Dates of Upcoming ASGC Plenary Meetings (third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm): October 19, November 16, December 21

1. Welcome (President)
2. Introductions (President)
   a. What is ASGC? Who is on the executive committee? How does ASGC operate?
      ● Programming/hosting of events
      ● Funding source for student initiatives
      ● Advocacy (ASGC and GSAS)
   ii. What is the role of the department representatives?
      ● Bringing issues from your departments and acting as a department liaison
      ● Serve on a committee within ASGC or be an external rep
      ● Active in ASGC, possess voting rights, etc.
      ● Attend Plenary Meetings, join committees or become external representatives
   iii. Master’s Affairs Chair Elections will be held during our next plenary
      ● For anyone interested, the application form is here: https://council.gsas.columbia.edu/form/2021-2022-masters-affairs-chair-

3. Guest
   a. Melanie Bernitz (Columbia Health)
      i. Slides on public health concerns
         ● NYC COVID-19 Cases
            ○ Currently in the third wave
              ■ Significantly lower than previous waves
              ■ Numbers plateaued and are coming down
              ■ Fewer deaths
         ● NYC Percent of Residents Vaccinated
            ○ Doing well
         ● Campus Data
            ○ Updated on the website each Monday
            ○ Consistently under 1%
• Transition from Pandemic to Endemic
  ○ Within the U.S. endemic due to vaccine access, while other parts of the world are still in an epidemic
• Multiple layers of protection at CU
• Positive COVID-19 Case: Notification and Communication
  ○ Contact tracing
• What happens if someone tests positive for COVID-19
  ○ Changes to quarantine mandates for fully vaccinated individuals
  ○ Notification through Canvas regarding positive cases
• Cascade of Events after Positive Case
  ○ Please encourage people to respond when contacted regarding contact tracing
    ii. The rest of Columbia Health Services are still in place and available
    iii. Currently in the yellow zone, hoping to get into green
    iv. Insurance deadline is September 30, 2021
v. Questions
  ● Statistical clarification
  ● Encourage people who may have tested positive outside of Columbia campus to inform the school
  ● Concerns re: staff resources at Columbia Health
    ○ If you encounter barriers to health access, please communicate that to Columbia Health leadership, such as Melanie
  ● Voluntary testing is continuing at Lerner Hall, and random testing is also still happening
    ○ If notified that you were randomly selected to test, it is required
      ■ Two-week window to comply
      ■ If you don’t comply, you will have a red pass and your school will be notified you’re noncompliant, which means you could be written up for student conduct
    ○ If you get selected but already voluntarily tested, you don’t have to test again
  ● If you test positive, you should go into the self-attestation of Reopen CU and give yourself a red pass
    ○ If you haven’t looked at it recently, go in and select the different options without submitting to look at the drop-downs, so you can better understand symptoms implications
  ● Voluntary testing available until September 30th according to the website, messaging later this week regarding potentially continuing that
  ● Accommodations processes often need to go through the schools
  ● Physical therapy options for students - athletics agreement, providers who are osteopathic manipulative therapy; otherwise must refer to off-campus

4. Sign-in Instructions (Communications)

5. Department Representative Transitions (2021-22)
   a. Fill out the 2021-22 Department Representative Form if you have not yet confirmed your status with Mariah Noble (asgc.communications@columbia.edu)

6. General Advocacy Updates
   a. Columbia Residential
7. Updates

a. Laura DiNardo (VP, Administration: asgc.vpadministration@columbia.edu)
   i. Student Group Change of Group Leadership Form
      ● Direct them to the change of group leadership form:
        https://council.gsas.columbia.edu/form/change-of-group-leadership-form
   ii. Call for Questions: Columbia Residential
       ● This will be our next guest speaker next month
       ● Meeting with Columbia Residential over the summer
       ● Response from Columbia Residential:
          ○ “About the billing issue this summer, Student Financial Services,
            in conjunction with Columbia Residential, decided to adjust the
            date rent was added on student accounts to better align with
            the due dates described in the housing agreement (first of the
            month). The reason they made this decision was because there
            were a lot of concerns about payments being late and how that
            would affect late fees. The change in the billing structure means
            that beginning with July rent, student residents see the charge
            reflected on their account in advance of the first of the month
            due date. If students were delayed in making June rent
            payments, they would see two charges outstanding at the time
            July rent is reflected on their account, which it sounds like is the
            case here. However, to accommodate any concerns, July rent
            was not considered past due until July 29, four weeks after the
            due date.”

