

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. Call To Order

B. 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 Jennifer Odum	P	Chief Negotiator	
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	P	*Outreach Associate Haya Fine	E
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	P
Chief of Campus Life Evan Rork	P	First Year Class President Robert Mueller	P
University Senator Bruce Goumain	E	First Year Class VP Jule Boudreaux	P
Veteran Students Rep DeAngelo Hunter	P	JTS Rep Joshua Brunnlehrman	P
Diversity and Equity Rep Marie Febrillet	P	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	E	Community Service & Sustainability Rep Ranni Wekselman	E
Student Services & Academic Affairs Rubaab Poonawla	E	External Events Ashley Tan	E
*Legislative Assistant Maria Monzon	E	*Campus Life Coordinator Lily Penn	P
*Legislative Assistant Savanah Shulkin	P	*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	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for November 15th, 2022

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

D. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes from November 1st, 2022

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

II. REPORTS

A. President

1. General Remarks
 - a) Welcome Remarks
 - b) Various Updates
 - (1) New VP of Finance - Jennifer Odum
 - (2) Keep signing up for 1-on-1 meetings

B. Policy Committee

1. House Meeting
 - a) Alison, Rubaab, and Nasser meeting with columbia housing trying to get sublet over the summer
 - b) Continue working on credit cap, housing, etc.
2. Course Search Presentation Updates
 - a) Project is moving forwards - presented to CCSC on Friday with Bruce
 - b) Presented to SEAS student council today
 - c) Meeting with SGA, Barnard next monday
3. PDF Deadline Update
 - a) Talked to CCSC VP of Policy to move PDF deadline to the last day of classes
 - (1) Currently drafting statement, possible new deadline 12/12 if approved

C. Communications Committee

1. Podcast Shoutout
 - a) Evan, DeAngelo, Rebekah
 - b) Robert and Jule
 - (1) Posting will be coming out the following week
2. GSSC Health Resources Self-Triage Tool
 - a) Quick quiz that directs all students to the most applicable source of assistance in accordance with their personalized situations.
 - (1) Approved by Dean Griffith
 - (2) Shoutout to Allison

D. Finance Committee

1. **Joint Council Finance Committee Co-Sponsorship Updates**
 - a) Co-Sponsorship fund
 - (1) Columbia Women and Medicine- Gala, inviting medical propositionist to talk. (Approved)
 - (2) RAAS-funded to buy costumes
 - (3) Students for health education access and literacy (Approved partly)
 - (4) Multicultural Greek Society

E. Campus Life Committee

1. Campus Challenges
 - a) Kat will be presenting in Executive sessions for more details
2. Tree lighting
 - a) December 1st - 4 school event : we are looking for volunteers
 - (1) Forms will be sent out soon - 15 people should be available across all councils
 - (2) GS will be working on merchandise and food booth
3. Hex&Co
 - a) Happening this Thursday for 1st year students!
 - b) Food and Games will be provided
4. Thanksgiving

- a) Thanksgiving Lunch on thursday (week of thanksgiving) in the GS lounge
- 5. International Day Event
 - a) Next Monday at 6PM in the GS Lounge - everyone is welcome
- 6. First GS seniors night @Mel's this Friday
 - a) Come and Join

F. University Senator

- 1. No updates

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 1st alumni coffee chat
 - 1. Potential Date: December 5th
 - 2. 4:30-6:00 pm at GS lounge
- B. Campus Challenges
 - 1. Presented by Kat Zimmermann
 - a) Minute-to-win-it style - 10+ students can compete
 - b) Comms Team will be producing a youtube video and promoting real time on Instagram
 - c) December 12, 2022 during lunch time, all over campus
 - d) Why? To break up the monotony of studying
 - 2. Motion to allocate \$250 for the Campus Challenges Event - **PASSES**
 - a) 10 x \$15 gift cards
 - b) General supplies
 - 3. Questions
 - a) Jennifer: what is the extra budget for?
 - (1) \$150 for gift cards
 - (2) Remaining for event
 - b) Faith: How to tell if they are GS students
 - (1) Hopefully it can be promoted to Comms, and we'll try our best to keep it to GS only as they engage
- C. Metro Card during Finals
 - 1. Originally planned for midterms,
 - 2. Focus on 7 days during the final period
 - 3. For 100 students in GS
 - 4. Allocate \$4400 or \$2200 for this program
 - 5. Emily: Last year, 50 passes were offered for 60 request, therefore it does not have to be 100
 - 6. Questions
 - a) Nasser: can the extras get carried over? What is the expiration date?
 - (1) Yes it can, it normally does not expire for a few years
 - b) Kat: do we have a count of how many commuter students there are
 - (1) A lot, we count commuters even if they are from downtown
 - c) Kat: Have you ever taken into the consideration of the switch of Omnicaards and the potential of it getting phased out, just don't want to waste money on too much allocated
 - d) Jessica: how will validate if they are a commuter?
 - (1) It will be submitted through a form similar to subsidy form
 - 7. Motion to allocate \$2200+processing fee for 50 16-trip metrocards - **PASSES**

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. Liam: Come to senior night at Mel's

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 Updates

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