

January 28, 2003 Meeting

In Attendance:

Arash, Stephen, Brennon, Jeremiah, Geoff, Justin, Karma, Nate, Jimmy, Josh, Michael, Katie, Dominic, Ginny

1. Welcome back for Spring 2003!
2. Budget issues: Please look over your budgets and let the treasurer know if any events that have (or need to be) paid for are not reflected in the account statements you received. Also, please think realistically about the amount of money you are going to spend this semester on events, and if it is possible to roll money back into the general GSSC pool, please let the treasurer know.
3. Elections: They will be held the week of April 7, 2003. This is earlier than they have been in previous years to allow for a smoother transition between this year's and next year's council.
4. GSSC Formal: March 29, 2003 in the Low Rotunda. We will receive an update next week from our social chairs, Luz and Marguerite.
5. Brennon - KUDOS for your website. It looks great! If anyone has content, please send it along to Brennon so he can fill out the website.
6. Geoff: Wants to keep the discussion open regarding GS degrees being written in Latin
7. Justin: Had questions about restricted use of the lounge for testing. Response was that the lounge was used for testing , but during the week before classes and on Fridays.
8. Jimmy: The GS has tickets to the Columbia Senior Bash. They will be on sale this week, and an email advertisement will go out to the GS seniors. Also, Jimmy will put an email together to advertise a couple of GS bands that will be performing in the West End lounge.
9. Michael: Will not be able to serve as liaison to SGA or ABC because of class/work conflicts.
10. Dominic: 100 days until graduation event - 2/11/03. Senior/Graduation fun committee getting started soon, more information to come. If you have not already met the newest Assistant Dean, Vanessa, please go in and say hi.
11. Eric Chen spoke on behalf of bringing ROTC back to the Columbia campus.
. He is seeking GS "stamp of approval" to go to Columbia administration and pitch ROTC's return, specifically, a branch of Navy ROTC.
b. There are currently 15-20 students at Columbia who participate in ROTC through other schools in the city.

c. Jack (SEAS) and Sean (CC) spoke of their experiences and programs within ROTC as Columbia students.

d. ROTC was disbanded at Columbia in 1969.

12. Other allocation requests listed on the agenda did not appear

13. Appointment of new treasurer: Some discussion was had about who inside and outside of GSSC is interested. Geoff asked Brennon if he would be interested in the position.

14. Meeting schedule discussion: Katie's threw out the idea of holding bi-weekly meetings with weekly email updates. The idea was discussed and several issues/ideas were raised:

. length of meetings if only every other week

b. lack of campus presence if we shift to bi-weekly meetings.

c. Concern about losing credibility/legitimacy of being an effective student organization

d. Idea that perhaps GSSC moving to a bi-weekly format will encourage other groups on campus to do the same.

e. Keep cancellation policy less formal. Require updates on Sunday nights, and if there is nothing that is pressing or needs to be discussed, cancel the Tuesday meetings on an ad hoc basis.

15. Other business: Discussion about how to build community at GS. How to get notices of events on campus from other councils and student organizations. The EXC liaison offered to add GSSC to the email distribution list. Stephen also offered to give in his weekly report the events going on through ESC.

16. ROTC voting: No vote was taken tonight. Discussion about how to vote and what kind of information we need first took place.

. Polling the GS students. Some feel a poll is a good idea, but are concerned about a low response rate.

b. Feel we, the GSSC, are the elected representatives of the GS student body so we should be able to simply vote among ourselves.

c. Discussion tabled until next week