       ● Please submit any questions for Columbia Residential to Ashley Wells
         (ASGC President, asgc.president@columbia.edu) in preparation for the
         October Plenary Meeting

b. Bhargov Gopal (VP, External Affairs: asgc.vpexternalaffairs@columbia.edu)
   i. Senate Elections
      ● Host an election for two Senate seats, coordinating with Senate staff
      ● Plan to send out blurb on Sept. 27th with more information forthcoming

c. Tea Crnković (Finance Chair: asgc.finance@columbia.edu)
   i. Budget
      ● https://council.gsas.columbia.edu/content/annual-budget
      ● Increased money for events and personal meetings
   ii. Travel Grants & Student Initiative Grants
      ● Upcoming deadlines
      ● Please urge constituents who meet the requirements to apply because
        we have plenty of funding
      ● Record 15 applications so far for travel grants
      ● https://council.gsas.columbia.edu/content/student-travel-grant
      ● https://council.gsas.columbia.edu/content/student-initiative-grant
      ● Question RE: NAGPS and Ivy+ Summit spending
         ○ Funds put aside for expenses for participation of Executive
           Board in those annual events

d. Clem Choi (Quality of Life Chair: asgc.qualityoflife@columbia.edu)

e. Arden Lee (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair: asgc.media@columbia.edu)
   i. Statement on Injustice: Review
• Department reps should review this document to prepare for voting next month
• Since we will be voting on that next month, please do not share yet with departments
• Once approved and published, can share with departments

ii. Diversity Initiative Grants
f. Thu Pham (Events Co-Chair: asgc.events_cochair1@columbia.edu)
i. Status Update
• Four events for orientation, two postponed due to increased COVID restrictions

g. Masters Affairs
i. Vacant, but voting will happen next month to fill position

8. External Representatives Appointments (VP, External Affairs):
a. Health:
i. Bhargav Gopal (VP, External Affairs: asgc.vpexternalaffairs@columbia.edu) and Pragya Gupta (pg2705@columbia.edu) appointed.
b. Libraries:
i. Rahim Hashim (rh2898@columbia.edu) appointed.
c. ISSO: Still Needed
d. Graduate Workers of Columbia (GWC)/Union:
i. Amelia Spooner (ajs2144@columbia.edu) appointed.
  ● Joel Van De Sande attending for Amelia today

ii. Updates
• Back into bargaining with a meeting tomorrow. Topics to be addressed include COVID measures and compensation.
• In the strike authorization vote, ballot lists everything the bargaining team is working on

  ● Joel will send more information to pass along for Mariah to pass along to the Department Reps
    ○ Register for caucus here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrcOGsrjgrGNDhHFPbr3pHMaB7_f0kAAMM.
    ○ Bargaining link here: https://columbiauniversity.zoom.us/j/92534466002?pwd=d0t5djUzOEVyQ3dSOS8vM1p3ZUNhQT09.
    ○ Join over 600 student workers in discussion on Discord here: https://discord.gg/mFBqQZXURT.

e. IGB: Still Needed
f. PhDC (PhD Council):
i. Karen Perez (kip2105@columbia.edu) appointed

  g. Department reps interested in vacant positions (ISSO and IGB) can email Bhargov Gopal at ac4402@columbia.edu

9. Senators’ Updates

10. New Business (Open Forum)
a. Question re: classroom test tracing
i. Concerned that it took eight days to be notified that a student tested positive in his class, and eight days seems like too much time?

  ● Ashley Wells will start an email between Charles Pletcher (charles.pletcher@columbia.edu) and Melanie Bernitz to address this
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.