



18th 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	
Veteran Students Rep. Nathan Pane	P
Students with Disabilities Rep. Paul Audoin	P
Diversity & Equity Rep. Jessica Kim	P
Health & Wellness Rep.	
*Students with Families Rep. Michael Spalter	E
*Policy Coordinator Grace Ge	E
*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-Sieira	P
Treasurer	
*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	A
*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	P
First Year Class President Gloria Lee	E
First Year Class Vice President Inés Caldara	E
Dual BA & Joint Program Rep. Jorge Ballestero	P
*Campus Life Coordinator Carina Rudolph-Math	P
University Senator Bruce Goumain	P
Voting Members: 29 → Quorum → 19	Total: 23



C. Adoption of the Current Agenda

1. Motion Passes

II. REPORTS

A. President (Haya)

- a. Had some wonderful 1-on-1s with all of you – there's still time to sign up for more
- b. I'm a host for mega shabbat this weekend! I'm hosting a GSSC/student council table – come! Doors open at 6:30, dinner's at 7, there's also desserts and a show. It's open to everyone in the community so I would love to see you all there!
- c. Later I'm going to allocate some funds for tabling about the survey Dean Rosen-Metsch was talking about
 - i. The survey actually does so so much and has a significant impact so we want to relay the message to as many ppl as possible

B. Policy (Sophia)

- a. Thank you Spencer for the article! it is out now (abt us doubling allocation for metrocard), applications will be coming soon (need to buy cards)

C. Finance (Maeve)

- a. I took a look at our newsletter for the first time in a long time and the amount of info on there is incredible 😊
 - i. I ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEWSLETTER! SHOUTOUT! *applause for Isabel*

D. Communications (Sophia)

- a. check out the changes on our Instagram!
- b. if anyone wants something to be promoted, send an email

E. Campus Life (Jeanne)

- a. GHR sent out a volunteer sheet, please sign up it is on the 27th from 7pm to 12.30am
 - i. All volunteers get a tee shirt
- b. 4 days of snack attacks coming up, please volunteer!!
 - i. Even for an hour please come March 10 to 13th
- c. For seniors senior caps and gowns are on sale, you can try them on to get the right size, senior photos are still happening
- d. If you think someone should get a free senior cruise ticket you can nominate someone the winner will be announced soon!

III. NEW BUSINESS



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A. Welcome, Dean Rosen-Metch! (Maeve)

a. GS Student Survey

- i. I want you all to be invested in this survey and I will come back next fall and share the data on the survey
- ii. As of 3:30 this afternoon, we have a 28.4% response rate, more or less on par with the university LENS survey and others that have been done
 1. We are going to do much better...
- iii. Those here two years will feel that the results of the survey drive change
- iv. Third one I've seen, 2018 and the last survey made a change to latin diplomas and followed a GSSC referendum that had been done and a decade of GSers before you making a case
 1. After GSSC made a referendum, we added it to our survey and 67% of you filled it out which is an important response rate that we can generalize to the student body
 2. We want to represent majority of the students
- v. We were able to arm ourselves with data and to make the case about the financial distress, food and housing insecurity that our students face
- vi. The 2018 survey allowed us to justify the GS low cost food plan
- vii. Each of the GS teams (advising, communications, etc) entered some questions they wanted our students to answer
- viii. We are paying \$25 in Flex Dollars to incentivise our students and you are working for the school with your time, to recognize the time
- ix. Jake: Is there something different you expect to see in the survey results from the 2 years ago survey?
- x. Dean Rosen-Metsch: A lot has changed on campus!! Inclusion, belonging, community, some questions are the same
 1. We have some questions on wait lists - improving the registration process
 2. My hope is that the financial distress will be visibly down but likely won't be
 3. When we did the low-cost meal plan, there was no large change across the whole student body as we would have liked
- xi. Dual B.A. students 41% of them have filled out the form already, yay Dual Degree students!
- xii. I am asking your help to up the response rate
 1. Reach out to 5 people you know to fill out the survey!! Ask the if they completed it and ask them to complete it



