

GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 25th, 8:15 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *General Studies Student Council of Columbia University* will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **October 25th, 8:15 PM**. The meeting information is noted below. The General Studies Student Council reserves the right to suspend the orders of the day if necessary to conduct business. All General Studies Student Council meetings are held in locations that are wheelchair accessible. Other disability-related accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities upon request. Persons requesting such accommodations should notify the General Studies Student Council President no less than three (3) working days prior to the meeting. The General Studies Student Council will make efforts to meet requests made after such date, if possible. Please also contact the General Studies Student Council Executive Board for any agenda-related questions.

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A.
- B. Call To Order
- C. Roll Call (* → indicates non-voting | ~ → indicates Interim Position)

OFFICERS	STATUS	OFFICERS	STATUS
*President Emily Robinson	P	Treasurer Kris Packauskas	P
VP of Policy Nasser Odetallah	P	Senior Class Treasurer Rebekah Cornish	P
VP of Finance		Chief Negotiator Jennifer Odum	P
VP of Communications Catherine Sun	P	Technology Chair Raymond Yoon	P
VP of Campus Life Maya Platek	P	Social Media Representative Faith Grady	P
Chief of Policy Kyle Gordon	E	*Outreach Associate Haya Fine	P
Acting Interim VP of Finance Su Lee	E	Senior Class President Garrett Gregor-Splaver	P
Chief of Communications Jessica Beisser	P	Senior Class VP William Grugan	P
Chief of Campus Life Evan Rork	P	First Year Class President Robert Mueller	P
University Senator Bruce Goumain	P	First Year Class VP Jule Boudreaux	P
Veteran Students Rep DeAngelo Hunter	P	JTS Rep Joshua Brunnlehrman	P
Diversity and Equity Rep Marie Febrillet	E	International Students Rep Altynbek Tilepbergenov	P
Family & Working Students Rep Gaetan Evina Biloa	P	Dual BA & Joint Program Rep Ann Mizrahi	P
Health and Wellness Rep Allison Darne	P	Alumni Affairs Rep Katherine Zimmerman	P
Students with Disabilities Rep Rachel Papirmeister	P	Community Service & Sustainability Rep Ranni Wekselman	U
Student Services & Academic Affairs Rubaab Poonawla	P	External Events Ashley Tan	E
*Legislative Assistant Maria Monzon	P	*Campus Life Coordinator Lily Penn	P
*Legislative Assistant Savanah Shulkin	E	*Commuter Students Representative Sean Reilly	P
*Policy Coordinator Daniel LaFata	E	*Communications Coordinator Ines Ben Taher	E
*Advisor Sean Trulby		*Advisor Jawad Cipriani	
		Voting Members: 37 / Quorum: → 21 / Total: 25	

D. Adoption of the Current Agenda for October 25th , 2022

- 1. Motion Passes/Fails- **Motion Passes**

E. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes from October 18th, 2022

- 1. Motion Passes/Fails- **Motion Passes**

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. General Remarks
 - a) Round of applause to the Comms Team for the podcast. Especially for Raymond.
 - b) Remember to book 1 on 1 meeting with Emily
2. Vice President of Finance
 - a) Simas has resigned for personal reasons
 - (1) Please feel free to reach out to him if you would like to do so
 - (2) He will be missed and he was a valuable member of GSSC in the past years
 - b) Will be talking about next steps and finding a new VP of Finance later in the evening

B. Policy Committee

1. General Policy Committee Updates
 - a) Working on setting up meetings with Dean Wiggins and other admins from Columbia housing to discuss Columbia Housing and Residential Matters
 - b) Communication meetings with Office of Disability Services
 - c) Meetings with Columbia Health System
 - (1) Specifically thru health advocacy committee
 - (2) CPS, ODS, Columbia Residential
2. Debrief on Meetings with Deans Griffiths and Remedios
 - a) Dean Griffiths
 - (1) Discussed health services and mental health services
 - (2) Offered a triage quiz
 - (a) Allison is working on getting it uploaded
 - (3) Always in communication with her on how to advocate wellness for the student body
 - b) Dean Remedios
 - (1) Laptop Program run by the ARC
 - (2) University Studies for dual BA students
 - (3) Work Study Fair
 - (a) How do you get the work-study job? Where to get information?
 - (b) Descriptions of larger employers for GS students
 - (c) Library system, in-house GS student life, GS Comms, etc all have work positions available
 - c) Meeting with Dean Marvin on Wednesday
 - (1) Hear her opinions about current GS projects
3. Update on Registration Reform Presentation
 - a) Shoutout to Rachel, Rubaab, and Savannah did incredible work on the presentation!
 - b) The PowerPoint turned out phenomenal!
 - (1) Sent it to Bruce to present to Senate.
 - c) Nasser will reach out to the other 3 councils and professors on COI
 - (1) It is important that individuals affected by this can be made aware of.

C. Communications Committee

1. GSSC Owlcast
 - a) Shoutout to Raymond Yoon and Edward Hinson
 - (1) Held many test runs since the start of the semester!

