STUDENT SENATE

TEACHERS COLLEGE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

General Session Agenda

April 18, 2022 | Thompson 136 | 7:00 PM

(This meeting was audio recorded)

OPEN:

7:00 PM - Open (Jessica O'Brien)

- Approval of Minutes from 4.4.2022 **approved**
- Approval of Agenda for 4.18.2022 **approved**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Elections (Cameron Arnzen) - 3 min. to Address Senate, 3 min. Questions, 3 min. Discussion, Vote
    a. Parliamentarian- Krystina Heidelberg
        i. Q&A
            - Senator Lamanno: How will you ensure Senators will know Robert's Rules?
                a. Engaging game (ex: Jeopardy with a list of phrases to know)
            - Senator Pant: Can you name 2 things you've learned this year? How would those experiences inform you in this new role?
                a. Day 1: building a common understanding of terms, committee work, etc., not assume people know rules/terminology
    b. Treasurer- Iman Niazi
        i. Q&A
            - Senator Ahn: How do you see yourself working with the finances of Student Senate?
                a. Showing the budget during every general session meeting, space in the budget for events. I want to make sure all Senate events align with Senate goals
    c. Communications Officer- Amelia Jones
        i. Q&A
            - Senator Regis: How are you going to continue the engagement we've seen this year on our social media platforms?
                a. Experience with consistent social media posts, stories, Zoom events, etc. I want to provide options for students to attend general session meetings

and informing the student body on the legislation and committee work Senate is working on

- ➢ Senator Lamanno: How do you plan to facilitate communication throughout the entire student body?
  - **a.** Work with e-board to get the word out, draft emails for each department to send out, social media schedule as a count down to elections, information sessions, in-person presence (table outside Zankel or Everett)
- ➢ University Senator Lee: How can we use Slack to build community while also being professional?
  - **a.** Setting standards from Day 1, setting community standards and adhering to those through monitoring the channel, collaborate with different senators and e-board to determine the best avenue of communicating with one another

d. BALLOT (Will be opened after all candidates have had a chance to be discussed)

2. Letter of Support: Dr. Gordon Brian Ahn

a. First Reading (10 minutes)

b. Q and A (10 minutes)

- **i.** Senator Heidelberg: See the change in "Gordon-Donor Name Tower." Any documentation or proof that states the email from President Bailey is false that he declined the offer
  - ➢ Please see the letter in the section titled "Dr. Gordon's Proposal"
- **ii.** Senator Lamanno: the first "whereas" person that created it is not a cosponsor
  - ➢ Senator Niazi: I thought Jonathan Coulson was the person that said that
  - ➢ Senator Lamanno: The first one is from Tina and Kristina
  - ➢ Senator Ahn: I have evidence that these people support it
- **iii.** Senator Heidelberg, point of clarification: Are the co-signers current TC students?
  - ➢ They were former TC students
- **iv.** Parliamentarian O'Brien: Why Dr. Gordon and not a woman of color for example?
  - ➢ Dr. Gordon asked us to continue to push for this
- **v.** Motion to extend questions 5 minutes, seconded, passed
- **vi.** Communications Officer Regis: Why specifically Dr. Gordon?
  - ➢ Dr. Gordon told us to keep pushing for it

- ➢ Communications Officer Regis: It doesn't seem like he wants to be on it in the email that you offered, so I'm a little confused.
- ➢ He specifically told Barbara Wallace

vii. Senator Jones: Since the other cosponsors aren't Senators, are they allowed to be on the legislation?

- ➢ Don't have guidance that they can't be on it

viii. Senator Pant: Explicitly stating that he is not going to protest as long as the building is named after a person of color

ix. Motion to extend 5 minutes, seconded, passed

x. Senator Ahn in response to Senator Pant: It is what Dr. Gordon wants and he has told us numerous times that this is what he wants

xi. Senator Anigbogu: At what point do we go back to the drawing board to consider someone else, or maybe someone with Dr. Gordon to be honored in this way?

- ➢ Barbara Wallace already in conversation about this

xii. Motion to extend 5 minutes, seconded, passed

- ➢ Parliamentarian O'Brien: I sent you recommendations regarding the last letter, but I do not see them implemented in this new letter
- ➢ I have timestamps that specifically address your concerns. I was speaking with Krystal and she wasn't sure what she could share. This is what we can give, if you want I just want to vote

xiii. Senator Lamanno: As it is written, it is plagiarized

xiv. Motion to move to second reading, seconded, passed

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Financial Aid Resolution Jessica O'Brien Marion Bakhoya Krystina Heidelberg
   a. Second Reading (10 minutes)
   b. Discussion (10 minutes)
      i. VP Arnzen: Thank you for implementing the changes from the first reading
      ii. Senator Lamanno: Would like to send this out before the end of the school year, the longer we wait, the longer there is lack of transparency
      iii. Senator Anigbogu: Clarity regarding summer financial aid, less resources about the summer terms

1. Parliamentarian O'Brien: I love that, but I just don't think I have the time or capacity to do that in this legislation

iv. Motion to end discussion

c. Committee Discussions

d. Motion to extend to 9:15, seconded, passed

e. Vote- **passed**

2. Bill 3-22 Gabby Lamanno Krystina Heidelberg Neha Pant

a. Second Reading (10 minutes)

i. Motion to move to discussion

b. Discussion (10 minutes)

i. Senator Niazi: What if a senator doesn't want to continue?

