

## **GSSC Meeting Minutes 2/1/11**

*Meeting convenes at 7.35 p.m.*

### **Attendance/Updates**

Student Body President: Jacqueline Thong

(Meeting concerning new website; meeting with Andrea, CCE officer; interviewed new council members)

VP Policy: Elliot Shackelford

(Worked on constitution; prepared election agenda/schedule; policy initiatives for the spring; interviewed new council members)

VP Communications: Katrin Nussold

(Meeting concerning new website; created/ordered new postcards; weekly email; created/distributed flyers; interviewed new council members)

VP Finance: Daniel Lagana

(Meetings for ABC, four council treasurers, and finance committee; CSGB letter; joint co-sponsorship committee; interviewed new council members)

VP Student Life: Kelly Braga

(Worked on GS Performs Live! at Hudson Terrace; interviewed new council members)

University Senator: Jose Robledo

Social Chair: Marita Wright (late)

(Worked on Gala band contracts and ticket release; helped with venue/logistics for Hudson Terrace)

Academic Affairs Representative: n/a

Alumni Affairs Representative: XiXi Fu (absent)

(Created two Facebook event pages; contacted Andrea, the CCE officer in charge of the Lionshare tutorial event)

Student Services Representative: Andrew Hamilton (late)

(Email communication concerning financial aid)

Student Worker Representative: Alexander Lee

(Emails for academic events; status of staplers in GS Lounge; drafted release forms for Talent Showcase; finalized/confirmed Lionshare event)

International Students Representative: Kristiina Wells

(Ran International Student Lunch and MET Art Tour; organized Broadway show event)

Delegate-at-Large Policy: Benjamin Paladino

(Worked on constitution)

Delegate-at-Large Communications: Mahogany Wright

(Distributed flyers; updated website)

Delegate-at-Large Finance: Sara Moradi

(Email communication with a vendor to request an invoice)

Delegate-at-Large Student Life: Jennifer Wisdom

(Helped at MET Art Tour; worked on March Happy Hour)

Community at Large Delegate: n/a

Comptroller: Kevin McWilliams

(Worked on budget entries)

Senior Class President: Henry Wells

(Worked on Happy Hour, Superbowl, POTUS project, Senior Dinner & Opera, and Senior Cruise)

Senior Class VP: Kristen Hutzler (absent)

(Worked on Hudson Terrace contract to amend it for underage students; worked on a senior graduation party)

Junior Class President: Wojtek Skrzypczak

Junior Class VP: n/a

Sophomore Class President: n/a

Sophomore Class VP: Joseph Patito

(Worked with Kelly)

First Year Class President: Joshua Lewin-Jacus

(CCSC and ABC meetings; research for entrepreneurial event and first-year end of the year event; contacted Earth Institute as GSSC rep)

First Year Class VP: n/a

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes (1/25)**

Jacqueline Thong:

- Motion: Wojtek
- Second: Elliot
- Vote: all in favor

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes (12/7)**

Jacqueline Thong:

- Motion: Wojtek
- Second: Ben
- Vote: all in favor

### **Senate Announcement**

Jose Robledo:

- Senate hearings on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 p.m.; Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8 p.m.
- Why come? To make sure the entire Columbia community comes out to let the task force know where they stand on ROTC, and to be informed about status of the issue
- Sign-up sheets will be prepared and emailed.

### **Amendment of POTUS Project Resolution**

Jacqueline Thong:

- ROTC commissioning ceremony on May 16, 2011
- Commencement on May 18, 2011
- Vote:
  - Motion: Andrew
  - Second: Henry
  - Vote:

- For: 13
- Against: 0
- Abstained: 4
- Motion passed.

