

# GSSC Meeting Minutes 1/25/11

*Meeting convenes at 7.36 p.m.*

## **Attendance/Updates**

Student Body President: Jacqueline Thong

(Worked on online survey; created nomination forms; meeting with deans)

VP Policy: Elliot Shackelford

(Policy town hall; constitution committee; helped at Senior/First Year Meet & Greet; worked on online survey; policy contacts with CC, SEAS, and GS committee)

VP Communications: Katrin Nussold

(Worked on online survey; edited nomination forms; helped at Senior/First Year Meet & Greet; weekly email; flyers)

VP Finance: Daniel Lagana

(Finance committee meeting; ABC meeting; Treasurer meeting; inquired about emergency funding packet)

VP Student Life: Kelly Braga

(Ran Happy Hour; worked on talentshow event)

University Senator: Jose Robledo

(Legislative assistant position for SAC; Senate hearings; worked on volunteering opportunities benefiting Harlem vets)

Social Chair: Marita Wright (late)

(SHAC meeting and agenda items; looked at bands for Gala; contacted talent for talentshow event)

Academic Affairs Representative: Rena Mukherji (absent)

Alumni Affairs Representative: XiXi Fu

(Greeting with CCE officers)

Student Services Representative: Andrew Hamilton (late)

(Constitution committee)

Student Worker Representative: Alexander Lee (late)

(Orientation leader)

International Students Representative: Kristiina Wells

(Finalized bowling event; helped at Senior/First Year Meet & Greet)

Delegate-at-Large Policy: Benjamin Paladino

(Constitution; policy ideas; distributed postcards)

Delegate-at-Large Communications: Mahogany Wright (late)

(GHR meeting; website update)

Delegate-at-Large Finance: Sara Moradi (absent)

Delegate-at-Large Student Life: Jennifer Wisdom (late)

(Emails)

Community at Large Delegate: n/a

Comptroller: Kevin McWilliams

Senior Class President: Henry Wells

(Got final Senior Cruise quote; helped at Senior/First Year Meet & Greet; finalized Senior Dinner & Opera; promoted Senior Gift Fund)

Senior Class VP: Kristen Hutzler

(Ran Senior/First Year Meet & Greet)

Junior Class President: Wojciech Skrzypczak

(Worked on entrepreneurial panel; worked on Valentine's Day event)

Junior Class VP: n/a

Sophomore Class President: Keenya Powell (absent)

Sophomore Class VP: Joseph Patito

(Worked with Kelly)

First Year Class President: Joshua Lewin-Jacus

(Research/planning/contact for entrepreneurial event; distributed postcards at JTS dorms; worked on talentshow event; CCSC meeting; finance committee meeting)

First Year Class VP: n/a

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes (1/18)**

Jacqueline Thong:

- Motion: Kristen
- Second: Dan
- Vote: all in favor

### **Finance Committee Presentation**

Daniel Lagana:

- Budget overview
- 72% of our budget has been spent
- Largest expenditure was the Gala
- \$87,222.19 remaining
- Spent 100% of Fall budget, except for reserves, which will be redistributed
- Expense tracking sheet
- Get records online

### **POTUS Project**

Jacqueline Thong:

- Resolution to bring President Obama to campus, to speak at Commencement instead of President Bollinger
- Several entities within the Columbia community are participating, undergraduate as well as graduate students
- Trying to get university-wide support
- ROTC is also trying to get him to come
- Financial issue for the University
- Vote to support the project:
  - Motion: Andrew
  - Second: Kristiina
  - Vote:
    - For: 11
    - Against: 0
    - Abstained: 8
    - Motion passed.

- Motion to amend the Resolution:
- Motion: Marita
- Second: Kristiina
- Vote:
  - For: 13
  - Against: 0
  - Abstained 6
  - Motion passed.

## **GS Talent Show Event**

Kelly Braga:

- Without prizes, no incentive to get people to come
- Planned in the afternoon on a Sunday (only time slot available)
- Given the date and the experience from last year (bad turnout), too risky
- New idea:
  - Bar
  - Let GS students perform (show format rather than competition, 3-4 acts)
  - While we'd be streamlining down the number of performers, we'd improve the turnout
  - Hudson Terrace only option in terms of space, price, etc.; concern that students under 21 would not be able to attend
  - Saloon (Upper East Side) made us an offer as well; students under 21 could attend
  - We'll still have auditions
  - Vote:
    - Motion to change format: Kristiina
    - Second: Kristen
    - Vote:
      - For: 18
      - Against: 0
      - Abstained: 0
      - Motion passed.

## **GSSC Business**

- Policy Event (Pizza and Policy event format from last year; February; invite the deans; give students opportunity to ask council members questions) for \$750
  - Motion: Kristiina
  - Second: Mahogany
  - Vote:
    - For: 18
    - Against: 0
    - Abstained: 0
    - Motion passed.

- GSSC Student Online Survey (to get feedback from students; as incentive for students to fill it out, we'll have a raffle of gift cards for several students, possibly from the bookstore; 5x\$100) for \$500
  - Motion: Henry
  - Second: Kristiina
  - Vote:
    - For: 9
    - Against: 7
    - Abstained: 2
    - Motion passed.
  
- Valentine's Day Event (hot chocolate and cupcakes) for \$160
  - Motion: Ben
  - Second: Mahogany
  - Vote:
    - For: 16
    - Against: 2
    - Abstained: 0
    - Motion passed.

*Meeting adjourned at 8.50 p.m.*