

ASGC Plenary Meeting Agenda

November 13th, 2023, 7:00 PM

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ARTS & SCIENCES GRADUATE COUNCIL

1. Sign-in
 - a. Sign in:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJU45vWMUAgelczqNhVKWL0LW_qVoLfcYsGtboNu12_6z7A/viewform?usp=pp_url
2. Guest Speaker: Columbia Health (Dr. Michael P. McNeil, Associate Vice President & Chief of Staff of Columbia Health)
3. ASGC E-Board Elections
 - a. Process
 - i. Candidate Statement (3mins)
 - ii. Q&A (3mins)
 - iii. Discussion (5mins, no candidate present)
 - iv. Vote
 - b. Quality of Life Chair
 - i. Sam Zeigler
4. Updates
 - a. President
 - i. Ivy+
 1. The Ivy+ Summit is an annual conference where graduate student council leaders from Ivy League universities and peer institutions join together to discuss how to improve student life for graduate students. Representatives from the ASGC Executive Board and GSAS Student Affairs Office attended this year's Ivy+ Summit at Yale University from October 20th - 22nd. Discussions covered topics including food and financial insecurity, security and disaster response, housing and transportation, healthcare and mental health support, unionization, engaging students and student spaces, diversity, equity, and inclusion, advising, mentorship and professional development, and support for international students.
 - b. VP, External Affairs
 - i. If you want to have more events with other Columbia Schools, fill out [this survey](#)
 - ii. Social Science Senator candidate starting next semester: Shahnoza Safoeva.
 - c. VP, Administration
 - i. Group Recognition Vote: Queer Graduate Collective

1. Link to Constitution:
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ywvl0tAMNL1kVFIAKF2qalCJ7-1ob6a0KMjhPI2h6C0/edit>
- d. Finance
 - i. Adding a Summer cycle for the student travel grant. From May to September.
- e. Communications
 - i. Subcommittee sign ups:
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNu-3Aq1vdEQA00Hb4b2O_4XelwtY8MjmtPPs6ZPSwDMN3Vg/viewform?usp=pp_url
- f. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - i.
- g. Events
 - i. Brooklyn Nets vs Raptors 11/28
 - ii. Radio City Rockettes 12/4
- h. Masters Affairs
5. External Representatives Appointments (VP, External Affairs):
 - a. SHAC, Qiulin
 - Feedback on student insurance: both positive and negative (please send to qz2451@columbia.edu)
 - b. PhD Council, Brett & Lillian
 - i. Please reach out to bls2187@columbia.edu or lx2282@columbia.edu if you have any concerns you want admins to be aware of for PhD students.
 1. Flexibility to find internships for those who have lab responsibilities and for international students.
 2. Cross-college events
6. Senators' Updates
 - a. Natural science: Leonard Mushunje lm3748@columbia.edu
 - b. Social science: Ignacio Agustin Ugalde iau2106@columbia.edu
 - c. Humanity: Margaret Corn mlc2250@columbia.edu
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.