

GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 1st, 8:15 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *General Studies Student Council of Columbia University* will hold a **REGULAR** meeting on **November 1st, 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	E
VP of Campus Life Maya Platek	P	Social Media Representative Faith Grady	P
Chief of Policy Kyle Gordon	P	*Outreach Associate Haya Fine	P
Acting Interim VP of Finance Su Lee	P	Senior Class President Garrett Gregor-Splaver	P
Chief of Communications Jessica Beisser	P	Senior Class VP William Grugan	E
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	U	International Students Rep Altynbek Tilepbergenov	P
Family & Working Students Rep Gaetan Evina Biloa	E	Dual BA & Joint Program Rep Ann Mizrahi	P
Health and Wellness Rep Allison Darne	E	Alumni Affairs Rep Katherine Zimmerman	P
Students with Disabilities Rep Rachel Papirmeister	P	Community Service & Sustainability Rep Ranni Wekselman	E
Student Services & Academic Affairs Rubaab Poonawla	P	External Events Ashley Tan	P
*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	P	*Communications Coordinator Ines Ben Taher	P
*Advisor Sean Trulby		*Advisor Jawad Cipriani	
		Voting Members: 37 / Quorum: → 21 / Total: 24	

D. Adoption of the Current Agenda for November 1st , 2022

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

E. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes from October 25th, 2022

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

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. General Remarks
 - a) Welcome
 - b) Big thank you to the Campus Life, GS alliance, and Comms for the Halloween party - it was a huge success!
2. Vice President of Finance
 - a) New Nominee will be speaking in new business
 - b) Voting during executive session

B. Policy Committee

1. Update on Meetings with Deans Marvin and Delva
 - a) Met with them this last week
 - b) Presented the course search project
 - (1) Both seemed excited about it and gave some advice for the next steps
 - c) Will continue to meet with them and keep them updated
2. Course Search Project Update
 - a) Reaching out to other councils
 - b) People are excited about the better system
 - c) ESG, SGA - presentations coming up soon/waiting on CCSC's response

C. Communications Committee

1. Podcast Episode One Release this week featuring Su
2. Contact Faith with missing information
 - a) Faith has directly messaged everyone who's missing material
 - b) PLEASE RESPOND - If not comfortable with being online, please contact Cat

D. Finance Committee

1. F@CU Meeting on Sunday
 - a) Mostly touched on internal processing for governing boards for next year

E. Campus Life Committee

1. Campus Life Updates
 - a) Halloween was a HUGE success
 - b) Some exciting smaller events are planned for the next few weeks till the end of the semester
 - (1) Freshmen Hex&Co event on November 17th
 - (2) Clothing swap in December
 - (3) International Students event
 - (a) Presentation in New Business
 - (4) Alumni events
 - (5) Self-Care events

F. University Senator

1. No updates

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. VP of Finance Nominee Presentation

1. Jennifer:
 - a) Third-year psychology student with an intended concentration in business management
 - b) Has helped run businesses in culinary, media and real estate
 - c) Worked with previous organizations to manage donations
 - d) Helped run an NGO in Nigeria
 - (1) Was in charge of regional finance team

- e) Worked in Joint Venture and Real Estate in raising capital
- f) Worked with model United Nations as head of UNICEF
- g) High-level excel skills!
- h) Applying because she wants to help the average GS student
- i) Goals:
 - (1) Catch up with the rest of the finance committee and learn their previous goals
 - (2) Wants to let people know more about GSSC
 - (a) Work with Comms team where GSSC shares what they've accomplished
 - (3) Impact Track
 - (4) Encourage new initiatives and collaboration in the Finance Committee
 - (a) Especially interested in the Gala

2. Voting in Executive Session

B. Thanksgiving Dinner

1. **Campus Life Committee asking for \$2000 to host annual Thanksgiving dinner**

- a) #1 Traditional Roasted Turkey Dinner
 - (1) 1 qt of Gravy
 - (2) 2 lbs of stuffing
 - (3) 1 pt Cranberry Sauce
 - (4) 3 lbs Steamed Vegetables
 - (5) 4 lbs Mashed potatoes or Mashed Sweet Potatoes
 - (6) 1 choice of pie
- b) Send pie requests
- c) Questions:
 - (1) Rachel: Will there be Mac'n Cheese?
 - (a) No

2. Will be held on Thanksgiving

3. **Motion to allocate \$2000 to host annual Thanksgiving dinner- Motion Passes**

C. Senior Sweater Subsidies

- 1. Seniors have the option to buy a sweater with the year they're graduating on it
- 2. Opened up for sale on the 31st of October
- 3. GSSC usually offers to subsidize for people who need it
 - a) At CC, there's a subsidy for 50 of them at half price
- 4. Asking for \$1662.50 from the Senior Class budget to subsidize senior class sweaters
- 5. Questions
 - a) Faith: Is tax included? Should we round it?
 - (1) Garrett: We are planning on using an identical budget to CC's
 - b) Jessica: When will the subsidized form come out?
 - (1) Form has already gone out, there is space to fill out the need for a subsidy on there
- 6. Decided to raise for tax
- 7. **Motion to allocate \$1811 from Senior Class budget**
 - a) **Motion Passes**

D. International Student Event

- 1. November 21st hosting International Students Day
 - a) Called the "Taste of Home"
 - b) GS Lounge at 6 pm
- 2. Having traditional national cuisines from all over the world
 - a) Division by continent for logistical reasons

- b) Want to get international students together while also being able to share their own cultures with everyone
 - c) Get students to come in cultural clothes - pretty informal and casual
 - 3. Asking for \$2100 for the event
 - a) Expecting about 60 people
 - b) Is not just for international students
 - c) Same amount was allocated last year for a similar event
 - d) Contacting the vendors starting Friday
 - 4. **Motion to allocate \$2100 from Campus Committee Budget for International Students Event**
 - a) **Motion Passes/Fails- PASSES**
- E. Senior Night @ Mel's
 - 1. Sent out form on Friday for the event asking people to fill out preferred hours
 - 2. Chris from Mel's will be reinstituting Senior Friday Nights
 - 3. Expected to start on the 4th of November

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

- A. None

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. None

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. None

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