1. They have to resign to the president and the position would come for rolling admission in the fall.

ii. Senator Garcia Tulloch: I think it sounds really good

1. Thank you! We tried our best to consider everyone's suggestions

iii. Parliamentarian O'Brien: Will exclude 2nd year masters students from joining e-board, 2 semester term excludes the summer option of having summer is important in case you want to make changes to the constitution, rolling admission issue-orientation in the spring, would you have to keep orienting senators in the spring?

1. Can we say 3 summers? The Constitution was an e-board thing. Normally we don't have any value in the summer. Technically your term ends in the summer. With this you would continue in the summer and the fall
2. Rolling admissions-would only help people in these spots, would help with attrition

iv. Treasurer Reinhard video

1. Either way we leave out some demographic, 2 year masters that could not run for e-board

v. VP Arnzen: Who isn't returning in the fall for any reason? That could be a potential issue in the fall

vi. Senator Niazi: Vacancies in the fall can be dealt with rolling admissions

c. Committee Discussions

d. Vote- **passed**

3. Letter of Support: Dr. Gordon Brian Ahn
    a. Second Reading (10 minutes)
    b. Discussion (10 minutes)
        i. Motion to move to voting, seconded, passed
    c. Committee Discussions
    d. Vote- **did not pass**
4. Motion to move to announcement, seconded, passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

8:00 PM Announcements & Updates

Committee Updates

- Academic Affairs Amelia Jones
    - Please submit to the google form about your advising experience. Send to AT LEAST 2 friends, please. DEADLINE is this FRIDAY 4/25.
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Rey Francis Gonzales
    - Google form to gauge interest in volunteering for the Harlem food bank still in the works
- Student Experience Tay Leppik
    - Student Wellness working groups
        - On hold for the time being
    - Marissa - April 9th 4pm piano recital!
- University Policy & Rules Iman Niazi
    - College Fee conversation with Hank
    - Iman + Aurely collaborating with Academic Affairs
    - Personal update
        - Aurely has secured an internship for Summer 2022!!
- Grounds and Resources Krystina Heidelberg
    - Met with the ORS, Tony Fangel and Selema Moliga Update
        - Dining now has vegan cheese available for burgers and sandwiches! (small win)
        - AVI is very open to suggestions and/or concerns, if you have any concerns or questions you can reach out by texting comments to management at 929. 407. 3194, or I can relay info to them if necessary
        - @teacherscollege_avidining to follow on instagram

- Meeting with AVI
    - Public Safety released that Via coverage has been extended to north to 137th Street and west to Broadway
    - XXXXX_Evening Shuttle Coverage Map.indd (columbia.edu)
    - Thursday March 24th the Campus Safety Advisory Committee at 1pm will have a presentation covering many of the student resources that various offices of the college provide.
    - Center for Sustainable Futures meeting to discuss Senate involvement in Teach-In
    - *Working to gain clarity on the actually amount of student representation that should or can be in the Campus Safety Advisory Meetings*
    - *Conversating about changing elections to December and preparing legislation*
    - *Collab with Neha regarding amending on campus housing lease*
    - *Collab with chairs to plan another Mixer for advocating and wrapping up the academic year*
    - *Clarified standards for TC Alert*
    - *Finalized mixer plans with chairs*
- Social Chair updates Shelby Denney Aurely Tulloch
    - End of the Year Celebration: Speakeasy Night is this Friday at 7pm! Reminder all guests must provide their COVID-19 vaccination cards, photo ID, and health check to Public Safety to enter the event. Will be sending "countdown" messages all week (:
    - Standby events: Summit One Vanderbilt, looking for interest from Senators, TBA on date but if finalized, looking at the 29th of April.

Executive Board Announcements and Updates

- President: Marion Bakhoya
    - EOY reports expectations
        - May 2nd from 7-8:30 in GDH 179, reception to follow
    - EOY Superlatives! Please complete the Google Form that Krista sent to you by Wednesday at 5pm. We will be revealing who received what superlative during the Speakeasy event on Friday!
- Vice President: Cameron Arnzen
    - Transition Documents for all senators due **Monday, May 2 at 11:59 pm.**
- Parliamentarian: Jessica O'Brien
    - Congrats on a great legislative year!!
- Treasurer: Lauren Reinhard
    - Meal vouchers available for pickup.

    - If you wish to receive vouchers, see Krista tonight.
    - Each voucher is $15
    - 2 vouchers per person for the following three general sessions (6 total per person)
- Communications: Dionne Regis
    - Our last newsletter is out!
- University Senator: Tina Lee
    - Article published in Columbia Spectator about anti-Asian/solidarity plenary presentation and community initiatives.
    - *Columbia Alumni Association (CAA)* wants to create a list of Columbia cultural "checklists" (e.g., grabbing a cup of coffee at Joes, sitting on the library steps) → reminder to message Tina by the end of April if you have any ideas.

Other Announcements

- Committee chairs, please add your EOY reports to the slides and continue working on your transition documents. Both are due Friday, April 29 at 5pm Krista Morales
- Senator transition documents due by our last general session on Monday, May 2nd at 11:59 pm
- Website is updated with everyone's headshots!
- Congrats Marissa!!

CLOSE

8:30 PM - Adjournment (Jessica O'Brien)

- Senator Lamanno motioned to adjourn
- Seconded
- Passed