

ASGC Plenary Meeting Minutes

November 15th, 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. Guest speaker, GSAS Compass (Rachel Fogel, Francesca Fanelli, & Rachel Bernard) **(10 minutes)**
 - a. Contact Info ([Link](#))
 - b. All students in Master's and PhD programs are welcome to use GSAS Compass. They offer workshops and career-related events.
 - c. GSAS Compass primarily offers help for jobs outside of academia, but you are welcome to reach out to them if you have academia career-related questions as well.
 - d. The department is also available to host events for students. Ex: QMSS and Chemistry departments have asked GSAS Compass to host events such as converting one's CV into a resume. GSAS Compass does request some time to prepare for these events, but all students are welcome to make such requests via email: gsas-compass@columbia.edu
 - e. GSAS Compass also welcomes any requests about any companies/employers students would like to see.
 - f. GSAS Compass is aware of the challenges for international students in particular. They hope to provide additional programming and support for international students in the Spring semester.
 - i. GSAS Compass knows more about the U.S. job market, but they do have resources about jobs as well.
 - ii. The alumni network via GSAS Compass is also global, and students are welcome to connect with these former students through GSAS Compass.
4. Advocacy Updates (President) **(4min)**
 - a. Ivy+ summit, Oct 21-23
 - b. Budget
 - c. More free events: Recently, we have just launched one new free event. We hope to launch more free events in the future (w/ the help of co-event chairs Thu & Haimi).
5. Officer update **(20min)**
 - a. VP- Administration

- i. Guest Speaker Survey (X)
 - ii. Reminder about ASGC Recognized Student Groups
- b. VP- Ext. Affairs (4min)
- i. Ivy+ Summit
 - ii. External representatives
 - iii. 2022 GSAS senator election

Elected Senators	Senator Seat	Vote percentage /# Ballot	Total Candidates
Ignaco Ugalde (MA, Economics, Class of 2024)	Social Science	68.1% /47	3
Margaret Corn (PhD, Classical Studies, Class of 2025)	Humanity	91.7% /24	1
Leonard Mashunje (MA, Statistics, Class of 2024)	Natural Science	89.5% /19	1

- b. Finance
 - i. Travel Grants
 - 1. The travel grant is due on November
 - ii. Student Initiative Grants
- c. Quality of Life
- d. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- e. Events
 - November events include: Broadway, happy hour, pizza tour, carnegie hall
 - Tickets are still available for Carnegie Hall this weekend!
- f. Masters Affairs chair introduction
 - i. Calling Ideas! Email to asgc.masters@columbia.edu
 - ii. We have already gotten great Master's specific events from the new Master's Affairs Committee.

6. External Representatives Updates (VP, External Affairs) (6min):

- a. Student Leadership Advisory Council (SLAC) - Valencia Tong
- b. Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) - Joyce Chua
 - i. Currently, the SHAC is reviewing insurance policies. Specifically, the Council is discussing the option to make Columbia insurance optional for international students.
- c. PhD Council (PhDC) - Brett Lee Stine
 - i. In the last meeting, the Council discussed a PhD Experience Compilation list to better capture how different schools serve their PhD students.
 - ii. Brett may reach out soon to PhD students in the Council to inquire about how GSAS could better serve PhD students in their respective departments.

7. Senators' Introductions (6min)

- a. Social science
- b. Natural science
- c. Humanity

8. New Business (Open Forum)

- a. A new poll will be sent out to department representatives that asks about December plenary meeting date (Dec 6th or 13th) + in-person meeting w/ Pizza!

9. 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.