Meeting Agenda
September 11, 2018; 6:30 PM

ARTS & SCIENCES
GRADUATE COUNCIL

Philosophy Hall 301
https://council.gsas.columbia.edu/

1. Sign-in
2. Presentation by CCE (Alumni & Career Development Chair)
3. Introductions (President)
   a. What is ASGC? Who are the executive committee? How does ASGC operate?
   b. What is the role of the department representatives? (Communications Chair)
   c. External Presentation Ideas (Vice President)
4. Student Group Approval (Vice President)
   a. Columbia Statistics Club
   b. SoCA
5. Announcements (President)
   a. ASGC Goals for 2018-2019
      i. Improve graduate student representation (PhDs & MAs)
      ii. Expand assistance to students through events and funding opportunities
      iii. Enhance PhD collaborations through the PhD Council
      iv. Enhance collaborations through the Interschool Governing Board and the Columbia Graduate Council
   b. Open Officer Positions
      i. Events Co-Chair
      ii. Masters Affair Chair (call for nominations)
6. Committee updates
   a. Alumni & Career Development
   b. Budget & Finance
      i. Updated budget
      ii. New model for travel grant applications: see below
      iii. Committee members required
   c. Quality of Life
      i. Join the committee!
      ii. Chapter meetings rule update
      iii. Parental leave policy
   d. Events
      i. Events committee: organizing volunteer-led events in museums we have free access too
      ii. Sleep No More @ McKittrick, September 18th
7. External Representatives Nominations (President):
   a. Health (Morningside, CUMC)

        b. Libraries

        c. Graduate Workers of Columbia (GWC)/Union

        d. IGB- looking for delegates (x3)

        e. Disabilities

        f. ISSO

8. Senators' Updates (Andrew, Mike, Sally)

        a. Introduction to your Senators

        b. Issues to take up

9. New Business (Open Forum)

10. Committee sign-ups & Adjournment (President)

ASGC 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.

Proposed travel grant model

Whereas the application cycle for the grants used to be based on conference dates, the new model uses the date of when the acceptance letter has been received.
      - This ensures that every applicant has indeed been accepted
      - It also brings the application deadline closer to the conference

Application cycle	Application deadline	Acceptance letter received	Percentage of TG budget
Summer	September 21	May 1 - September 21	20%
Fall	November 21	September 14 - November 21	30%
Winter	January 25	November 14 - January 25	30%
Spring	April 26	January 18 - April 26	20%

The weighting per cycle is based on previous years' data on conference dates and an assumption that acceptance letters are sent ~ 8 weeks before. This is up for plenary discussion.

The weighting will have to be updated as more data become available over the years.