

# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

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## SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL

TUESDAY APRIL 13, 2004

**Present:** Arash Yomtobian (President), Josh Joseph (Vice President External), Pavan Surapaneni (Treasurer), Richie Space (Vice President Internal), Matan Ariel (Senate), Marguerite Daniels (Social Chair), Claudia Barrera (Alumni Affairs & Career Center Representative), Ariel (K.) Beery (Committee on Instruction Representative), Chris Danzig (Senior Class President), Rob Ward (Junior Class President), Abbey Dubin (Freshman Class President), Tinishia Bass (CCSC Liaison), Justin White (SGA Liaison) and Jimmy C. Chiu (SGB Liaison)

**Absent:** Abigail (E.) Becker (Academic Affairs Representative), Stephen Davis (Sophomore Class President), Scott Olster (Student Services Representative) and Won Lee (ESC Liaison).

### **I - Agenda Item – Columbia Community Outreach (CCO)**

- A student organization that seeks to do community service as a way of connecting the campus to the community requests a \$1000.00 allocation.
- Council deliberates
- Council votes and to allocate \$800.00

**Vote:** 11 in favor  
1 against  
1 abstention

### **II – Agenda Item – Peace by Peace**

- A student group that focuses on teaching children to mediate conflicts is holding an event in Riverside Park and requests an allocation for \$500.00
- Council deliberates
- Allocation approved for full amount

**Vote:** 11 in favor  
0 against  
2 abstentions

### **III – Agenda Item – Approval of ABC Constitution**

- As part of an annual process ABC reconsiders its constitution. Several amendments proposed in this constitution. Amendments deal with streamlining group recognition and financing.
- Council reads over written copy of proposed amendments.
- Council votes to approve amendments

**Vote:** 9 in favor  
1 opposed  
1 abstention

### **IV – Agenda Item – Columbia Concerts**

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- Paul representing Columbia Concerts requests an allocation of \$1300.00 from the GSSC as there is a shortfall of funds for planned end of year concerts.
- Council deliberates
- Council deliberates and concludes that that the GSSC has been granted no oversight or consideration in the planning of the event. Council votes against allocating funding.

**Vote:** 11 in favor  
0 against  
2 abstentions

### **V – Agenda Item – Collision**

- Collision, represented by Jax Russo and Ana requests a \$1000.00 allocation for an Art event to be held at a downtown space.
- Council deliberates
- Allocation of \$800.00 approved

**Vote:** 11 in favor  
1 opposed  
1 abstention

### **VI – Agenda Item – Proposed Holiday Resolution**

- GSSC Committee of Instruction Representative Ariel Beery proposes a statement that the administration do whatever is possible to coordinate Spring Break around relevant holidays to minimize the amount of class times religiously observant students miss. Additionally the proposal calls for professors to recognize the student's right to miss class and be allowed to make up for lost class time due to religious holidays.
- Council deliberates.
- Council votes to not pass the letter in its present form.

**Vote:** 2 in favor  
7 opposed  
4 abstentions

Matan Ariel, Senator states that he and Ariel will amend the letter and present at next council meeting.

### **Meeting Adjourned**