

GSSC minutes: April 15, 2003

In attendance: Katie, Jeremiah, Michael, [JUSTIN MICHAEL WHITE!!!](#), Ginny, Matan, Arash, Nate, Brennon, Pavan, Josh, (Jimmy and George came late)

Updates:

- Katie missed us last week since there was no meeting. May 6, 6-7:30 is the GSSC dinner in the Baer room.
- Matan – Free entrance next year to sporting events. SGA has a mandatory transition meeting. Barnard voting online crashed, so they had to vote on paper ballots. Katie and Marguerite will go-go dance at the last meeting.
- Josh – upcoming series of events for the first years. “Burning the budget” event.
- Jeremiah – thanks for giving the CSA money. Well attended event. Wants to do a last event for students to meet their reps.
- Pavan – ABC is doing allocations. ABC is ending gratuitous food expenditures.
- Justin – Senate student caucus, in response to the De Genova issue has decided to post 3 questions to the entire student body. Free speech, concerns about public discourse in the Columbia community, impact of activities. These three questions in the survey has gone out via email to the Columbia community. The student caucus will compile the results and present to the Senate. In conjunction with the bbq, is there a possibility to bring in a band that Justin knows. Katie – we cannot have a band on the last day of classes. Jeremiah knows that there is going to be a carnival where this band may be able to play.

Elections:

- Rider to the GSSC constitution to amend the election bylaw to accommodate online voting.
 - [Rider to the GSSC Constitution](#)
 - [In the case that on-line voting is available, election bylaw regarding the tally of votes section C becomes null and void. In this case, people voting online, upon clicking “submit” will be both signing the voting register and submitting their vote.](#)
 - [If in case of server loss or electronic problems, all submitted electronic votes will be disregarded and a separate day of ballot voting will be put into place. In this event, section C of the GSSC constitution is still valid.](#)
- We need to pass this rider to add it to the constitution.
- ABC Constitution. We need to pass and accept the ABC constitution. This has passed through ABC already. Review of the major changes to the ABC constitution.
 - Added mission statement.
 - Group probationary period now a 3 – semester process. 1st semester no funding. Next 2 semesters \$250 each semester.
 - Added an appeals process to the recognition committee, that standardizes the process.

- Set up process to de-recognize groups and free up funding
- No more by-laws in the constitution which gives more power to the councils with respect to what ABC is doing
- Change to require only 1 council rep onto ABC
- Changed election process. Now e-board elections are internal. Candidate forum is now mandatory
- All changes will be in effect in the fall.

MilVets

- Justin: MilVets was recognized by GSSC in the fall. They have been to ABC, who said they were a political group so they should go to SGB. SGB felt that they were not appropriate for SGB. ABC stated that they did not see the point of MilVets on campus. Bottom line: they cannot get funding from either of the boards.
- MilVets wants to put together an event. Thinking about doing a townhall meeting to serve as a primary resource on experience in the military. Also a way to help veterans make a transition from the military to school.
- Requesting \$500, which will serve for 3-4 functions. This money will carry the group over into the fall.

Ivy Council

- Justin presents:
- 2 areas of improvement for Columbia. Alumni and trustee relations with students. Most other Ivys have a formal student relationship and have a student who serves on the board of trustees. Second is to set up a student advisory board to health services.
- Tuition is going up at Columbia next year. The same is true at most of the other Ivys.
- Encouraged those council members who will be here next year to get involved in Ivy Council next year. Columbia has a very strong representation on IVC now, 4/14 members of the steering committee.

VOTES:

Jeremiah: moves to adopt the election committee rider as written. Justin seconds.
10 yes, 1 abstention. Rider passes.

Josh: moves to pass the ABC Constitution, Justin seconds.
9 yes, 2 abstentions. Constitution passes.

MilVets: George wondering about what kind of events. (Justin reviewed what was said above). Katie suggests that if we make the motion to give MilVets money, someone has to apply to ABC for funding next year.

Jeremiah moves to give \$500 to MilVets pending an account number and funding application to ABC. Pavan seconds.
9 yes, 2 abstentions. Allocation passes.

Other Stuff:

- Josh – on the Alice director search committee. Will be a tough job to fill. If we know of anyone with 10+ years of public health experience, pass them on.
- Pavan – Do we want to do any GS specific events for the 250th? Yes, we need to come up with ideas.

Good luck to all those who are running for office for next year!!