Dates of Upcoming ASGC Plenary Meetings (third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm):
December 21, January 18, February 15

1. Welcome (Ashley Wells, President: asgc.president@columbia.edu)
2. Introductions (Ashley Wells, President: asgc.president@columbia.edu)
   a. New QoL Chair & new Master’s Affairs Chair
3. Guests
   a. Jonathan O.Cain, Associate University Librarian for Research and Learning (Libraries)
      i. Jonathan’s presentation gave an overview of Columbia University Libraries resources for graduate students. He shared his email: aul-researchlearning@library.columbia.edu. His presentation included slides on: finding materials through CLIO; course reserves that are accessible through CLIO and Courseworks (which have become more robust through the pandemic); the Library Information Office (lio@columbia.edu); help available both online and during drop-in hours; workshops focusing on research tools, research software, and data & digital methods; other workshops and bootcamps (https://rcfoundations.research.columbia.edu and email: rcfoundations@columbia.edu) with the next workshop scheduled for January; copyright support and education; subject-based experts in the library, who are available for scheduled appointments and drop-in help. If students are looking for specific materials or want to request the library purchase materials, this is a good way to do that. He continued with information about Research Data Services, the digital music lab (which includes a training and support program), digital scholarship services like journal publishing program and ORCID, etc. Jonathan also discussed opportunities for students to advise the Libraries (which prioritizes input from students on initiatives and focuses on partnerships with student communities) through the Student Library Advisory Committee (slac@library.columbia.edu). Additionally, Jonathan discussed Alumni Services and how “Columbia University Libraries are your libraries for life.” Alumni receive free off-campus accesses and can apply for an alumni card for on-campus access and borrowing for a fee. For more information, people are invited to contact the LIO office and look at the website: https://library.columbia.edu/using-libraries/alumni.html and https://library.columbia.edu/services/lio/butler-lockers.html.
4. Sign-in Instructions (Mariah Noble, Communications Chair: asgc.communications@columbia.edu)
   b. Committee & External Rep Reminder
      i. There is a new External Affairs Ad Hoc committee for Senate Elections, so if anyone is interested in serving on that instead of the traditional committees, please indicate that on the sign-in sheet.

5. **Amendments to ASGC Unionization Statement**
   a. Department Reps were given the opportunity to review the amendments and make any comments or ask questions. Izzy Plowright (Proxy for Ph.D. History Department Rep,) motioned to amend a line to clarify that the NLRB represents undergraduate workers in addition to graduate workers. Allyson Li (Ph.D. Chemistry Department Rep.) seconded the motion.
      i. Suggested language change: “the NLRB certified that all research and teaching assistants were part of the unit, including undergraduate workers. In doing so, the NLRB recognized the GWC-UAW as the exclusive collective-bargaining unit for Columbia graduate workers.”
   b. Other comments or concerns on the statement?
   c. Here is the most recent version on our website
      i. Ashley Wells motioned to table this and vote on a newly updated version of the statement in a few days via email. Ashley will email department reps about this. Margaret Corn (Ph.D. Classical Studies) seconded the motion.

6. **Amendments to Bylaws**
   a. For context, bylaws were written and published years ago when ASGC was GSAC, an advisory committee that looked very different from what ASGC is now. Plenary attendees took time to look bylaw amendments over and voted on the proposed amendments. The amendments to the Bylaws passed.

7. **Updates**
   a. President (Ashley Wells: asgc président@columbia.edu)
      i. Ivy+ Summit Update
         1. Columbia is leading the way with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair on its ASGC Executive Board.
         2. An initiative of interest is a greater focus on accessibility.
            a. Ashley will be drafting a letter from the ASGC Executive Board requesting that the Health department make the map meant to show wheelchair access more clear. If department chairs have questions or comments about this, please let Ashley know about those.
   b. VP, Administration (Laura DiNardo: asgc.vpadministration@columbia.edu)
      i. Student Group Change of Group Leadership Form
      ii. If anyone has a connection to GRO-Biotech, contact Laura as soon as possible.
   c. VP, External Affairs (Bhargav Gopal: asgc.vpexternalaffairs@columbia.edu)
      i. Senate Elections
         1. Coming up very soon, and to assist the VP for External Affairs, we will have an ad hoc committee to help run these elections; Any department
reps who have not already signed up for a committee are invited to join this one. Department Chairs were asked to email Mariah Noble (asgc.communications@columbia.edu) if they have interest in that specifically. We are hoping to get new senators in place by the end of the semester.

ii. NAGPS
   1. This conference will take place November 19-21, and Bhargav Gopal will give updates at the next meeting.

d. Finance (Tea Crnković: asgc.finance@columbia.edu)
   i. Travel Grants
      1. Deadline this Friday
   ii. Student Initiative Grants
      1. Deadline in February
   iii. Food Pantry Donation
      1. ASGC donated $1,000 to the food pantry.
   iv. Other updates on grants are available on the ASGC website

e. Communications (Mariah Noble: asgc.communications@columbia.edu)
   i. No updates

f. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Arden Lee: ga2448@columbia.edu)
   i. Diversity Initiative Grants
      1. We have received no additional applications, so please remind the people in your departments that that exists and encourage them to apply.
      2. Arden will send out an email to members of her in the next few days.

g. Events (Thu Pham: asgc.events_cochair1@columbia.edu)
   i. We are winding down our November events, and in December we have a laser tag event and two Broadway shows to wrap up the semester.

8. External Representative Updates (VP, External Affairs Bhargav Gopal: asgc.vpexternalaffairs@columbia.edu)
   a. Health
      i. No updates
   b. Libraries
      i. No updates
   c. ISSO
      i. No updates
   d. Student Workers of Columbia (UAW)/Union
      i. The union voted to continue on strike last week and will hold another vote tomorrow. It is anticipated that the strike will continue for another week.
   e. IGB
      i. There is a meeting next week, so there will be updates after that.
   f. PhDC
      i. No updates as there was not a meeting last month.
      ii. Two more representatives still needed. If interested, please email Mariah Noble (asgc.communications@columbia.edu).
9. Senators’ Updates
   a. In last month’s plenary, the Senate voted with supermajority to establish the Climate School, which has been a long time in the making. While the existence of the School is now official, the school is just starting to really take shape. It currently only houses the master program "Climate and Society," which existed previous to the establishment of the Climate School. Any new education program must be approved by the Senate again.
   b. The Education committee supported a proposal from the department of French and Romance Philology, to rename the department to "French Department." This will be voted on this Friday and is expected to pass without issue.

10. New Business or Questions (Open Forum)
   a. Andie Munoz (M.A. Ecology, Evolution & Conservation Biology Department Rep) asked a question regarding the requirement (according to the newly amended Bylaws) for department representatives to volunteer at events. Ashley Wells (President, ASGC) clarified that the volunteering component for being a department rep has been less prominent recently and is being phased out. She said that department reps don’t need to worry so much about being sure to volunteer for one or two events, but should be available to do so on more of an ad hoc basis. Thu Pham (Events Co-Chair) confirmed this and mentioned that this semester’s events have been a bit less planned out than in other semesters, partially due to the pandemic, but the hope is that next semester events can be on a more regular schedule, enabling the Events Co-Chairs to reach out to volunteers beforehand. Thu added that a perk of volunteering is that volunteers can go to these events for free. She invited people on the Events Committee with ideas for events they’d like to plan to let her and P.J. know about those.

11. 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.