

GSSC Meeting Minutes 11/30/10

Meeting convenes at 7.34 p.m.

Attendance/Updates

Student Body President: Jacqueline Thong

VP Policy: Elliot Shackelford

VP Communications: Katrin Nussold

(Ordered GSSC T-shirts; created and distributed flyers; weekly email)

VP Finance: Daniel Lagana

(4-council treasurers meeting about SGO funding; finished letter to governing boards regarding additions/allocation; discussed Bacchanal request for additional funding with treasurers)

VP Student Life: Candice Arakelian

University Senator: Jose Robledo (excused)

Social Chair: Marita Wright

(Got quotes for January Orientation venue; signed and sent Gala contract)

Academic Affairs Representative: Rena Mukherji (late)

Alumni Affairs Representative: XiXi Fu (late)

Student Services Representative: Andrew Hamilton

Student Worker Representative: Alexander Lee

International Students Representative: Kristiina Wells (excused)

Delegate-at-Large Policy: Benjamin Paladino

(Worked on constitution)

Delegate-at-Large Communications: Mahogany Wright

(Obtained official S.A.V.E. certification; updated website; distributed flyers)

Delegate-at-Large Finance: Sara Moradi

(Contacted Faculty Houce about space and catering; Finance Committee meeting)

Delegate-at-Large Student Life: Jennifer Wisdom

(Obtained official S.A.V.E. certification; worked on Holiday Bash)

Community at Large Delegate: Audra Dochenetz

(Volunteered at Thanksgiving)

Comptroller: Kevin McWilliams (excused)

Senior Class President: Henry Wells

(Got 3 quotes for Superbowl event; planned Lerner Pub; planned Senior event to attend opera in February)

Senior Class VP: Kristen Hutzler

Junior Class President: Chin Kim (absent)

Junior Class VP: Wojciech Skrzypczak (late)

(Volunteered at Thanksgiving; worked on Valentine's Day event)

Sophomore Class President: Keenya Powell (late)

(Ran Thanksgiving Volunteer event; worked on bowling event; Barnard SGA meeting)

Sophomore Class VP: Joseph Patito

First Year Class President: Kelly Braga

(Worked on Talent Showcase; worked on issue of heat in lounge)

First Year Class VP: Joshua Lewin-Jacus

(Finance Committee meeting)

Approval of Meeting Minutes (11/23)

Jacqueline Thong:

- Motion: Andrew
- Second: Alex
- Vote: all in favor

Special Announcement

Candice Arakelian/Jacqueline Thong:

- Candice resignation announcement
- Nomination process for VP Student Life successor
 - Personal Statements due Saturday, Dec. 4
 - Interviews on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at E-Board meeting
 - Nomination Tuesday, Dec. 7, at GSSC meeting

Discussion: Bacchanal Concert

Daniel Lagana:

- Student group at Columbia who organizes large outdoor concerts; spring show is their biggest show of the year, outside in front of Low Library
- Usually Rock and Hip Hop groups
- Many GS students involved in production; impossible to assess how many GS students attended in the past years
- Trying to get a well-known artist for this concert
- Want to reserve artists before New Year's for mid-April, because it becomes very difficult after New Year's
- Requesting \$20,000 in addition to their sizable allocation
- Bacchanal's budget is ¼ of ABC's
- We should see how exactly they plan to spend their money before we agree to funding; there should be a strategy, and different scenarios with different artists should be presented to the four councils
- Possibly contribute about \$3,400
- Has to be decided by Tuesday, Dec. 7

Discussion: Elimination of Elected Positions

Elliot Shackelford:

- Reworking of the constitution this year by constitution committee
- Planning to change several positions from elected to appointed
- Create more interest in the voting process, and in running and contesting positions; voter turnout has been very low
- Ensure meaningful discussion/campaign ideas of candidates

- E-Board would remain elected
- Risks include favoritism when appointing positions
- ESC's elections are completely internal; CCSC is run on a party system
- Last year, several positions were uncontested, only 7 officers were elected
- Possibly downsize or reorganize council
- This year's council has been appointed for the most part; in the past, often popularity contest, and people get elected who are not necessarily qualified
- Many more inter-council events this year, possibly change names of positions
- Great advantage to having a small, cohesive team by the end of spring semester for the following academic year
- Email Elliot with additional questions/concerns/comments
- Everyone is welcome to the constitution committee meetings

GSSC Business

- Lerner Pub (for the rest of the year; seniors can attend; advertise the event) for \$800
 - Motion: Dan
 - Second: Henry
 - Vote:
 - For: 20
 - Against: 0
 - Abstained: 0
 - Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8.37 p.m.