



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 10TH, 8:15 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *General Studies Student Council of Columbia University* will hold a REGULAR meeting on **October 10th, 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

Officer	Status
President Nasser Odetallah	P
VP of Policy Savanah Shulkin	P
VP of Finance Simas Chacar-Palubinskas	P
VP of Communications Oliver Neale	P
VP of Campus Life Kat Zimmermann	P
Chief of Policy Jonathan DuCloud	P
Chief of Finance Eric Yu	P
Chief of Communications Melanie Wells	P
Chief of Campus Life Olivia McAlpine	P
Student Services & Academic Affairs Rep. Oscar Wolfe	P
First-Generation, Low-Income, and Working Students Representative Freida Candido	P
Veteran Students Rep. Brian Williams	P
Students with Disabilities Rep. Alec Rodriguez Stangle	P
Diversity & Equity Rep. Madison Cabellos-Rivera	P
Health & Wellness Rep. Malika Ali	P
*Commuting Students & Students with Families Rep. Walter Koike-Sieira	P
*Policy Coordinator Alina Kreynovich	P
*Policy Coordinator Chelsey Giraldo	P
*Policy Coordinator Marquise Johnson	P

Officer	Status
Treasurer Michael Galvin	P
*Finance Coordinator Rychard Tymakhovych	P
Social Media Rep. Isabel Tenney	P
Technology Chair Jacob Resnick	P
*Content Coordinator Evan Edler	P
*Communications Coordinator Caroline Nicholson	P
*Communications Coordinator Anatta Tantiwongse	P
Alumni Affairs Rep. Clara Kruijtzter	P
International Students Rep. Aoife Houlihan	T
Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) Rep. Ilan Cohen	P
Community Service and Sustainability Rep. Jemima Kingdon Jones	P
Senior Class President Faith Grady	P
Senior Class Vice President Nick Feibel	P
First Year Class President Lily Canter	E
First Year Class Vice President Ayşe Lara Selçuker (SAL TSOO KAR)	P
Dual BA & Joint Program Rep. Taylor Moniz	P
*Campus Life Coordinator Haya Fine	P
University Senator Bruce Goumain	E
Voting Members: 27 → Quorum → 20	Total: 25



- C. Adoption of the Current **Agenda** for October 10th, 2023
 - 1. Motion Passes/Fails- PASSES
- D. Adoption of the Meeting **Minutes** from October 3rd, 2023
 - 1. Motion Passes/Fails- PASSES

II. REPORTS

- A. President
 - 1. Bruce not here this week or last - doing important Senatorial duties - expect updates next week
 - 2. First co-sponsorship presentations for the year coming up
 - 3. Monetary allocations for councils coming up
 - 4. Logistical updates during executive session
- B. Policy
 - 1. No Updates
- C. Finance
 - 1. No updates
- D. Communications
 - 1. none
- E. Campus Life
 - 1. Snack attacks next week :)
 - 2. Volunteer form in slack channel (what day/indicated times you are available)
 - 3. Events Calendar Available in Google Drive !
 - a) Links to events with event site
 - b) Also going up on website eventually
 - c) Reach out to Kat if you want to add something
 - d) Event coming up in 2 weeks on 20th of October (Basketball Mania)
 - (1) First 500 students that walk through door get laundry bags HAHA
 - (2) Need 2 student volunteers (if you have played bball in the past)
 - (a) 6:15 -7: 30 on Friday October 20th
 - (b) Skills challenge with 2 players from basketball team
 - (c) Playing for 500 dollars for a charity
 - e) Headshot Event !!!!
 - (1) GS students can sign up/ GSSC group shots
 - (2) More details to come
 - (3) Date: ____

III. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. GSA Co-Hosted Event (Isabel)
 - a. Johnny–Halloween With GSA
 - i. @ Mel's Burger Bar, Appetizers and two drink ticket
 - ii. Capacity 100 people
 - iii. Thursday/Friday October 26/27
 - iv. GSSC Eventbrite Help!
 - v. \$4,300 net projected cost for GSSC, Total cost is \$4,800 for GSSC + GSA involvement
 - 1. Prize winnings are involved as well for 1, 2, 3 place



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- vi. Costume contest:
-Every person assigned a number upon entry if you're entering in the costume addition, every person gets to vote
- vii. Winners are announced at 9:45
- viii. GSSC Halloween Newsletter-Promo

Question: What's the actual date and time?

Actually—it's October 27th 8-10PM

Question: What are the drinks going to be (with the drink tickets?)

