

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL

GSSC Minutes – Tuesday, October 12, 2004

Present voting members at the meeting (15 + President):

Dalit Ballen (ESC Liaison), Jessica Negron Zoppoli (COI Rep), Josephine Johnson-Andres (SGB Liaison), Ariel Beery (Student Body President), Pavan Surapaneni (VP External), Omri Chaimovitz (Student Services Rep), Marianna Astakhova (VP Finance), Isak DePortalis (Alumni Affairs & Career Center Rep), Kathryn Sullivan (SGA Liaison), Josh Niehaus (First Year Class President), Akiva Zablocki (Junior Class President), Abbey Dubin (Sophomore Class President), Katia Gaika (CCSC Liaison), Liz Hollister (Social Chair), Cluadia Barrera (Senior Class President) and Matan Ariel (Senator).

Absent voting members (2):

Stephen Davis (VP Internal), Alissa Gafford (Academic Affairs Rep),

Also present at the meeting: Doron (List College Student Council), Chris Franz, Chris Riano (Vice Social Chair), Victor Coccia (Deputy VP Finance, Fundraising), Marguerite Daniels (last year's Social Chair and Formal Chair, a current member of the Senior Committee), and other GS students and visitors.

President's Remarks - we need to do **allocations**. In the past we used less than we actually allocated. We are hoping this year to actually USE the money allocated. That is why we need to make sure we allocate the right amount.

Try to keep the communications open and to send **updates** by Sunday. If you have no update, send "no update".

Policy Committee -

Housing: we are drafting an e-mail about Housing and also a poster in the lounge.

Advising: Pavan will meet with Dean McGee and later with Vice President for Arts and Sciences. We will ask them to give us more money for advising.

118 gate - we are looking into getting that gate open 24 hours. We are working with security.

Printing and microwave in the lounge - we are working to getting more computers\printers. Also looking into computer jacks. Also into microwave and hot water.

Social Committee update -

GS spirit day is tomorrow. We will sell t-shirt from 12 to 2. We will also sell them in **Mona** on Thursday. On the 20th there is a **Study Break** - make your own sandwich.

Planning a **retreat** for GSSC in the Spring.

Finance Committee –

We are taxed exempt and do not need to pay taxes.

We need to make cuts to the budgets because we can not afford everything.

Please make note of how much you spent and how many people showed up at every event so that we can learn for future events.

Allocations:

There was a review of GSSC budgets that were cut, and the representatives were not happy with their allocation.

FY class - The FY Class allocation is tabled by the FY Class President for a week. The allocation will be re-discussed once the Finance Committee receives the specific item-line allocations.

Pavan - remember to have dates for your spring events soon. Pre-calendar is in Nov.

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Senior Class - The Senior Class allocation is tabled by the Senior Class President for a week. The allocation will be re-discussed once the Finance Committee receives the specific item-line allocations.

Victor will look into fundraising for various events.

Pavan - budgets should not be more than the money put in by the members of that class.

Omri - suggestion for next year: we should provide a budget for the following year.

Social Committee - The Committee will send more info to the Finance Committee for an additional allocation next week. Matan motions to allocate \$9,545 for this year, and to have other Social allocations discussed at the next meeting. Claudia seconds.

10 in favor.

3 oppose.

1 abstain

Formal - our formal costs more than the CC formals, but we have a lot more put in it.

The Formal allocation is tabled by the Formal Co-Chair for a week. The allocation will be re-discussed once the Finance Committee receives the specific item-line allocations.

Point of order – our next meeting is a Town Hall meeting. We will not be able to do allocations. Also, it is midterm season and student will probably not come.

There was a motion and a second to postpone the Town Hall meeting to allow students to study for midterms.

10 in favor

4 oppose.

Town Hall meeting is postponed.

Procedure - Matan motions to vote on all other allocations in one bulk vote. Abbey seconds.

11 in favor

2 abstentions.

Omri motions to approve the remaining budgets as proposed by the Finance Committee.

9 in favor -

2 oppose

3 abstentions

Round Robin

Omri - we should have fewer Town Hall meetings.

Matan - t-shirts might be in the CU bookstore.

Akiva - PR Task Force can have members from each committee.

Doron - send us posters if you want List College to poster them. Also, this is a 50 years to List College.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:53

Minutes taken by Matan Ariel