



Meeting Agenda

March 26, 2019; 6:30 PM

301 Philosophy Hall

<https://council.gsas.columbia.edu/>

1. Sign-in & Welcome
 - a. Vote to approve February minutes
2. Presentation and Q&A with Columbia Residential (UAH)
 - a. Diego Rivera (AVP), Dion Keene (Director), Fabbiola Green (Leasing Specialist)
3. Presentation and Q&A with Columbia Food Pantry
4. New student group presentation and Q&A (Vice President)
 - a. Quantitative Approaches to Social Research Society (QASR)
5. Announcements (President)
 - a. April Plenary Meeting (Departmental Representatives Thank You Party)
 - b. Faculty Mentoring Award and Chinweike Okegbe Service Award (March 29 Deadline)
 - c. Time to start finding new Department Representatives for 2019-20
6. Vote to Amend Constitution (President)
 - a. It is proposed that: *(1) The Community Chair position be elevated to become the "External Affairs Vice President" (EAVP), and (2) the Community Committee be changed to "Advocacy and Community Committee" (ACC), and (3) the Vice President remains next-in-line for the "President", should there be an unforeseen vacancy.*
 - b. Full language here: <https://goo.gl/chE1yb>
7. Election of New Board Members (except Master's Affairs)
 - a. The order of elections in March shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Finance Chair, Community Chair (or EAVP), Quality of Life Chair, Media Chair, Events Co-Chairs, Alumni Chair
8. Committee updates
 - a. Alumni & Career Development
 - i. End of year alumni-student happy hour at Columbia's Startup Lab (WeWork Soho)
 - b. Quality of Life
 - i. QoL survey anonymity concerns: will find a way to make the survey fully anonymous next year, either by putting a link at the end or by using a survey platform other than Google Forms.
 - ii. 20% rent increase for lease extensions **will not be applied this year** though they still plan to implement it next year. If you or anyone you know has a lease extension agreement that asks them to pay 20%, they should ignore that and pay only their regular rent amount for that month.
 - iii. Summer gym access now free for those teaching in the summer.
 - iv. HR info for Voluntary Retirement Savings Programs for graduate students has been added to the retirement section of the HR website, at humanresources.columbia.edu/retirement
 - v. Provost said parental accommodations were now a union matter.

- vi. Columbia registration emails are going to start including information about health insurance lapses.
- vii. Dean Alonso reached out to Melanie Bernitz in the uptown medical center about allowing Morningside people who are working uptown to access health services at CUMC, and vice versa. Melanie Bernitz had a lot of questions, so we are planning to circulate a separate survey, coordinating with our counterparts at CUMC. Her questions were: What are the number of people who would be interested? Would this be a matter of having access for weeks, months, or years? And would this include routine health appointments, urgent care, or both?
- c. Events
 - i. Updates
- d. Finance
 - i. SIGs awarded: 11 groups applied, 100% funded
 - ii. Next travel grant deadline is April 26
- e. Masters Affairs
 - i. Recap from Kelly Ahn/CCE Meeting. Kelly wanted to highlight the following:
 - 1. CCE does virtual career counseling meetings, if you live far from campus.
 - 2. If you don't have business attire for a meeting, you can rent clothing from the CCE Clothing Closet.
 - 3. See the Subscription Resources (under the tab Tips & Resources).
 - 4. LinkedIn Alumni, Columbia Career Connections, and CU There Alumni Groups
- 9. External Organization Updates:
 - a. Health
 - b. Libraries
 - c. Graduate Workers of Columbia (GWC)/Union
 - d. Interschool Governing Board (IGB)
 - e. Disabilities (SSD)
 - f. ISSO
 - g. University Life Events Council
 - h. PhD Council
 - i. Executive Committee of GSAS (ECGSAS)
 - j. Students of Arts and Sciences Consortium (SASC)
- 10. Senators' Updates (Andrew, Mike, Darold)
- 11. New Business (Open Forum)
- 12. Committee Meetings & Adjournment (President)

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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.