

Meeting Agenda

October 14, 2019, 6:30 PM



ARTS & SCIENCES GRADUATE COUNCIL

Upcoming Plenary Meetings
November 12, 6:30 pm
December 10, 6:30 pm

Philosophy Hall 301

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

1. Welcome (President)
2. Presentations
 - a. Kelly Ahn, [Center for Career Education](#)
3. Sign-in Instructions (Communications)
 - a. Sign in: <https://council.gsas.columbia.edu/form/asgc-plenary-attendance>
4. Approve Minutes from September Plenary
5. Amendment to Constitution and By-Laws
 - a. Change of phrasing: “good standing”
 - b. No change in policy
6. Announcements (President)
 - a. Open Officer Positions
 - i. Masters Affair Chair
 - b. Upcoming Open Positions
 - i. Media Chair (Elections on Nov. 12)
7. Student Group Recognition (VP, Admin.)
 - a. Columbia Physics Graduate Council
8. General Advocacy Updates
 - a. Columbia Residential: Gas Shutdown, ConEd, WiFi, Payment Plan, Committee
 - b. ISSO Workshops: OPT, Legal
9. Committee updates
 - a. Finance
 - i. Travel Grants
 - ii. Student Initiative Grants
 - b. Quality of Life
 - c. Events
 - d. Alumni
10. External Representatives Updates (VP, External Affairs):
 - a. Health
 - b. Libraries
 - c. Graduate Workers of Columbia (GWC)/Union
 - d. IGB
 - e. Disabilities
 - f. ISSO

- 11. Senators' Updates
- 12. New Business (Open Forum)
- 13. 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.

Current ASGC Constitution	Proposed Amendments
Art. III, Sect. 4: Failure of DRs to meet the tasks outlined in the By-Laws (Article III) will result in a status of bad standing for the respective department.	Failure of DRs to meet the tasks outlined in the By-Laws (Article III) will result in an inactive status for the respective department.
Art. III, Sect. 5 A department in bad standing is ineligible to apply for ASGC funding.	An inactive department is ineligible to apply for ASGC funding.
Art. IV, Sect. 5: Only graduate students from departments in good standing and whom will be registered as a student for the entire term shall be considered for officer election to the Executive Board.	Only graduate students from active departments and who will be registered as a student for the entire term shall be considered for officer election to the Executive Board.
Art. VI, Sect. 1: Each GSAS PhD and GSAS Masters Program, in good standing , is entitled to one vote.	Each active GSAS PhD and Masters Program is entitled to one vote.
Art. VI, Sect. 3: Departmental statuses of departments with responsive DRs or new DRs are reset at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semester to good standing.	The status of inactive departments with responsive DRs or new DRs is reset to active at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semester.
Art. VIII, Sect. 6: A simple majority of departments in good standing shall constitute quorum except when voting on Constitution or Bylaw amendments, as outlined by Article VI, section 5. Once quorum is determined, the presiding Executive Board officer calls the meeting to begin.	A simple majority of active departments shall constitute a quorum except when voting on Constitution or Bylaw amendments, as outlined by Article VI, section 5. Once a quorum is determined, the presiding Executive Board officer calls the meeting to begin.
Art. IX, Sect. 1 Department Representatives can be selected by any of three methods, outlined below: 1. Direct election by all graduate students within a department (who are in good standing). [...]	Department Representatives can be selected by any of three methods, outlined below: 1. Direct election by all graduate students within a department (who are in good standing as defined by GSAS). [...]
Current ASGC By-Laws	Proposed Amendments
Art. II, Sect. 2: ASGC meetings shall not serve the following purposes: 1. Involvement in the internal affairs of any particular department student governments. 2. Involvement in the internal affairs of any particular student group, however ASGC maintains the right to award Student Initiative Grants, determine good-standing, apply sanctions to groups in bad-standing , and revoke official recognition of student groups.	ASGC meetings shall not serve the following purposes 1.. Involvement in the internal affairs of any particular department student governments. 2. Involvement in the internal affairs of any particular student group, however ASGC maintains the right to award Student Initiative Grants, determine the eligibility of departments and groups to receive ASGC-funded grants, apply sanctions to student groups in violation of ASGC policies , and revoke official recognition of student groups.
Art. III, Sect. 2 Failure of a Department Representative to meet all of the aforementioned tasks (Article III, section 1) will result in a status of bad standing of the respective department. One meeting per semester will be considered an acceptable absence; any more will result in bad-standing status . A department in bad standing is ineligible to apply for ASGC funding.	Failure of a Department Representative to meet all of the aforementioned tasks (Article III, section 1) will result in an inactive status for the respective department. One meeting per semester will be considered an acceptable absence; any more will result in an inactive status . An inactive department is ineligible to apply for ASGC funding.