

GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 4th, 8:15PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *General Studies Student Council of Columbia University* will hold a *REGULAR* meeting on **October 4th, 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 Simas Chacar-Palubinskas	P	Chief Negotiator Jennifer Odum	P
VP of Communications Catherine Sun	P	Technology Chair Raymond Yoon	P
VP of Campus Life Maya Platek	E	Social Media Representative Faith Grady	P
Chief of Policy Kyle Gordon	P	*Outreach Associate Haya Fine	E
Chief of Finance Su Lee	P	Senior Class President Garrett Gregor-Splaver	P
Chief of Communications Jessica Beisser	P	Senior Class VP William Grugam	T
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		JTS Rep Joshua Brunnlehrman	E
Diversity and Equity Rep Marie Febrillet	P	International Students Rep	
Family & Working Students Rep		Dual BA & Joint Program Rep Ann Mizrahi	E
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	P	External Events	
*Legislative Assistant Maria Monzon	P	*Campus Life Coordinator Lily Penn	E
*Legislative Assistant Savanah Shulkin	P	*Commuter Students Representative Sean Reilly	T
*Policy Coordinator Daniel LaFata	P		
*Advisor Sean Trulby		*Advisor Jawad Cipriani	
		Voting Members: 26 / Quorum: → 18 / Total: 22	

C. Adoption of the Current Agenda for October 4th , 2022

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

D. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes from September 27th, 2022

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II. REPORTS

A. President

1. General Remarks
 - a) Many Council members are excused today for Yom Kippur
2. Open Positions
 - a) 3 open positions
 - (1) Veteran Students Representative
 - (2) Family and Working students Representative
 - (3) International Students Representative
 - b) Applications Due Thursday at midnight

B. Policy Committee

1. New Policy Initiatives
 - a) Met one-on-one with the new Committee Members
 - b) Course search, Vergil improvements
 - c) Credit Cap
 - (1) Lower tuition credit cap from 17 to 15
 - (2) Will bring up in the monthly Deans meeting
 - d) Daniel and Rubaab will be working to improve University Studies for students
 - e) Laptop rental program currently exists in Columbia, we will work to expand the program and make it more well-known
 - f) Residential housing improvements
 - (1) Getting photographs of apartments to put on the housing portal
 - (2) Updating and getting more units available
 - (3) Expanding subletting permission over the summer
 - g) Mental health freebies initiatives
 - (1) ODS, CPS, and other program resources
 - h) More updates coming soon, please be in touch with Nasser if you have new ideas.
 - i) Meeting with the Deans
 - (1) One-on-one with Dean Rogers (Dean of GS finance): credit cap, columbia dining, financial aid
 - (2) One on one with Dean Marvin: academic policies, pdf, interacting with columbia college, class availability, such as core class
 - (3) One on one with Dean Delva: student services, orientation, academic advisors, mental health, cps, etc.
 - (4) One on one with Amber Griffith: health and wellness
 - (5) One on one with Dean Remedios: ARC, low income, academic resources.
2. GSSC Office Hours Announcement and Sign-Ups
 - a) Will be scheduled for the rest of the year, shoutout to Maya for helping
 - b) Mainly focused on Campus life and Policy Committee
 - c) Tuesday 9am-10am in the GS Lounge
 - d) Sign up sheet available will be sent out in Slack
 - (1) Encouragement for everyone to sign up for one slot throughout the year

C. Communications Committee

1. Instagram Posting + “Quote”
 - a) Thank you for the website blurbs + pictures!
 - (1) If you haven’t sent it yet – get it in by tonight
 - (2) We will be posting an Intro of our Members on Instagram

