

## ASGC Plenary Meeting Minutes

October 11th, 2022, 6:30 PM | [zoom link](#) | <https://council.gsas.columbia.edu/>



# ARTS & SCIENCES GRADUATE COUNCIL

1. Welcome (President)
2. Sign-in Instructions (Communications)
  - a. Sign in: <https://council.gsas.columbia.edu/form/asgc-plenary-attendance>
  - b. Committee Sign-Up Sheet: <https://forms.gle/3nZ3jywCn7HngGUW6>
3. Advocacy Updates (President)
  - a. Ivy+ summit, Oct 21-23
    - i. All interested department reps should reach out Lillian if they are interested in participating in the Ivy+ Summit
4. Officer updates
  - a. VP- Ext. Affairs
    - i. Launching GSAS senator re-election & timeline
      1. Call for nomination: Sept 27 - Oct 4, [List of current nominee](#)
      2. Campaign period: Oct 10 - Oct 30
      3. Vote in each constituency: Nov 1
    - ii. Student Council representatives:
      1. looking for IGB & Union & NAGPS representatives ([ac4402@columbia.edu](mailto:ac4402@columbia.edu))
        - a. Interested students who want to serve as these representatives should reach out to Lillian.
      2. Current representatives
    - iii. Ivy+
      1. Paid helper for food setup & pickups on Oct 22 & 23 [sign-up form](#)
        - a. Payment: Gift cards for Columbia's book club
      2. Other volunteers are all set (design, restaurants, notetakers, moderators)
  - b. VP- Administration
    - i. Announcements: No inactive ASGC-recognized groups this year!
      1. If anyone who is in GSAS and is on an executive board for a student organization, let them know that they should reach out to the ASGC
    - ii. Guest Speaker Survey ([X](#))
  - c. Finance

- i. Travel Grants – A total of 44 grants were approved in the last round.
    - ii. Student Initiative Grants
  - d. Quality of Life
    - i. No updates.
  - e. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
    - i. Diversity Initiative Grants – A reminder that these grants are rolling — there is no deadline for this grant application.
      - 1. Example event: Coding workshops for children in Harlem
    - ii. [Statement on Systemic Racial Injustice](#)
      - 1. We decided to approve this updated statement; the Media Chair Faye will update this to the website.
  - f. Events
    - October: Carnegie Hall, Kite Runner, Happy Hour, rooftop movie canceled due to weather
    - The Events Co-Chairs are still looking for people to join the Events committee, especially if they have ideas for potential events!
  - g. Masters Affairs Election
    - i. We have two nominees that have been interested in serving as the Master’s Affairs Chair Election.
- 5. External Representatives Updates (VP, External Affairs):
  - a. Student Leadership Advisory Council (SLAC) - Valencia Tong
    - i. Works closely with alumni leaders across Columbia schools to develop university-wide programs and initiatives
  - b. Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) - Joyce Chua
    - i. Serves as a link between the students and Columbia Health.
  - c. PhD Council (PhDC) - Brett Lee Stine
    - i. Main role is advisory to the GSAS administration and more broadly with Columbia. Tries to advocate for changes, prioritize issues for PhD students.
- 6. Senators’ Updates (N/A)
  - a. Nominees speaking up, if there is any
  - b. Margaret Corn, a 4<sup>th</sup> year PhD in the Classical Studies department, briefly described why she is interested in the Humanities Seat.
- 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.