

Minutes 10.28.03

Updates:

Arash: At a meeting with VP Kasdin and VP Lloyd regarding how to inform students about the new expansion – pros, cons, and everything.

Rob: Reserving the GS lounge for Nov. 9th for the first brunch, from 11-1

Pavan: Revamping our co-sponsorship procedures to avoid over funding and under funding, and to create a new form. GS students applied for the free ABC spot. B-Forms - find out your cost from your vendor, and bring the cost information to me before you ask me for a B-Form. If they don't take B-Forms, it'll take 2 weeks to get them into the system.

Tinishia: SGB – two groups came to get recognized – D.C. Vote was neither recognized nor funded... nor was the urban garden group, which was sent to Community Impact.

Abbey: Poker and Pizza night is coming up!

Claudia: Went to CCE roundtable with CC and ES reps. Trying to get them to expand their networking to GS students, and they seemed quite receptive. Seeing about getting CCE to give a presentation at all Contemporary Civilization classes, but trying to get them to do it through University Writing. CCE is trying to emphasize that its program emphasizes education, and should be something that students work with throughout their entire time at Columbia.

Marguerite: Pizza even had a huge turnout (100 more than expected)! Plan accordingly. Halloween party is this Thursday. It's so popular that it's all filled up and we're getting a waiting list formed.

Matan: No additions to the written report.

Abigail: --

Chris: Anyone who's throwing an event and hasn't had the alcohol training, the last one this semester is Nov. 7th.

Stephen: Pizza event in the lounge Nov 13th from 12-2!

Scott: Midnight Mania is coming along. Getting all the online services needed for Music Hum and stuff accessible via only a UNI starting next semester.

Justin: (vicariously through his counterpart) A new pre-health club is being formed.

Josh: Constitutional Committee meeting after the meeting tonight to determine... a new meeting time.

Ariel: If I tell you, I'd have to kill you.

Won: Discount tickets – CCSC and ESC are trying to get a service created to get us discounted tickets ala NYU. Anyone want to help? Email me.

Mike: Issue from previous meeting was taken care of.

Richie: CCSC is working on a "grandfather" dinner between classes.

CCSC Liason: New dining services meetings were poorly attended. New committee on diversity being formed.

Dean Dominic "The Dom" Stellini: Major declaration – the time is nigh! Registration begins the 17th of November! Friday is Halloween, so the offices will be festively decorated.

Notes to council members from Executive VP Robert Kasdin:

Scott: Differences in Student Affairs administrations due to differences among the views of deans.

Josh: Columbia's expansion is going to be taking place over the next 50 years. It will be taking place in waves, and we will have to work hard to combine input from Academic Departments as well as Facilities.

Justin: Talk to VP Facilities – Burstein about artificial turf fields.

Chris: A number of meetings with student governments are being held to increase access to and communication with the administration.

Pavan: We are making a large commitment to implement measures towards environmental sustainability with the expansion. What I am surprised by with is the lack of enthusiasm on this campus towards environmental concerns. While some people are coming to me with their environmental concerns, they tend to be “year three” concerns; I'm working on getting the groundwork laid for basic environmental issues, such as the extremely high asbestos counts in the Manhattanville area that we will be expanding into.

Matan: We're getting a team of urban planners and design architects to make sure that the designs for our new buildings will be both functional and aesthetically pleasing. -- There will probably be residences built within the expansion. We can't compete with our peers for housing needs; our needs are insatiable. Housing is extremely expensive. People are not seeing the tradeoffs between departments and housing.

Stephen: We will not be expanding into any municipal parks, nor will we be moving Baker Field down to Manhattanville.

CARES Recognition

Scott: What kind of potential programming initiatives would this group be taking? Will undergrads be able to take part? What would be the status of grad students?

Ariel: The group would primarily support grad students, and advanced students whose work is highly affected by department ideology. The group would provide a buffer for students who had difficulty with their departments. The first event will be a Middle East conference.

Matan: Are you going to the other boards for recognition?

Arash: This is not actually a recognition. This is a recommendation to the administration.

Matan: Is this an undergrad group?

Ariel: Yes, it is an undergrad group, we were not being contacted by SGB.

Matan: This current constitution seems kind of GS specific. You might want to make changes to the constitution to make it seem more pan-council.

Stephen: Are you asking us for recognition? Or funding?

Ariel: Only recognition/recommendation.

Pavan: We could get you funding... potentially, however we're trying to steer things towards the governing boards. Are you sure that you want to be under our aegis? Does this need to be done under a club form?

Ariel: It's necessary for room reservations.

Pavan: Is it necessary to form a group?

Ariel: It does... otherwise it will fall between the chairs, er, cracks. The club would serve to serve as a buffer for students (under and grad) and alumni who wish to comment without fear of chastisement or punitive measures from insular departments.

Chris motions to recommend this club.
Richie seconds.
All in favor
Minus one abstention.

Funding for USMilVets
Matan motions
Marguerite seconds
All in favor
Minus two abstentions.