolph-Math	P
University Senator Bruce Goumain	E
Voting Members: 29 → Quorum → 19	Total: 26



C. Adoption of the Current Agenda

1. Motion: **Passes**

II. REPORTS

A. President (Maeve)

- a. Right after this weekend, I will be hosting one on one's, if you haven't had one yet please please sign up!!
- b. Let your VP's know if you are going to be late for committee, just keep them in the loop.
- c. We have some exciting plans, from next week more policy discussions
- d. Excited to be back!

B. Policy (Haya)

- a. Wanted to note the statement on the agenda
 - i. It's from the arts and sciences graduate committee about a residential statement
- b. The brunt of the metro card push has already happened
- c. A lot of the policy stuff is continuing from last semester
- d. Alumni mentorship is going to be a big push this semester (more on this later!)

C. Finance (Sophia)

- a. 4 co-sponsorships today
- b. events you promised, we have yet to see them
- c. would be great to spend budget otherwise we'll move them somewhere else
- d. more activities!
- e. social events as a council too

D. Communications (Jeanne)

- a. For all co-sponsorship please send Isabel an email
- b. Working on fun things this semester
- c. We posted our MetroCard video and it's done very well, most viewed Instagram reel, and getting emails and messages about it!
- d. Creative in-person and hybrid campaigns
- e. If you have an idea contact the comms team we want to work with you :)

E. Campus Life (Thomas)

- a. Thank you to Ashlynn and Eric for hosting the welcome back party
- b. Looking for volunteers for Lerner Pub 2/13
 - i. Non-seniors preferred but still welcome



- c. Reminder for seniors: yearbook photo sessions happening now
- d. Glasshouse Rocks coming up on the 27th
 - i. Mark your calendars whether coming as a volunteer or attendee

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. CUCSSA Co-Sponsorship (Mavee)

- a. Chinese New Year Gala
 - i. Want to celebrate new year, year of the snake
 - ii. Slay flyers
 - iii. Going to have traditional performances, food and each attendee will receive a gift as a token of appreciation
- b. Budget with ticketing system
 - i. Adds up to \$24,000, but that's an overestimation
 - ii. Funding from ISSO at \$10k
 - iii. Also asking for \$2,000 from another council
 - iv. Requesting \$1,000 - \$2,000
- c. Questions
 - i. Eric: What was your total budget for the year for the club?
 - 1. \$10,000 but we have other activities and events
 - 2. Our budget allocated for this event is around \$5,000
 - ii. Eric: Where do you spend that \$5k?
 - 1. Securities, tech for the stage performance, equipment, amplifiers etc.
 - a. We don't use the money
 - iii. Eric: Facilities and public safety should be covered by the facilities and securities funded by the school? All governing bodies under the school have that paid for. Your total expenses don't look too much not to be covered by your income
 - 1. Total income might only be 10-12k
 - iv. Eric: What other co-sponsorship?
 - 1. ISSO, hasn't settled on the exact amount they're going to give us, but they usually supply us \$10k
 - v. Oscar: Do you know the proportion of GS students that are involved in your event?
 - 1. Varies depending on the years, usually around 10-15%
 - vi. Eric: You're requesting 1-2k do you have a specific number so we can vote?
 - 1. Not sure, we are giving you the choice

B. MilVets Valentine's Day Co-Sponsorship-PJ (Sophia)



GSSC

- a. largest military vets club in ivy league, lots of GS
- b. MilVets x GSSC @ the Ellington
- c. want this to be collaborative
- d. sell drink and food tix
- e. date: Feb 12, 2025, 7-10PM
- f. total capacity: 225
- g. minimum cost: \$12,300
- h. food and drink tix: \$14 each
- i. MilVets budget: \$1000
 - i. want GSSC to give \$7000
 - ii. GSSC would get revenue
- j. Maya: what is included in the drink tix
 - i. Caitlin: 2 drink tix per person (any drink), also mocktails
- k. Jake: what about under 21
 - i. mocktails for under 21
- l. Oscar: what is revenue
 - i. \$3150
- m. Jake: how many people do MilVets reach out to
 - i. GSSC will also promote, 225 is capacity
- n. gratuity is mandatory minimum 20%
 - i. legal contract, goes to servers otherwise can sue
- C. Columbia Mock Trial Co-Sponsorship–Ellie (Jeanne)
 - a. Ellie senior dual ba w science po president of Columbia mock trial
 - b. Travel funding for GS students
 - c. Mock trial - nationwide trial competition, have students act as lawyers or witnesses and compete against other schools, we win a lot!
 - d. AMTA writes the cases and they pay them a lot of fees
 - i. Starting AMTA tournaments this spring, national championships tournaments
 - ii. Academic benefits: academic club plus public speaking, teamwork, and if you want to go into a legal career and network and opportunity to meet other students
 - e. Finances: had to pay out of pocket to go to nationals last year
 - f. 3 GS students on the team, applying for all three of them, 18.5% GS
 - g. Up to 250 dollars per person per bylaws
 - h. 5500 for hotels and transportation, they have other funding sources JCFC, ABC, CC Dean's Travel Fund (does not cover GS students)



- i. Maya: how much are you asking for? 750\$ just for travel fees and 250\$ per student
 - j. Adam: is 5500 for one time? No, it's total
 - k. Janelle: what transportation are you using? New Jersey Transit and subway, amtrack was too expensive
- D. System Impacted Group Co-Sponsorship—Ava
 - a. Look at slides for basic info
 - b. Questions
 - i. Eric: Is the facilities fee an estimate or a definite number?
 - 1. Yes, it's an estimate
 - ii. Eric: What's your funding like?
 - 1. We have no funding because we are not currently a recognized group
 - iii. Oscar: I want to get in contact with you guys because when we set up the stakeholder committee you weren't an official group but we'd love to have a rep from you guys on it
 - iv. Chaya: I was just wondering who can come to this event?
 - 1. It's open to everybody
 - v. Maya: Is everyone who's involved in System Impacted all GS?
 - 1. The E-Board is all GS, but the members reach all the different schools although it is housed in GS and majority GS
 - vi. Chaya: Are there reservations or is it just first come first serve?
 - 1. We'll have an eventbrite but its open to everybody
- E. AGSC Residential Statement (Maeve)
 - a. Not actually our statement, from the Arts and Sciences Council
 - b. Re-establishing the Columbia Resident Advisory Committee
 - c. Forum for dedicated student leaders and staff to discuss issues affecting student health
 - d. Statement to Columbia Residential
 - e. New committee will be modeled after other successful committees
 - f. Fall 2025 launch? hopefully
 - g. Maya: They establish advisory committees with two weeks notice now, so it's possible to do it this spring, don't know if they want to but it's doable
 - h. Two other councils signed it already
 - i. Signing it can't hurt, worst case people start talking about the issue
 - j. Maya: This lines up with a lot of what we advocate for in terms of Columbia Residential, would only advantage our efforts to change things for the better
 - k. Motion to Sign: **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.

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