



Meeting Agenda

December 5th 2017; 6:30 PM

Philosophy Hall, Room 301

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1. Sign-in
2. Approval of November 2017 Minutes (President)
3. Presentation by the Title IX Coordinator
4. Announcements (President)
 - a. Spring semester meetings
 - b. Update on plenary meeting location: 301 Philosophy for Spring semester
 - c. Opportunity at CBS: [IE@Columbia](#), apply by 12/11/17 [here](#)
 - d. [Proposed US tax reforms](#) - Updates
 - e. Update on [GSAC budget](#)
 - f. Updates from ad hoc committee for reorganization of graduate student representation: proposal & timeline (Chair of Ad Hoc Committee)
5. Committee updates
 - a. Alumni & Career Development
 - i. Spring: International Student Seminars
 - ii. Spring: Alumni Ted Style Talks
 - iii. Spring: Yearly Alumni/Student Yearly Event w/Social Committee
 - b. Budget & Finance
 - i. Travel Grants - Application Statistics
 - c. Culture
 - i. Farinelli and the King, starring Mark Rylance (Feb. 22)
 - d. Quality of Life
 - i. GSAS/GSAC resource guide for students
 - ii. Focus group luncheons
 - e. Social
 - i. Holiday Party @ The Attic, 12/15, 7PM
 - ii. Hunter Mountain 2/10/2018
6. External Representatives Updates:
 - a. Health (Morningside, CUMC)
 - b. Libraries
 - c. Graduate Workers of Columbia (GWC)/Union: Petition for real recourse against sexual harassment, Campaign against House and Senate Tax Bill, Anniversary of vote on unionization (December 9th)
 - d. Office of University Life Events Council: Low Lounge - 12/12/17, 12-5PM
 - e. Disabilities: Search for dedicated testing space, Panel Discussion - Navigating the City (in Spring), SDS QoL survey completed
 - f. ISSO
7. Senators' Updates
8. New Business (Open Forum)
9. Committee meetings & Adjournment (President)

Fall Plenary Meeting Schedule
(6:30 PM, Philosophy Hall, Room 301):

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

*September location: Lerner Hall, Room 569

**October location Lerner Hall, Room 477

Spring Plenary Meeting Schedule
(6:30 PM, Philosophy Hall, Room 301):

- January 23
- February 20
- March 20
- April 24

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.