



GENERAL BODY MEETING

*11th of November, 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 Bihir	P
VP of Communications Maeve Sheehan	P
VP of Campus Life Chaya Droznik	P
Chief Policy Representative Gavin Xue	P
Chief Finance Representative Paul Audoin	P
Chief Communications Representative Laila Shai	P
Chief Campus Life Representative William Luo	P
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	P
Students with Families Representative Cybel Emmanuel	P
Policy Coordinator Beah Avila	E
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	P
Finance Coordinator Venska Pongoh	E
Social Media Representative Heewon Jang	E
Technology Chair Adriana Podokshik	P
Content Coordinator Luiza Guimaraes	P
Content Coordinator Nichakul Punnahitanon (Nicky)	P
Communications Coordinator Sophia Ho	P
Communications Coordinator Talia Ofek	P
Senior Class President Aleigh Alarie	P
Senior Class Vice President Jeanne Fontaine	A
First Year Class President J. Stephane Kakou	P
First Year Class Vice President Mai First	P
CityUHK Dual Degree Representative Angel Liu	P
JTS Dual Degree Representative Jake Resnick	P
SciencesPo Dual BA Representative Jana Abdelhafez	A
Tel Aviv University Dual Degree Representative Gabriella Jacobs	P
Trinity College Dublin Dual BA Representative Carina Rudolph-Math	P
Transfer Student Representative Benjamin Kuleshov	P
Veteran Students Representative Micaella Lavi	P
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

1. Motion Passes/**Fails**
2. Motion to remove the linkedin event from the current agenda.
3. Motion **Passes**.

II. REPORTS

A. President

The travel fund allocation is very exciting for tonight, hopefully will pass and continue on.
In regards to the metro card applications, there was an extremely strong reaction right away, with about 200 applications right away.

B. Policy

1. Shout out to Policy committee
 - a. Metrocard program was launched—over 500 applications were received.
 - b. Alumni task force—many on GSSC are part of it.
 - c. Pilot projects—shout out to Eric and everyone working on that, stipends will soon be rolling out.

C. Finance

D. Communications

We posted a veterans day video, reposted by the main Columbia account.

E. Campus Life

- a. Halloween Event and Snack Attacks shout-out!
- b. Snack Attacks during finals...

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Spring MetroCard Allocation - Nicky

- a. We have received around 500 applications, which is very successful.
- b. Motion to allocate \$5,000
- c. Discussion:
 - i. Robert: Will there be for spring semester? **A**: Probably yes. For this semester, we have gathered around 500 applications, which is something very valuable and can be used to advocate for the long-term version of this program.
 - ii. Chaya: This program is worthy.
- d. Motion: **PASSES**

B. GSSC Travel Fund Allocation

- a. a precedent last year - mock trial team when they wanted to travel to a tournament



- i. CC kids got compensated but GS students not eligible for Dean's Travel Fund
 - b. this makes process more straightforward
 - c. operated by VP of Finance and Finance Committee
 - d. up to \$250 for Columbia-affiliated travel
 - e. Motion to allocate \$5,000 for GSSC Travel Fund from Pilot Fund
 - f. Does it have to be with student groups?
 - i. Oscar: no, anything connected with columbia
 - g. Irene: people need to be aware; will full 5k be given out, we'll see but definitely demand exists
 - h. How did we get \$250?
 - i. Oscar: based off other school allocations, also what's in the bylaws
 - i. Motion: **PASSES**
- C. International Dinner & Cultural Fair - Laila
 - 1. Friendsgiving dinner.
 - 2. Details:
 - a. Different foods.
 - b. Activities that foster community.
 - c. No tickets needed.
 - 3. Logistics:
 - a. Thursday, Nov. 20th.
 - b. 6-8:30pm.
 - c. GS lounge.
 - 4. Budget breakdown:
 - a. Expecting 150 people.
 - b. Food: 2,200.
 - c. 3,550 including activities.
 - 5. Volunteers:
 - a. Gs volunteers will talk about their food and their families.
 - 6. motion:
 - a. Motion to allocate 3,550 dollars from the student event budget line item.
 - 7. Discussion:
 - a. Chaya: Every year GSSC holds a thanksgiving event for students that won't go home. Many of the attending are international students.
 - b. Irene: Last year 2,500 were allocated towards it, and this year there will be more activities.



- c. Chaya: In the spring there was a similar event, the money wasn't enough because a lot of people came, probably more than 150 people.
- d. Luiza: Because of the political climate a lot of students plan to stay in New York.
- e. Aaron: Where did the estimate for the money come from? This is two events in one, thanksgiving and international dinner, a lot of people will come.
- f. Ben: Where are the turkeys being ordered from? It will be pre-made pre-cut turkey.
- g. Ben: Should we get a turkey that isn't pre-cut? We can buy a plastic one.
- h. Jolee: This is a week away and we don't have vendors secure yet? Only the turkey isn't secure, we have time. Shouldn't be an issue.
- i. Motion **PASSES**.

IV. STANDING BUSINESS

V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR - Laila

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.

Ben:

The dues for the ski club are higher this year because of policy updates that don't seem reasonable
Will:

The milvets are gonna host a toy drive from next week till the first year of december, it will be great if you can spread the word.

Aleigh:

This thursday at 8pm the gsa has an event for the food pantry, we made 20 meal kits, we will be assembling them together, please come join, we will eat shakshuka

Robert:

Ticket link for the basketball game will be released on the 19th on the RAs newsletter.

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



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to public comment at this time, however an executive board member may reach out to commenters after this meeting for follow up.

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