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- xiii. Data is very important, if we have around that 67% response rate it will make a big difference
- xiv. Chaya: I would like to see questions about the change in the policy of Latin honors?
- xv. Dean Rosen-Metsch: We are working on that but what would you like it to be changed?
- xvi. Chaya: It should be back to just based on GPA because it's very hard esp. For STEM majors
- xvii. Dean Rosen-Metsch: We changed to be close to CC but we may have had it right to begin with. It used to be GPA and now just the top 10%, 15%, 20% etc. get recognized, a very small percentage. We had a lot more people than CC but we have less than the other ivy leagues because of our system. Don't have a question on the survey, but we know it's of concern.
- b. Survey will be open this week and next, so that we can receive compelling data to influence our students
 - i. Question from the floor: Why do you split up the responses by dual BA, undergrad etc.?
 - ii. Dean Rosen-Metsch: We just do, it is integrated data, we look at different categories at different times, this is just one way we split it up right now.
- B. Microwave in the GS Lounge–Isabel
 - a. Shoutout Michael for the idea!
 - b. We haven't replaced the microwave because people stole it
 - c. Admin said we can have the microwave if we pay for it!
 - d. I'm proposing that we get a microwave and anti-theft materials
 - e. **Motion for \$200 from Campus Life Line Item**
 - i. Discussion
 - 1. Maya: I really don't understand how the bike lock would be used
 - a. Isabel: That's still to be determined, I'm just motioning for money to make sure we can actually make this happen and we can brainstorm the actual mechanics of an anti-theft microwave. If all else fails we can ask SEAS students to help.
 - 2. Eric: I don't think \$200 is enough
 - 3. Isabel: The reason why I was thinking bike locks is that there's so many different types of bike locks
 - a. Nathan: They sell microwaves with the little attachment to screw it in



4. Oscar: I don't think we need to fully discuss how we're going to make this microwave anti-theft
5. ?: I don't think a \$40 microwave is going to really be good enough for everyone who's using it
 - a. Isabel: I don't think admin is going to like us buying an expensive microwave because they're convinced its just going to get stolen
6. Chaya: i think microwave tech has gone very far that we can get something very cheap that will last a lot of years. So i think cheaper will be better
7. Eric: I'll bump it to \$500

f. Motion for \$500 from Campus Life Line Item

i. PASSES

C. Maya's tabling initiative!

- a. We should table to incentivize ppl to fill out the survey
- b. We can do it in lewisohn and on lerner ramps and offer cookies on maybe 2 different days
- c. If you do tabling that will count as a part of your volunteer requirement
- d. Motion for \$200 for cookies and little knick-knacks from Council Line Item**
 - i. Discussion

1. Paul: Is there a way for us to check if ppl have done it?
 - a. Maya: Yes, there's a confirmation email and if you click the link of the survey it says you've already completed it
2. Chaya: Just to clarify the sign-up sheet is going to be the same way that it always is?
 - a. Maya: Yeah I'll create a form. I'm thinking it'll be next Wednesday and Thursday
3. Maya: I think we should try to beat the 60% of last time!
4. Jake: Just a suggestion – we should def advertise the form a lot more

ii. 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.



A. Committee Updates

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)

A. Madison

- a. I'm a second year student at GS who's a transfer student from San Diego. I'm majoring in Human Rights and was DEI rep on council last year.
- b. One of my biggest concerns is that this month is Black History Month and we didn't see anything from the University and the Student Council
 - i. Isabel: We tried to include it in the newsletter (shoutout marquise) but it cropped it out for some reason. There will be more in the upcoming newsletters!
- c. I think it would've been very awesome to work with SOCA and possibly do an event with them! From a student of color's perspective that would be really awesome to see. I also think that all the stuff pertaining to black history month shouldn't rest on the one person of color on council. I think this should really serve as a reminder that all voices need to be heard. I just hope to see more events catered to an array of students whether that's students of color, transfer students, community college students, etc.. Thank you and I hope we can continuously move forward and listen to the voices of everyone who deserves to be heard.

B. Spencer

- a. I hope everyone saw the story on GSSC that just came out on Spec
- b. Also here's Samantha who's joining me on reporting on GSSC!
- c. I'm also really interested in reporting on the Latin Honors issue
 - i. Maya: Come talk to me, Oscar, and Isabel later

C. Eric

- a. Madison, there is a link to submit event ideas in the newsletter, so if you have some event ideas you're more than welcome to submit your ideas. There's only so many of us on council so your ideas are always open to be heard
- b. Isabel:
 - i. Yeah I just want to talk about the feedback form, because i've been advertising it as a policy form but it can also be utilized for this type of thing.



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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