

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES
GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL

GSSC Minutes for November 11, 2003

Present: Rob, Claudia, Marguerite, Matan, Abigail, Abbey, Chris, Steve, Won, Scott, Richie, Josh and Arash. A quorum is present.

Updates:

Josh: Constitution committee meetings underway.

Scott: Midnight Mania will be conducted during the week of the 20th. More computers in lounges, buildings etc. are possible as space is the issue, not cost.

Steve: Sophomore class event in the lounge 12-2 Thursday.

Chris: Pizza party after that; 5-7 or so

Abby: Early Feb – Poetry/Def Jam Poetry, a need for money. This event will support Pediatrics as well as tutoring on AIDS issues.

Abigail: DOS hasn't shown interest in peer advising.

Matan: Pavan on the sexual harassment task force.

Marguerite: Halloween Party was well-attended and under budget. A Karaoke as well as a wine and cheese event to come.

Claudia: There's an unfortunate conflict with our upcoming room assignment. Issue being addressed.

Rob: Had the Sunday Brunch and it went well. Hopefully another brunch will be conducted again on Dec 7th.

Matan has been nominated to serve on the executive committee of the Senate!

NOMADs – Wien Lounge – Captain, My Captain is production. Needs \$1000 for lights, school instrument rentals, publicity. Requesting \$327. CCSC allocated \$500. Barnard allocated \$327. ESC allocated \$100. Josh is one of the starring cast members.

Debate

Justin: Issues with budget because there are items such as \$50 for used books. Giving 300

dollars for One GS student in a production is excessive.

Richie: Maybe attach stipulations for future funding requests.

Steven: I agree with what Justin says. However, I do think that entirely student run arts projects should get the funding they need.

Rob: Not just for one student.

Chris: Over a thousand dollars in advertising cost.

Resolution:

Chris motions to give \$200. Rob seconds.

All in favor, save one opposed.

Internal Issues:

Isabelle has resigned.

E-board had meeting last night (Monday). Arash nominates Richie Space for VP internal.

Abbey moves, Scott seconds

All in favor, save one abstention

Arash: Nominates Tinishia to be CCSC liaison

Pavan moves, Matan seconds

All in favor, save one abstention

Hille: wants money for Fall *Semesta Fiesta*

Steven: Have you approached other bodies?

Leora: Going to an SGA meeting. Hasn't gone to CCSC or ESC

Chris: How much were ticket sales in the past?

Leora: 8000 budget. Asking 300.

Arash: Are you planning on going to CCSC and ESC?

Leora: I'm doing a lot, but if I can I will.

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Debate:

Scott: Noble cause.

Steven: they really need to go to the other councils.

Justin: Would like to know situation for indigenous people.

Scott: great cause plus JTS leads to high GS participation.

Chris: why didn't they lower the prices from previous years when ticket costs covered budget.

Resolution:

Justin: motion for 300. Pavan second.

All in favor save one abstention, one opposed

Ivy Councils File Sharing Resolution: Ivy Council sponsoring a resolution that calls on the Administration and RIAA to find an alternative other than lawsuits with regards to University Students.

Debate:

Richie: RIAA doesn't force anyone to pay anything. Courts do. We focus on the Penn State with student life fees go to pay for Napster for students. I think it's unimpressive that this is the best thing that comes out of a student council comprised of Ivy League students.

Matan: is it downloading or sharing?

Justin: my internet was shut down. I signed a form letter, and now it's back on.

Chris: Ivy Council is more than just academics.

Marguerite: BMI and ASCAP didn't do what they needed to do when they knew file sharing was going to be an issue. There's a reason people are downloading one song off of an album.

Matan: We're poor. Don't sue us, let's find an alternative.

Justin: I agree that this is a minor thing for the ivy council to be reviewing. I agree that it acknowledges the rights of the recording industry and the needs of the students. I don't know why they picked this, but I think it's well done.

Pavan: We did consider Yale labor union issues as well as Patriot Act and other issues, but this was the issue we picked. We are able to change the wording and pass our own version if we want.

Resolution:

Matan: move that we pass resolution. *Marguerite:* seconds.

All in favor save one opposition and two abstentions

Meeting adjourned.