## **GSSC Website Proposal/Discussion**

### Jacqueline Thong:

- Our website is currently owned and hosted by past GSSC president Brody Berg, who is still paying the hosting fee every month. He has agreed to continue hosting the website, but if he suddenly decided to stop paying, we would be left without a site. Due to our limited ways of paying vendors, the university system does not have a credit card we could use to pay for the website in the future.
- In addition, the current site is not hosted on the Columbia server, which means that the site itself as well as our contact information can only be viewed if someone is actively looking for it, using the search engine and/or going directly to GSLounge.com.
- CUIT quote cap at \$12,000, yearly maintenance of \$500
- Why CUIT?
  - While CUIT is expensive, it is a one-time investment and we will be utilizing funds that have accumulated in the past few years, to achieve the following:
    - [www.gssc.columbia.edu](http://www.gssc.columbia.edu) instead of [www.gslounge.com](http://www.gslounge.com)
    - GSSC will have full access to the website.
    - There will be an official Columbia band at the top and bottom of the page.
    - As long as CUIT exists, the team will answer any questions we have about the website, and possibly even give a tutorial to the new council if the transition between councils does not go smoothly.
    - We will have a Sundial account, which will link our site to the university-wide events calendar.
    - CUIT can create capabilities to link to blogs and emails.
    - CUIT can create capabilities to highlight and stream pictures of events.
    - CUIT can create capabilities to upload meeting minutes to the site itself (currently, minutes are uploaded as documents).
    - CUIT can create capabilities to update the weekly attendance page easily and efficiently.
- Next steps:
  - We will form a website team, led by the communications committee. We will invite students with relevant backgrounds to help brainstorm navigations for the website. Tasks will include exploring different sites and capabilities that are relevant to GSSC.
  - We will have a meeting with the information architect of CUIT, who will assist us in finalizing the plans concerning the layout and structure of the website.
  - We will meet with designers for the "touch and feel" of the website.
  - The building time will be between 4 and 6 weeks, and the website will be

completed by April/May 2011, since CUIT is currently working on over 40 projects.

- Vote:
  - Motion: Mahogany
  - Second: Jose
  - Vote:
    - For: 17
    - Against: 0
    - Abstained: 0
    - Motion passed.

## **GSSC Business**

- Senior Dinner at Le Monde for \$670
  - Motion: Kristiina
  - Second: Elliot
  - Vote:
    - For: 18
    - Against: 0
    - Abstained: 0
    - Motion passed.
- Senior Cruise (different format; sit-down dinner; beautiful boat) for \$22,800
  - Motion: Ben
  - Second: Kristiina
  - Vote:
    - For: 17
    - Against: 1
    - Abstained: 0
    - Motion passed.
- Additional \$500 to Happy Hour at Amsterdam Lounge (extra wine bottles)
  - Motion: Henry
  - Second: Kristiina
  - Vote:
    - For: 17
    - Against: 1
    - Abstained: 0
    - Motion passed.
- Broadway show “Mamma Mia” for international students (20 people) for \$1,065
  - Motion: Ben
  - Second: Marita
  - Vote:
    - For: 16
    - Against: 0
    - Abstained: 2
    - Motion passed.

## **Closed Meeting: Nomination of Candidates**

### Jacqueline Thong:

- Community-at-Large Delegate: Jayme Johnson
- Vote:
  - Motion: Elliot
  - Second: Ben
  - Vote:
    - For: 18
    - Against: 0
    - Abstained: 0
    - Motion passed.
  
- Junior Class VP: Nicole Morgan
- Vote:
  - Motion: Marita
  - Second: Kelly
  - Vote:
    - For: 18
    - Against: 0
    - Abstained: 0
    - Motion passed.
  
- Sophomore Class VP: Angelica Hoyos
- Vote:
  - Motion: Wojtek
  - Second: Marita
  - Vote:
    - For: 18
    - Against: 0
    - Abstained: 0
    - Motion passed.
  
- First Year VP: Svetlana Shammassova
- Vote:
  - Motion: Ben
  - Second: Marita
  - Vote:
    - For: 18
    - Against: 0
    - Abstained: 0
    - Motion passed.

## **Bucket List**

- Katrin: website

- Dan: more structured way of appointing people to council; policy improvements in terms of budget allocated to committees; transition period between old and new councils
- Josh: entrepreneurial event; first-year event; academic events; alumni involvement
- Andrew: use GSSC funds for financial aid
- Angelica: artistic events
- Jayme: get famous artists together for a concert to raise money for a charitable cause
- Sarah: help out at events
- Joseph: events for majors
- Mahogany: website
- Nicole: alumni connections
- Alex: major meet & greets
- Henry: Senior Gift Fund; alumni connections
- Kristiina: create more of an international GS community
- Jennifer: murder/mystery event
- Kevin: speaker events; alumni connections
- Wojtek: entrepreneurial event; engage GS in sports life on campus (tennis or soccer competition)
- Svetlana: first-year events; concerts
- Marita: Gala
- Ben: work with other committees; smooth transition into next year's council
- Jose: make sure GS is represented in the Senate; ROTC; childcare
- Kelly: stapler; GS Performs Live! at Hudson Terrace
- Elliot: constitution; election process; work with other councils on policy issues
- Jacqueline: committees working together; website; ALP; alumni event

*Meeting adjourned at 8.58 p.m.*