

Resolution to Change the Columbia College Class Day Speaker Selection Process

WHEREAS Columbia College Class Day is a momentous occasion for graduating students

WHEREAS the selection of the Class Day keynote speaker is of great importance to the graduating class

WHEREAS students know and understand best what they want in their keynote speaker

WHEREAS the Senior Class Council is the elected representative body of the graduating class

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), the main organizer of Class Day, give the Senior Class Council (the council) the full responsibility of choosing a Class Day speaker. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- The council will be informed at the beginning of the Fall semester, no later than the first of October, of the Class Day speaker selection process.
- The council will be privy to all the incentives that are offered to potential speakers, including all monetary compensation and/or honors.
- The council will have the opportunity to seek out other sources of funds in the event that the available funds prove insufficient in getting a desired speaker.
- The council will have the freedom to pursue any individual to speak, regardless of his/her affiliation or lack thereof to Columbia University.
- The council will work directly with a staff member of the OSA responsible for making arrangements for the speaker.
- The council will help write and the Class President will co-sign with the Dean of the College every letter sent out appealing to prospective speakers.
- The council will obtain copies of all communication between prospective speakers and the college.

Sincerely,
Mir Khalid Ali
President, Columbia College Class of 2004

Proponents:
Columbia College Student Council
CC'04 Class Council