



### Meeting Agenda

September 12th 2017; 6:30 PM

Alfred Lerner Hall, Room 569

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#### Fall Plenary Meeting Schedule

(6:30 PM, Alfred Lerner Hall, Room 477):

- **September 12\***
- **October 10**
- **November 14**
- **December 5**

\*September meeting is held in Lerner Hall, Room 569

1. Sign-in
2. Introductions (President):
  - a. What is GSAC? Who are the steering committee? How does GSAC operate?
  - b. What is the role of the department representatives?
3. Presentation by The Food Bank at Columbia (Chelsea Faison)
4. Student Group Approval (Vice President Admin)
  - a. Columbia University Science Policy Initiative (CUSP)
5. Announcements (President)
  - a. GSAC Goals for 2017-2018
    - i. Improve graduate student representation (PhDs & MAs)
    - ii. Expand budget sources
    - iii. Enhance graduate and professional school collaborations through CGC
  - b. External Presentation Survey (Vice President Admin)
  - c. Newsletter redesign (Vice President Communications)
6. Changes to the Constitution
  - a. Change in representation of SEAS PhD students
7. Committee updates
  - a. Alumni & Career Development
    - Plan for this year: 3 Pillars
    - Update from the [Leadership Lunch-In](#): 7 September
      - LionSHARE Profile Checklist, PhD Career Development Timeline, Events
    - Alumni Virtual Mentorship Program
    - CCE: Center for Career Education - October 10th (GSAC Plenary)
    - Upcoming Dates:
      - Resumania: 13th September
      - US Job Search for International Students: 28th September
      - Power Half-Hour: 12:30-1pm Sept: 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28
  - b. Budget & Finance
    - Budget
    - SIG grant application deadline: **Oct 13th, 2017**
  - c. Culture
    - Sleep No More (Friday, September 29th)
    - Joshua Bell Performs Bernstein's Serenade (October 25th)
    - White Light Festival: Pergolesi: *Stabat Mater* (dance) (November 2nd)

- White Light Festival: Jordi Savall: *The Routes of Slavery* (November 15)
  
- d. Quality of Life
  - Creating a resource handbook, streamlining information access
  - Look into maternity leave policies
  - Assembling QoL committee for the year
- e. Social
  - Groundhog Day: September 14th @7PM
  - Social Survey Highlights
  - Mystery Room: October 13th, 7PM and 8:30PM
- 8. External Representatives Nominations (President):
  - a. Health (Morningside, CUMC)
  - b. Libraries
  - c. Graduate Workers of Columbia (GWC)/Union
  - d. IGB
  - e. Disabilities
  - f. Interschool/Professional School
  - g. ISSO
- 9. New Business (Open Forum)
- 10. Committee sign-ups & Adjournment (President)

**GSAC plenary meetings are conducted in the style of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition)***

Obtain the floor (the right to speak) by being the first to raise your department placard when the person speaking has finished. You must be recognized by the Chair before speaking.

- No member can speak twice to the same issue until everyone else wishing to speak has spoken to it once.
- The agenda and all committee reports are merely recommendations. When presented to the assembly and the question is stated, debate begins and changes can occur.