Thinking 21+ (alcoholic beverages), wide selection of beer and non-complicated cocktails, more like a co-sponsored event with Kat and GSA working on contract with Mel's together

Question: Is Mel's an approved vendor?

Yes, there is an ongoing relationship with Mel's

Thank you GSA!

2. RA Event Proposal

- a. Overview
 - i. Game: Brooklyn Nets v. Washington Wizards
 - ii. Already planned - just need cosponsorship
 - iii. RA team: 4 Robert, Isabella, Emma, Morgan
- b. GS RAs
 - i. Support to GS students living in Columbia Residential / peer resources
 - ii. Also education, relationship building, community building, promotion of student involvement, guidance for academic success, conflict mediation, skill building workshops
 - iii. Main jobs as RAs: plan events & promote community
- c. The Game
 - i. November 12, 2023 at 3:00 pm at Barclays Center
 - ii. Departing from Peter J Awn Lounge at 12:00pm (potentially)
- d. Reason
 - i. Success of the Mets game at NSOP + offered same opportunity last year (~20 people) which was wildly successful as well
 - ii. Promote community :)
 - 1. School pride
 - 2. Bonding
 - iii. GSSC & RA team: first time working together! Set a good precedent & promote RAs as a support team
- e. Tickets
 - i. Subsidized tickets & free tickets to FLI students
 - ii. Need funding so can subsidize tickets & offer free tickets - accessibility is important
 - iii. Want to offer a lot of tickets such that it's not just residential GS but all of GS
- f. Proposal
 - i. \$700 from GS
 - ii. \$700 from RA team
 - iii. 40 tickets available - will need to buy these at \$35 per ticket
 - 1. Students will pay less for tickets (subsidized)
 - 2. FLI students eligible for free tickets
 - iv. Co-promotional effort such that more people learn about it
- g. Questions



- i. How do the subsidized tickets work and who qualifies?
 1. *All* student tickets are subsidized - not settled on a price yet but thinking \$10-\$15
 2. Some tickets will be allocated for FLI students who will get tickets for free - work with financial aid office to determine who & this is completely anonymous
3. Senior Class 4- School Allocation
 - a. switched up some of our line items, introduced a 'four-school' one
 - b. Lerner pubs is a big four-school senior event which is coming up, and we need to allocate some money to it
 - i. october 26th - one drink per hour
 - c. decided on \$8,000 to go to senior events from our \$15,000 total for the line item
 - d. factored in how much other senior events will probably cost
 - i. spent over \$16,000 on this last year lol
 - e. passed!
4. Survey for people with disabilities
 - a. Problems GS students/all students with disabilities face
 - i. Work with other councils and reps
 1. Hospitalizations
 - a. How it affects their classes
 - b. Overall goal is to create rule for professors to record classes for students at hospital
 - c. Asking for 25 dollars (from policy initiative line item) for 1 random survey taker - giveaway
 - i. Policy initiative lineup
 - d. Is it possible to add about note takers and services that students can receive
 - i. Add section to survey with all information for students who need accommodations
 1. Yes, beneficial
 - ii. Add it to the newsletter so students can focus on survey and not additional questions
 - e. Mostly about allocating money, represent actual survey when finished
 - i. What is policy initiative line item full budget
 1. 1000 dollars
 - ii. Policy just has money for surveys and stuff
 - iii. Is 25 enough?
 1. We may add more, but 25 for now, and in the future we will add more if necessary
 - iv. Money not spent until the final time, for now its just put to the side
 - f. Passed unanimously

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.

- Jake Reznik:
 - Everybody's picture is updated on the website
 - If there are any errors (photos, bio, etc) - please let Jake know

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)

- Joshua Shain:
 - Sophomore in dual degree w JTS/GS
 - Things that happened over the weekend: terrorist attack in Israel
 - There are many GS students who do not feel safe & need your support
 - GS Whatsapp chat
 - Offensive language, antisemitism
 - Calling on GSSC to let students know they are supported & to condemn violence against civilians in all of its forms
 - Questions
 - Jonathan DuCloud:
 - Dual ba with tel aviv university
 - Thank you for the comment - wanting to speak about it today & wanted to speak w Malika (wellness rep) about how to support students
 - Malika Ali:
 - Do you have ideas or specifics for what kind of support you are looking for?
 - Answer: a statement condemning violence against civilians & antisemitism, want students to know that GS is a safe & tolerant community for everyone
 - Jake Reznik:
 - Can you talk about the call for the end for the program with Tel Aviv University by the Students for Justice for Palestine club/group & how do you recommend the GSSC can/should handle that?
 - Answer: should be condemned as well; it is an important, strong program



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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