ASGC Plenary Meeting Agenda
February 15, 2022, 6:30 PM
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Dates of Upcoming ASGC Plenary Meetings (a Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm):
March 22, April 19

1. Welcome (President)
   a. Saying “hi” to each other

2. Guests
   a. Janet Grapengeter, Director of Planning and Capital Project Management at CU Facilities
   & Colleen Lewis, Executive Director of Disability Services
   b. Michael Higgins, Co-founder and Chair of the Food Pantry at Columbia

3. Sign-in Instructions (Communications)

4. Updates
   a. President
      i. ASGC Executive Board Elections next month
      ii. Current Covid Restrictions and Spring Semester Plans
         1. February 7, 2022: Social gatherings are allowed with no capacity restrictions
         2. February 14, 2022: Eating/drinking onsite (indoors or outdoors) is allowed at gatherings with minimizing of removal of masks
   b. VP, Administration
      i. Student Group Vote - Multi-Verse: poetry beyond borders (Columbia University Poetry Club)
      ii. Vote on newly proposed bylaw (language in appendix)
      iii. End of Semester Dept. Rep Mixer - April 19th after our plenary meeting
   c. VP, External Affairs
      i. Senate Election Updates
   d. Finance
      i. Travel Grants
      ii. Student Initiative Grants
   e. Quality of Life
      i. QoL survey planning
   f. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
      i. Diversity Initiative Grants
   g. Events
      i. February Events
      ii. Further out
1. April show of “Funny Girl”
2. Need to purchase other tickets and plan other events
   iii. Upcoming Event with Yale’s Student Senate
h. Masters Affairs
   i. Upcoming initiative
5. External Representative Updates (VP, External Affairs):
   a. Health
   b. Libraries
   c. ISSO
   d. Student Workers of Columbia (UAW)/Union
   e. IGB
   f. PhDC
6. Senators’ Updates
7. New Business (Open Forum)
8. 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.

Appendix: Proposed Bylaws Change
Proposed to be voted on during the February Plenary.
This change accomplish two things:
   ● Outlines the ASGC’s general guidelines for time-sensitive voting requests
   ● Creates formalized minimum time brackets for voting to allow for more transparent and robust discussion among department representatives and the executive board

Article V. External Advocacy Requests

The ASGC serves as a channel of communication between the graduate students it represents and various Columbia University offices. ASGC fulfills this role first and foremost through advocacy and productive dialogue with these different offices and its constituents. However, there are times when ASGC is called upon to advocate by other means, whether it be with a statement, or the signing on to a letter, or otherwise. In circumstances such as these, the ASGC will follow the below procedure:

1. The Executive Board will bring the issue to the attention of department representatives at the next plenary meeting, with a vote then occurring regarding the action requested following Robert’s Rules of Order.
2. If the President of the Council deems the issue to be of high priority, or if the circumstances do not allow for the timeline specified in (1) above, the following turnaround time will be followed at a minimum:
a. The Executive Board will take **at least two business days** to discuss and vote whether to proceed with the advocacy requested.

b. If approved by the board, the matter will then be communicated to department representatives via email with **at least three business days** allotted for feedback and/or voting, with the same quorum requirements necessary as any vote occurring during a plenary session. If quorum requirements are not reached in three business days, voting will be extended at the discretion of ASGC’s Executive Board.