

ASGC Plenary Meeting Agenda

September 18th, 2023, 7:00 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?
 - 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. 2023-24 Department Representative Transitions (Communications)
 - a. Fill out the [Department Representative Form](#) if you have not yet confirmed your department representative status.
5. Updates
 - a. VP, External Affairs
 - i. GSAS Social Science Senate Election:
 1. Stage1: call for nomination [form](#) (Until Sept 26)
 2. Stage2: 7 days complain period (Sept 27 - Oct 4th)
 3. Stage3: voting period (Oct 4th - Oct 12)
 4. Results to be announced: Oct 13
 - ii. External representatives: **please contact ac4402@columbia.edu if you're interested any of the following vacant external rep positions**
 1. NAGPS (National Association of Graduate and Professional Students)
 - a. Trip to DC for NAGPS Legislative Action Day in October:
[more info](#)
 2. PhD council
 3. Union
 - iii. Ivy + in October
 - b. VP, Administration
 - i. Student Group [Change of Group Leadership Form](#)
 - ii. Guest Speakers [Survey](#)
 - c. Finance
 - i. Budget
 - ii. Student Travel Grants Update

- iii. Student Initiative Grant
 - 1. New Form of Spending Approval Process
 - d. Quality of Life (Vacant)
 - e. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - i. Diversity Initiative Grants
 - ii. Starting a survey about issues that need to be addressed.
 - f. Events
 - i. Social at the end of the month
 - ii. Other events in practice
- 6. External Representatives Appointments (VP, External Affairs):
 - a. SHAC (Student Health Advisory Council): Qiulin Zhu <qz2451@columbia.edu>
 - b. Union connection
- 7. Senators' Updates
 - a. Humanity senator: Margaret Corn <mlc2250@columbia.edu>
 - b. Natural Science senator: Leonard Mushunje <lm3748@columbia.edu>
- 8. New Business (Open Forum)
- 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.