



11th of February, 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	
Veteran Students Rep. Nathan Pane	E
Students with Disabilities Rep. Paul Audoin	P
Diversity & Equity Rep. Jessica Kim	E
Health & Wellness Rep. Eleanor Robins	
*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	E

Officer	Status
*Commuting Students Rep. Walter Koike-Seira	P
Treasurer Venska Pongoh	
*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. 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	A
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: 29 → Quorum → 19	Total: 19



C. Adoption of the Current Agenda

1. Motion Passes

II. REPORTS

A. President–Office Hours, New Role/ETF Applications (Haya)

- a. As a result of the feedback form we were able to get some insight on policy updates
 - i. GS subsidized meal plan: doesn't give access to Barnard dining halls, meaning that those who keep kosher only have access to the fridges in John Jay. Now we've talked to admin and those with the kosher subsidized meal plan now have access to Hewitt!!
- b. Updated my one-on-ones – go sign up!!
- c. Holding office hours Wednesdays 1-2 (will be in this week's newsletter)
- d. Applications for new positions are open!
 - i. Encourage your friends to apply
 - ii. Open positions: FGLI Rep, Health and Wellness Rep, Treasurer
 - iii. We are also currently looking for an ETF chair
- e. I'm hosting a table at mega shabbat that is meant for GSSC so please sign up!

B. Policy (Maeve)

- a. Highlighting positions open
 - i. Health and Wellness and FGLI rep, best ppl are ones we know so spread the word
- b. What is ETF?
 - i. The subcommittee on elections is made up of the graduating seniors on the council, already made
 - ii. The elections are one step removed from the council, the subcommittee picks the Election Task Force made up of people not on council who help run the election mainly
 - iii. So right now we are filling the Election Task Force positions, non council members

C. Finance (Sophia)

- a. Eric drank too much

D. Communications (Jeanne)

- a. Thank you Haya for the feedback form! Re-flyering effort (Lerner, butler)
- b. Apply for open positions !!

E. Campus Life ()



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- a. Milvets x GSSC Valentines event tmrw
- b. Lerner Pub Thursday - need volunteers
- c. Glasshouse Rocks - need volunteers too
- d. for anyone interested in VPs or President - reach out to exec board

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dual BA Poker Night–Jorge (Jeanne)

- a. Friday 28/02
 - i. Board game night/Poker, tournament with prizes
 - ii. 15 to 20 people
 - iii. Booked room on campus
 - iv. Budget: 700\$ most is going to prizes for appeal
- b. Getting comes out earlier so we can adjust the budget
- c. Budget breakdown: material - 250\$, prizes - 350\$, snacks from 100\$
- d. Can change the date for Shabbat if needed
- e. Motion to request 700 dollars from campus lifeline item
- f. Maya: we want people to come so maybe do it late afternoon Friday, 4-5 pm to not overlap with the beginning of Shabbat, or maybe 3 pm
- g. Marquis: there is also Ramadan happening
- h. Oscar: We have to pick a date we can't accommodate everyone all the time it's also for a small group of people
- i. **Motion PASSES**

B. First Year Coffee Chat–Gloria & Ines (Maeve)

- a. Next Wednesday, Lewisohn, 12 - 2
- b. Objectives is to let new students meet and get to know one another and caffeinate between classes
- c. Coffee from Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, and pastries from "Afternoon"
- d. Eric: How many people?
- e. Gloria: 30-40 people
- f. **Motion to allocate \$200 from First Year Class Line Item**
 - i. **PASSES**

C. Thrifting Trip–Aoife (Haya)

- a. Redoing an event I did last semester
- b. Hosting next Sunday the 23rd from 12-2PM
- c. Subsidize Subway fare (\$100)
- d. **Motion to allocate \$100 for this event**
 - i. **PASSES**



D. International Alumni Events–Apolline (Sophia)

- a. February 27th @12PM or Feb 28th @1PM
- b. Goal of event: Democratize OPT
 - i. Panelists
 - 1. Antonia - will come!
 - 2. Vida - TBD
 - 3. Gyar - TBD
- c. Oscar: reachout to Dean Gallis?
- d. Maya: OPT opens the 20th - maybe change date to 19th

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.

- A. Committee Updates
- B. Walter
 - a. Announce to the student body that GS students have access to lockers in lerner
- C. Jake
 - a. Glad you all liked the banana bread
 - b. Boost an email we received from Julia Goldberg about a survey that pertains to her studies
 - i. It is from an organization called StandWithUS
 - ii. Fill out the survey!
- D. ?
 - a. We should get a microwave for the GS lounge!
- E. Marquise
 - a. If you live in Columbia residential i would like for you to think of all the issues you have with them and bring them to council next week because we'll be talking about it next week
 - b. Feel free to send them to me in an email or just come with them to the meeting

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



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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