



GENERAL BODY MEETING

*7th of October, 2025***I. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a. Call to order
- b. Roll Call

Officer	Status
*President Oscar Wolfe	P
VP of Policy Nora Zhu	P
VP of Finance Irene Souny Bihr	P
VP of Communications Maeve Sheehan	P
VP of Campus Life Chaya Droznik	E
Chief Policy Representative Gavin Xue	P
Chief Finance Representative Paul Audoin	P
Chief Communications Representative Laila Shai	P
Chief Campus Life Representative William Luo	E
Academic Affairs Representative Anand Shukla-Parekh	P
Alumni Affairs Representative Neomi Li Simoni	P
Commuting Students Representative Dominic Hardy	A
Diversity and Equity Representative Ishan Feisal	P
FGLI and Working Students Representative Jolee Cobb	P
Health and Wellness Representative Sophia Wen	P
Student Services Representative Joseph Byrne	P
Students with Disabilities Representative Maria Neagu	A
Students with Families Representative Cybel Emmanuel	P
Policy Coordinator Beah Avila	P
Policy Coordinator Aaron Green	P
Policy Coordinator Erik Rogel	P
International Students Representative Apolline Ancel	P
Treasurer Brian Luna	P

Officer	Status
Internal Finance Chair Bianca Sallusti	E
Finance Coordinator Venska Pongoh	P
Social Media Representative Heewon Jang	P
Technology Chair Adriana Podokshik	P
Content Coordinator Luiza Guimaraes	P
Content Coordinator Nichakul Punnahitanon (Nicky)	E
Communications Coordinator Sophia Ho	E
Communications Coordinator Talia Ofek	P
Senior Class President Aleigh Alarie	P
Senior Class Vice President Jeanne Fontaine	P
First Year Class President J. Stephane Kakou	P
First Year Class Vice President Mai First	E
CityUHK Dual Degree Representative Angel Liu	P
JTS Dual Degree Representative Jake Resnick	P
SciencesPo Dual BA Representative Jana Abdelhafez	P
Tel Aviv University Dual Degree Representative Gabriella Jacobs	E
Trinity College Dublin Dual BA Representative Carina Rudolph-Math	P
Transfer Student Representative Benjamin Kuleshov	P
Veteran Students Representative Micaella Lavi	E
Career Advancement and Networking Chair Hannah Hasangwangmu	P
Campus Life Coordinator Emily Oo	P
University Senator Robert Mulvey	P
Quorum → 29	TOTAL 36



C. Adoption of Last Week's Minutes

1. Motion **Passes**/Fails

D. Adoption of the Current Agenda

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II. REPORTS

A. President

- One-on-ones are going really well, if you haven't signed up for one please make sure to do so soon.
- Surveys:
 - (1) if you can do your event without a survey, please do, students don't want surveys - not to say that there would never be a need for one, but try to avoid it.
- Co-sponsorship
 - (1) During co-sponsorship business we will have the guest give the presentation, then the discussion will be in executive session.

B. Policy

- Great committee meeting and excitement for the year.
- No need to use points of privilege, if you want to fill up a water bottle, use the bathroom, etc, feel free to just go.

C. Finance

D. Communications

- In this week's newsletter there will be a form for advertisement on the newsletter - please use it.

E. Campus Life

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resident Advisors Co-Sponsorship Request

- Presented by the RAs
 - (1) supporting students from GS.
- Event details
 - (1) An annual game.
 - (2) Community building.
 - (3) Not too expensive.
- Request:
 - (1) 2,047\$, while 623\$ will be allocated from the RAs office.
 - (2) Would like subsidized tickets for students of GS.



B. Columbia Queer Business Society Co-Sponsorship Request

- Event
 - (1) Pizza in Sakura park
 - (2) The biggest event of the club this semester.
- Details about the club
 - (1) **Purpose:** Support & uplift LGBTQ community in Columbia, Provide a space for students to get involved.
 - (2) Founded last year, primarily GS.
 - (3) 58% of the club are GS, 100% GS E-board.
 - (4) Strong alumni relations that could benefit GS.
- Request
 - (1) 200\$, keeping costs down.
- Questions from the board
 - (1) **Oscar:** Are you a known group? Do you have your own budget? **Answer:** Some donations. Not much funding.
 - (2) **Jolee:** What other schools are we talking about? **Answer:** A bit of CC, some grad, mostly GS.
 - (3) **Hannah:** What is the alumni connection for this group? **Answer:** Mentorship program, there are alumni of Columbia that support the club from before covid, financial support.
 - (4) **Appoline:** Are there vegan options? **Answer:** The pizza place is nearby and customizable.
 - (5) **Ben:** Is the pizza also gluten free? **Answer:** There will be a form for dietary restrictions.

