



General Session Agenda

Feb 05, 2024 | [Zoom](#) | 7:10pm

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7:10 PM - Open (PARLIAMENTARIAN)

- Approval of Agenda for 02/05/2024
- Approval of [Minutes for 11/27/2023](#)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Introduction: New EPSA Senator Pascale Mevs
2. Updates from President and Provost meeting — [Agenda](#) (5 mins)
 - a. Conversations around violence @ CU and how it impacts TC students
 - b. Committee updates
3. Updates from Plenary meeting and policy for FLI spaces on campus (5 mins)
 - a. Approval for MA and MS for climate school (STEM)
 - b. Approval for a University Conduct policy (faculty focused)
 - c. Policy introduced discussing the recording of classes. Can't be recorded without the professor's opinion.
 - d. Policy for First Gen and Low Income students assisting students with Financial Aid, Counseling, Career Counseling, etc.
 - e. Policy for importance of social media

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Student Online Profile Resolution (20 mins)
 - [SR Online Profiles Final](#)
 - a. Resolution for updating online doctoral student profiles.
 - b. Added section regarding online department pages without students section.
 - c. The Imposter section moved to a separate doc.
 - d. Updated a resolution section

Q&A Section

- Potentially change wording and check spelling in some sections
- In terms of longevity, focus is on introducing online profiles and creating a standard.

- Student access to webpage and information displayed
- Potentially amend section 5 of resolution. Determining standard procedure (section 5)

Motion to extend time by Audrey, Seconded by Jay.

Breakout rooms for Committees (5 mins)

All Committees support resolution

Simple Majority Met, Resolution sent to Neha (President),

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Committee Updates

- Academic Affairs (3 mins)
 - Financial Aid, Advising, Equal opportunity for students in virtual programs.
 - Resolution for minimum advising demands.
 - Meeting with DEI this week to discuss a topic from November.
 - Virtual program access to courses and work opportunities.
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (3 mins)
 - Meeting to discuss academic advising with AA.
 - Bridging the Gap event coming on April 10th! Hoping to make this an annual event.
- Student Experience (3 mins)
 - Planning an event for student with disabilities with SWDAG
 - Working with Dr. Sheikh and TC Next for a Gallery Report
- Grounds and Resources (3 mins)
 - Sanitary products update
 - Library services update
 - Main campus tour update
- University Policy & Rules (3 mins)
 - Option for Option Dissertations:
 - Close to drafting the policy
 - Communicating with CU PhD Committee
 - Health care fees clarified and a rep for the CU Committee
- Social Chair updates (3 min)
 - **1st event: Event in collaboration with SWDAG** – Goal: people can share information and experiences about disability and accommodations at TC. This is a

way for us to gather information so we can suggest things that need to be changed when we meet with administrators. Currently planning the event for **March 7**. (Ask Student Experience committee for updates)

- **2nd event: DEI Event** – Goal: TC students can share about their cultural backgrounds and connect with other students about theirs. Currently planning the event for **April 10**. (Ask DEI committee for updates)

Executive Board Announcements and Updates

- President: (5 mins)
 - Nothing to report, meeting with President and Provost (Mentioned Above)
- Vice President: (5 mins)
 - Nothing to report, Reading legislation from Austin
- Parliamentarian: (5 mins)
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- Treasurer: (5 mins)
 - Nothing to report, Continuing to review budget
- Communications: (5 mins)
 - Nothing to report
- University Senator: (5 mins)
 - I am currently working on a policy to create a social media awareness session for fall orientation. The goal of this is to remind students and faculty of all colleges that the things they post on social media do impact their peers and remain permanent on the internet. The orientation will not tell people what to do or how to think, rather the goal is to help students and faculty understand that their online actions can have real-life impacts on people. I will push for this orientation to also shun the use of hate speech online by students and staff.
 - A revision of the University Code of Conduct that stated that it is not ok for faculty to make posts utilizing their association at Columbia as leverage was passed. They can not speak for the University's values.
 - The Diversity Committee is officially proposing a vote for the creation of a First Generation and Low-Income committee tasked with the responsibility of creating an FLI space on campus. This would be available to everyone. I spoke in support of it in the Plenary.

- There is a policy being worked on to facilitate the planning of student events (like protests) and reduce the amount of time it takes for these events to be approved. The goal is to create spaces for protest while ensuring that students in the classroom are not affected.
- There is a policy to prohibit the [recording of lectures](#) unless the instructor specifically requests it. It claims that authorized recordings should not be shared with others without the written consent of who is in the video. This was presented with the goal to make sure that “teachers and students do not end up on TikTok.”
 - My concerns are that this could limit student voice and how they hold instructors accountable in the classroom. **BUT** I also can see this as a violation of the classroom norms; specifically, that classrooms should be a safe space for conflicting ideas to emerge and be discussed.
 - **As I am indecisive, I would like to hear any input on this issue. We will vote at the next Plenary.**

Other Announcements

- Senator can provide individual updates, or this can be opened for Q & A

Jay motions to adjourn, Angel seconds.

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8:35 PM - Adjournment (PARLIAMENTARIAN)