- (a) Please send in a quote!
 - (b) Feel free to send an alternative photo
 - (3) Decided to use Harry Potter color themes.
 - 2. GSSC Podcast Announcement
 - a) Raymond will be presenting on the GSSC Podcast during Executive Session
- D. Finance Committee**
 - 1. Had office hours yesterday in the GS Lounge
 - a) Moving forward, will aim to do a 1:1 scheduling
 - 2. Joint Council Finance Committee Meeting for the first time this week
 - a) This committee is all 4 undergrad VP's of Finance
 - b) \$15,000 to the Chinese Student Association for the night market
 - c) The joint council co-sponsorship application is live!
 - (1) Simas isn't the chair right now, but is happy to help with these forms
 - 3. How to request an FTF?
 - a) During the executive session
- E. Campus Life Committee**
 - 1. Halloween Co-Sponsorship with GSA
 - 2. Spirit Week for Homecoming
 - a) Monday- PJ day
 - b) Tuesday- Iconic duo day
 - c) Wednesday- White lies day
 - d) Thursday - Red Flag Day
 - e) Friday - TBA
 - (1) Other schools are doing Class Colors so GS is TBD
 - f) Competition with possible prizes
 - 3. Alumni Mixer -
 - 4. Dodgeball tournament (in the next 2 months)
 - a) 4 teams of 15
 - b) Ice cream social after
 - 5. Mario Kart Event
 - a) October 10
 - b) Location is Pending
 - 6. Midterm Snack Attacks are coming soon! We have been working with Vendors
 - a) Schedule to be finalized
- F. University Senator**
 - 1. No Updates

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. GS Alliance Co-Sponsorship
 - 1. Will be voted in the executive session
 - 2. Davey: VP of GSA, GSA is an LGBTQ club that is ran by GS students.
 - a) Proposal is focused on the Halloween party that we plan to collaborate with GSSC
 - b) Costume party with 2 drink tickets and appetizers
 - (1) Costume contest!
 - (2) No specific theme so people can dress in whatever costume they want
 - (3) Winners based on popular vote
 - (a) Google form using UNI for anonymous voting
 - (b) Winners announced at 9:30 PM
 - c) Tentative date: October 27 @ 7-10PM (the Thursday before Halloween)
 - d) Location: Mel's Burger Bar

- e) Capacity: 200 people from GS
 - f) Budget estimation: \$7,200 for the venue, \$300 for decor = \$7,500 total
 - (1) \$250 for the winner
 - (2) \$150 for runner up
 - (3) \$100 for 3rd place
 - (4) GSA will cover contest and prizes (\$500 total)
 - (5) Possible visa gift cards?
 - g) Entry tickets: \$7/person
 - (1) Eventbrite
 - (2) Donating to a specific charity determined by GSSC and GSA
 - (3) GSA Sponsored tickets: Free waived tickets to students who are eligible, reach out if needed!
 - h) Ask GSSC: \$7500 to cover the venue
 - (1) Also to advise on the how-to for prizes (would like to do Visa gift cards)
 - (2) GSA will handle all affairs, but members of GSSC are allowed to/encouraged to help out if they'd like!
 - (3) Reach out to GSSC communication team for promotions
 - (4) Decide ticketing platforms and charity donations
 - i) Promotion:
 - (1) Begin promotion on Monday, Oct 10
 - (2) Tickets on sale Oct 14-26
 - (3) Types of promotions
 - (a) Include in the GSA newsletters with a note its a GS only event
 - (b) Posters
 - (c) Instagram posts
3. Simas: Student organizations can only do tickets through EventBrite
- a) Emily: Eventbrite is the preferred choice, organizations are allowed to eat the fees rather than passing the fee onto students. GS Student Life will handle subsidy forms for Sponsored Tickets

B. Midterm MetroCards for Commuters

- 1. Sean: Metrocard numbers presentation (excel sheets)
 - a) Midterms are coming up/started. The excel sheets present the type of trips and prices.
 - b) Open application Thursday, close application next Tuesday
 - c) If we reach the maximum allotted for weekly, we can drop down to the 8/16 trip passes
 - d) More accessible in the short term if you try the weekly pass.
 - e) Cat: Just to clarify, this is for commuters only right?
 - (1) Yes
- 2. **Motion: Allocating 50 weekly passes for \$1650**
 - a) **Motion Passes**

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. Su: Is the Podcast going on?

1. Emily: the comms team will update in the executive session.

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)

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