

## ASGC Plenary Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2022, 6:30 PM

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# ARTS & SCIENCES GRADUATE COUNCIL

1. Welcome (President)
2. Introductions (President)
  - a. What is ASGC? Who is on the executive committee? How does ASGC operate?
    - ASGC represents MA and PhD students in GSAS.
    - ASGC primarily fulfills this role by providing over \$50k for student led academic initiatives, serving as a link between students and administration, and organizing social and cultural events for all GSAS students.
  - i. What is the role of the department representatives?
    - ii. Master's Affairs Chair Elections will be held during our next plenary
  - b. Committees & External Representatives
3. Sign-in Instructions (Communications)
  - a. Sign in: <https://council.gsas.columbia.edu/form/asgc-plenary-attendance>
  - b. Note: For ASGC Committee Service Requirement, please place "None" for now.
4. 2022-23 Department Representative Transitions (Communications)
  - a. Fill out the [2022-23 Department Representative Form](#) if you have not yet confirmed your department representative status.
5. General Advocacy Updates
  - a. None.
6. Student Group Vote - Columbia/Barnard Tango Club
  - a. Richard Dai (President) from the Columbia/Barnard Tango Club will be presenting and ASGC will vote on to approve Tango Club for ASGC Group Recognition
    - i. Constitution: [\(X\)](#)
7. Updates
  - a. VP, External Affairs

- Primary role of External Affairs: External Affairs nominate student candidates to represent in different university-wide organizations to speak on behalf of GSAS.
- i. Senate Elections
    - We are currently re-electing a couple of University senate members (Humanity Senator, Social Science Senator). If you are majoring in either field, feel free to email the External Affairs chair, Lillian.
  - ii. Ivy + Summit
    - A yearly meeting of the graduate and professional student associations across Ivy League schools.
    - Will be held from Oct 21 – 23.
    - We are currently looking for paid helpers that can help us with the Ivy+ Summit. Besides these paid helpers, we have some leadership positions available. Please note that these coordinators must be available for the entirety of the summit. Interested students should email the External Affairs chair.
      - A social event coordinator
      - A design coordinator
      - A media coordinator
- b. VP, Administration
- i. Student Group [Change of Group Leadership Form](#)
    - If there is a group that approaches ASGC and wants to be a student-organized group, they must create a constitution and make sure that they have the right amount of GSAS students in their club in order to be recognized as a GSAS club. As a reminder, only department representatives, external committee members and E-Board members are allowed to vote on the approval of a new ASGC-recognized club.
    - Note: ASGC-recognized group is comprised of GSAS students; however, an IGB group is comprised of students that are across the university.
    - For this meeting, the Columbia/Barnard College Tango Club presented information about their club. By a vote of 28 ‘Yes’ responses, the Columbia/Barnard College Tango Club has been recognized as a ASGC-recognized club.
    - Constitution for the Tango Club:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nFnjSCIJtnMNSg\\_rGttqdbMn7d8K\\_e6uHGPNPYoo3nM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nFnjSCIJtnMNSg_rGttqdbMn7d8K_e6uHGPNPYoo3nM/edit?usp=sharing)
  - ii. Guest Speakers [Survey](#)
    - Preferably, we are looking for speakers that are from GSAS.
- c. Finance
- i. Budget
  - ii. Travel Grants & Student Initiative Grants

- The finance chair (and committee) will be responsible for supervising the distribution of student grants.
- d. Quality of Life
- i. No updates.
- e. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- i. Statement on Injustice: Review
    - If anyone has any feedback on the Statement on Injustice statement, please reach out to the DEI Chair, Arden.
  - ii. Diversity Initiative Grants
    - Meant for any event that has a diversity-aspect. If anyone is interested in getting funding for such an event, they are encouraged to apply for the Diversity Initiative Grants. The cap for this amount is now \$2k.
  - iii. Public Safety
    - Anyone who has any feedback regarding public safety should also reach out to DEI Chair, Arden.
  - iv. Sub-committee
    - Meetings will be held once a month to go review Diversity initiative grant submissions.
    - These meetings will be a great opportunity to learn more about what each Columbia department does to address DEI efforts.
- f. Events
- i. Status Update: Events for orientation
    - All tickets are subsidized for these events.
    - We are looking for volunteers for the Harlem Tavern event on Thursday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>; all volunteers will be able to attend the event for free.
    - Department representatives who join the Events committee are able to join the event for free. These representatives are required to volunteer for 1-2 events.
8. External Representatives Appointments (VP, External Affairs):
- a. Health
  - b. Libraries
  - c. ISSO
  - d. Graduate Workers of Columbia (GWC)/Union
  - e. IGB
  - f. PhDC (PhD Council)

9. Senators' Updates

10. New Business (Open Forum)

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.