C. Jake Coffee Event

- Goal is to give out coffee in GS lounge
- Already has materials. Requesting 150\$ total
- Needs coffee beans, cups, milks, Ice, Styrofoam ice colder thing, Sugar
- Date TBD (possible this monday from 8am)
- Motion to allocate the money: **PASSES**

D. First Year Kick-off Picnic Event Proposal

- Activities
 - (1) Wear Columbia merch - good photos.
 - (2) Ice breakers
 - (3) Lawn games
 - (4) Playlists
 - (5) Team activities



- Purpose:
 - (1) Reunion after orientation.
- Date and location:
 - (1) Saturday, Oct. 18.
 - (2) 3pm.
 - (3) Lewisohn lawn.
- Request
 - (1) 800\$ for refreshments and the lawn - not sure about the price, probably some public safety fees, allocated from the 1st year budget.
- Questions from the board
 - (1) **Oscar:** The lawn cost might be a lot bigger, maybe in the thousands.
 - (2) **Maev:** The date is near homecoming and family weekend - people might not be free.
 - (3) **Laila:** These activities seem to need volunteers, have you considered the facilitation of the event? **Answer:** Might need volunteers, not sure yet. If Lewisohn is not available they will need volunteers.
 - (4) Request for advice about a better date.
 - (5) **Aleigh:** How did you get to the number of participants you expected? **Answer:** What is the normal amount of people? **Aleigh:** About 20 people came to the senior picnic. **Jolee:** About 30% of the people that signed up will come.
- Motion to table the proposal: **PASSES.**

E. MetroCard Program Funding

- Purpose
 - (1) The course is already laid out and has been done before, we know it works and that it will work again.
 - (2) Metro cards are gradually being phased out, this year it should be fine but for the next year we're not sure.
- Request and budget
 - (1) \$5000 for this semester - comes from policy initiative line item
 - (2) Last year had highest funding (\$10000 year round), we want that funding to be matched
- Questions from the board
 - (1) **Anad:** Why not start with omni cards? **Answer:** Conversations are happening, still not sure about that.



- (2) **Jolee:** metro cards give weekly passes. **Answer:** There is a set amount, so we will buy a certain amount, limited. What we purchased last year was 50\$ worth of swipes.
 - (3) **Anad:** Metro cards stop at some time. **Answer:** it is easier to distribute metro cards, still looking into omni as well.
 - (4) **Jolee:** is the application only chosen once? **Answer:** Fair distribution is an important question, 2 years ago people needed to explain why they needed the card which is inappropriate. Last year it was changed and it was outsourced to administration who worked on a first come first serve basis, which is also problematic. Can we create a semi-independent body whose sole purpose is to choose? Now just looking for the money to start buying the tickets.
 - (5) **Venska:** based on experience, you receive 2 cards for less than the money you need for a week. **Adriana:** New York high schools also have a similar program. **Answer:** There are talks of this sort currently all through the university.
 - (6) **Robert:** Is there a conversation about the numbers? there will be a 10 cent fair hike. **Answer:** Not sure yet what the bar is at the moment.
- Motion for metrocard funding: **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.

Aleigh

- Looking for volunteers for next thursday evening from 8-11, for the lerner pub event for the senior class.
- Looking for volunteers for tomorrow at 10 - highly recommended!

Appoline

- Palumba: mobile app, tinder for politics - if you can send it to fellow students it would be great, mainly for students that would like to learn about local politics.



GSSC

Stephan

- If you have any questions or comments about the first year picnic please contact Stephan or Mai.

Ben

- If anyone knows good spots for picnics, please reach out.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

This segment of the meeting is reserved for non-Council members to address the General Studies Student Council on any matter of concern. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker shall be observed. The Council will not take any action during this time. Council members will not respond to public comment at this time, however an executive board member may reach out to commenters after this meeting for follow up.

- Jake's coffee:
 - (1) 8:30 on Mondays.
 - (2) All events will be posted, but it all depends on finance.
- **Samantha and Pedro**, Spectator reporters for council, here to represent GS. If you have any questions or would like to speak with them, they will be in the weekly meeting.

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