- (2) We will be recording our next podcast this week, we will be having a podcast uploaded each week!
 - (a) Forms to sign up for the podcast will be available in the Newsletter and on Slack!
 - (i) Open to all GS students!
 - (ii) Share the podcast when it comes out
 - 2. Merch presentation by Faith during executive session
 - 3. Instagram Posting + “Quote” + Sizing Charts
 - a) Links will be sent out in email
 - b) Hard Deadline: Due by next meeting!
- D. Finance Committee**
 - 1. F@CU Review (Funding at Columbia University)
 - a) Meeting that all councils and governing boards attend before the start of the Fall semester
 - (1) Helps decide allocations to each of the governing boards
 - (a) Who then allocates it to student groups
 - b) Meeting this Sunday to reassess the meeting and processes of how F@CU operators
 - (1) Both Emily and Su attend
- E. Campus Life Committee**
 - 1. Campus Life Updates
 - a) Snack attacks were a success!!
 - (1) We will be doing snack attacks again during Finals!
 - b) Halloween with GSA at Mel’s this Thursday!
 - (1) Costume contest with prizes
 - (2) Come and show up as many as you can
- F. University Senator**
 - 1. Senator Updates
 - a) The Senate Plenary Meeting happened last Friday
 - (1) We decided to vote positively on the Resolution to Approve the Establishment of the INCITE Institute (From the Education Committee).
 - (2) Incite is a program that will be fully integrated to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and supports a variety of education and training workshops, from research workshops and seminars to the oral history master of the arts program, and summer training programs.
 - (a) Most workshops offered are free and open to the public, and the training programs also offer generous financial support.
 - (3) By voting in favor of the establishment of the Incite program, we are supporting the implementation of accessible and affordable programs at Columbia University that will allow novel conversations among individuals inside and outside of academia, and foster knowledge for innovation and public action within the New York community.
 - (4) It is crucial for us to support the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in their endeavors and evolution just like they have supported the School of General Studies in its own development in the past and in the years to come.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. FLI Network Coat Drive Presentation
 - 1. Requesting a co-sponsorship
 - 2. Nasser: Annual coat drive by FLI, Thank you for doing the amazing initiatives.
 - a) Larger than expected interest

- (1) Requesting a co-sponsorship so GSSC can help them in their endeavor

3. FLI Presentation

- a) Introduction about FLI network
- b) Launched and managed various projects that help empower the increasing number of FLI community members on campus
 - (1) Past Project: 1st generation incoming students welcome party
- c) One of the most costly projects that require the most resources is the FLI coat drive
 - (1) Last Year: 80 Requests. This year: 158 requests. (Twice as much)
 - (a) 93.6% of students have not received a coat.
 - (2) A lot of students have gotten rejected for funds to buy coats from admin
 - (3) Have gotten co-sponsorship from CCSC
- d) Budget (158 students * \$60/Coat Total \$9639)
 - (1) \$5000 from CCSC
 - (2) \$2500 from FLI Net's Allocation
 - (3) \$700 from SGB co-sponsorship
 - (4) \$500 From Multicultural Affairs
 - (5) **Requesting \$1,100 from GSSC**
- e) Questions
 - (1) Emily: What do you plan on doing if the multicultural affairs sponsorship does not come through?
 - (a) We're in the works of applying for the joint council funds, and if it doesn't work, we will have to start cutting out students
 - (b) Hoping to at least meet the demands of students who have not gotten a coat last year
 - (2) Evan: What is the precise cost of coat?
 - (a) \$62.3 for women, \$54 for men
 - (b) We get them from amazon
 - (3) Maya: do you have a breakdown of gender for the coats
 - (a) Will share excel chart with all the info of gender and size
 - (4) Jule: What are you using as a source of getting information out?
 - (a) Active Instagram for FLI
 - (b) Sends out info in FLI newsletter
 - (c) We had a GS-specific newsletter
 - (d) Emily: we do have a smaller school than CC so that explains part of the difference in request
 - (e) Nasser: Allison has stepped into the role of GS rep on FLI network

B. First Year Hex & Co Game Night

- 1. Presented by Jule
- 2. Proposed date Nov 17, 2022
- 3. Allows first years to get to know each other and their reps better
- 4. \$10 per person to cover the event
- 5. There will be
 - a) Games
 - b) Food and Drinks included
 - (1) Different dietary options available

- (2) Alcohol will not be provided but can be bought individually
- 6. Total Budget \$2376
 - a) Breakdown:
 - (1) Renting the space: \$1500
 - (2) Food: \$480
 - (3) Gratuity: \$396
 - b) Budget request from GSSC:
 - (1) **Requesting \$1976 from GSSC Campus Life budget**
 - (2) First year will undertake \$400
 - (3) Last \$400 will be from tickets
- 7. Faith: Is the ticket first class exclusive?
 - a) Jule: Other classes are welcome to come,
 - b) GSSC members should come and help too
- 8. **Motion to allocate \$1976 for Hex & Co Game Night**
 - a) **Passes Unanimously**

C. Survey

- 1. Policy Team working on credit tuition cap project
 - a) One of next steps GSSC needs to do is put out a short survey to gain some useful statistical data
- 2. Would like to ensure that this survey does well - needs a high response rate to be convincing for admin
- 3. Prefer to add incentives to the survey
 - a) Buy insomnia cookies
 - (1) Proof of filling out survey → free cookie
 - b) Having the idea of entering students into a raffle for a free Gala Ticket
- 4. Details on the survey will be presented in Executive Session
- 5. **Motion to allow acting VP of Finance and Emily to pull a discretionary \$500 from GSSC Funds: Motion Passes**
 - a) Might not spend it all, might spend more than that - general estimate for now

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

- A. No Updates

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. Evan: What is the status of the subcommittee of Latin Diplomas?

- 1. Did we vote on it?
- 2. Emily: we have not voted on it yet, we are waiting on information from the Deans, they are aware of it
 - a) There are fluctuations in the subcommittee and we can talk about reopening it
 - b) We meet with the Deans on Friday and it will be part of our agenda

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. No Comments

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