



GENERAL BODY MEETING

*18th 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 Bihr	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	E
Students with Disabilities Representative Maria Neagu	P
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	P
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)	P
Communications Coordinator Sophia Ho	P
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	P
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	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	E
Campus Life Coordinator Emily Oo	P
University Senator Robert Mulvey	A
Quorum → 29	TOTAL 38



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 - Laila

1. Metro card applications:

- a. The applications are now closed.
- b. We are now disaggregating the names.
- c. The information will be passed to the stakeholder committee soon.
- d. We are in the process of building the plan for the spring.

2. Travel fund:

- a. We already voted to allocate the money.
- b. Approvements from administration should be soon.

3. Research

- a. Based on meetings with administration, it may be better for us to supplement the programs the administration already has. These are live programs, we now know what this looks like.
- b. This is something that we can potentially see this semester, but our approval line is much easier.

4. Alumni mentorship:

- a. We had our first meeting of the alumni taskforce, the recruiting process has started.
- b. We would like to release an application to GS students by spring.
- c. Even if you're not on the taskforce, please send this application to whoever you think is relevant, the more alumni we have, the more students can participate.

5. Internship stipends:

- a. There has been great work on this from our policy committee, our next step is to work with administration and get it approved.
- b. Thank you to our Policy Coordinator Erik Rogel for working on this.

6. If you have any questions about any of these programs and would like to get involved, please let Oscar know.

7. Thank you to Nora and Maeve for taking GSSC headshots.

8. I may be opening another link for personal meetings, either before the end of this semester or early spring.



9. If you would like to have a meeting with Oscar either way please let me know.
- B. Policy
 1. Shout out to policy.
 2. Sent a doodle for people who weren't able to take headshots on Sunday. This doodle is separate from Maeve's doodle, so please fill out the doodle asap.
- C. Finance
 - a. Will be sending committee meeting emails soon to meet up with Irene and ask questions about finance committee
- D. Communications
 1. The photos from the headshot shoot are in the resource folder, you are more than welcome to put pictures in the editing folder.
 2. Please let us know if you cannot come to the meetings 48 hours in advance, and don't forget to email your VP, Oscar and Maeve.
 3. There will be no meeting next week.
 4. We want to plan a full council bonding, probably early next semester, not an obligation, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know. This will probably be put on the agenda for our next meeting.
- E. Campus Life
 - a. Shout out to Apolline and Angel for International Friendsgiving which will take place this Thursday 6:00-8:30 pm at GS lounge. All are welcome!
 - b. Tree lighting on the last Thursday of classes (Dec 4) around 7 pm. There will be emails regarding the information about this event sent soon. There will be a march, snacks, hot cocoa, and festive performances. All are welcome!

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Paint & Sip: Gobble Gobble! - Talia
 - a. Thanksgiving event
 - b. What is the event? Paint on easels and drink hot chocolate
 - c. Details: Monday, November 24th from 4 PM - 6 PM @ GS Lounge
 - d. Reasons for doing this: Lead into break on a fun note, de-stress, express creativity
 - e. Open to all GS students
 - f. Expected attendance: 70 people
 - g. Requested: \$450
 - i. Amazon + Jay Jay's Place
 - ii. Materials: hot chocolate, cups, paint/brushes, easels/canvases. Tablecloths, whipped cream, mini marshmallows, plastic cups
 - h. Discussion:



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- i. Cheaper hot chocolate? Jay Jay's price is good
 - ii. Marshmallows being halal/kosher? Will be an extra to add
 - iii. Is hot chocolate with milk or hot water? Answer later
- 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.

Jeane:

GSSC senior headshots are starting this week, if you want a headshot for linkedin or anything you'd like you are welcome to come.

Friday there is a christmas event where we will take seniors to the bryant park 3pm GS lounge,

Aleigh:

Please volunteer for lerner pub! 8-83, 830 to 9, you just need to let people in with their ids and then you can go in, right agter

On dec 9th 6-8 at the forum there will be a justice ambassador its run by professors and GS students, a program that helps connect underserved youth with government officials and help them avoid become systems impacted, there will be free food and the email will be forwarded to the gssc.

Luiza:

Im looking for students that have something cool to wrap the semester, i would like to interview them for our socials. Let me know!

Appoline:

Angel and i are doing are event, 6-830, we fcould use some help 530-630, the details will be in our gc.

Ben:

Friday night there was the milvet ball, thank you will.

Maria:



Justin and i are working om a project to aid the accessibility of buildings in columbia, if anyone would like to volunteer to help us it would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know.

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.

Pablo

I'm asking the GSSC to grant the student body the opportunity to be part of the divest from Israel conversation, it is consistent with the goals of the council. GS is the only school who didn't have a referendum, for international students this is important because they don't feel like they can say something about it. There are concerns about it as well, the divisions in the student body are a problem, but addressing the problems is part of the GSSC's job. It won't change the policy, these proposals were already rejected. GS students deserve to have their voices heard. GS students are many times not heard.

Maya

Also about the referendum, this has not had a petition yet. I'm a Jewish student, SciencesPo students still kept peace even though it's complex. I worked in a leadership program with people from every place for dialogue. It can get messy. I don't agree with everything on the petition, but if we don't address it head on, where will we be in future? We need to foster school community, no one should fear bringing this forth.

Andrew

We have seen the attack on officials in the past. It's about our right to say something. Why are we afraid of our voice? What does it say about our university? I heard some people were afraid on the GSSC. The action or inaction are both active decisions. Don't continue the silence.

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.



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VIII. ADJOURNMENT