

GSAC/ASGC

SPRING 2018 Semester report



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DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATION

REPRESENTATION OVERVIEW

GSAC

(until 3/31/2018)

Voting Seats	53		
Department Representative seats	50	MA Representative seats	3
Filled	44	Filled	3
Vacant	6		

ASGC

(as of 4/1/2018)

Voting Seats	32*		
Department Representative seats	29	MA Representative seats	3*
Filled	28	Filled	3
Vacant	1		

*Note: Due to the proximity of the changeover to the end of the semester, we did not advertise for the new MA representatives. As of Fall 2018, all 47 MA programs will have the ability to elect their own MA representatives, thus raising the number of voting seats to 76.

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATION BREAKDOWN

(GSAC departments listed; ASGC departments in bold)

ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING & PRESERVATION	1/2
ARTS & SCIENCES: BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES unrepresented: Neurobiology and Behavior	9/10
ARTS & SCIENCES: HUMANITIES	14/14
ARTS & SCIENCES: NATURAL SCIENCES	10/10
ARTS & SCIENCES: SOCIAL SCIENCES unrepresented: Sociology	5/5
BUSINESS SCHOOL	1/1
INTERNATIONAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS	1/1
JOURNALISM	1/1
PUBLIC HEALTH unrepresented: Epidemiology	3/4
NURSING unrepresented: Nursing	0/1
SOCIAL WORK unrepresented: Social Work	0/1

Department representation remained steady, with the addition of a representative to the journalism department just before the vote on the proposed change from GSAC to ASGC. Following the turnover, eligible PhD departments dropped from 50 to 29, although the number of voting seats increased to 76 with the inclusion of MA representatives (including from those departments that only offer Master's degrees).

MEETING ATTENDANCE

January: 42 February: 43 March: 33 April: 30

Attendance was highest at the beginning of the semester, especially with the changeover vote in February. Even following the vote, attendance remained strong at over 50%, even when considering several departments faced expulsion due to the restructuring. As with the fall term, Department and MA Representatives were reminded of the plenary meeting on the day of, and both minutes and a brief review of the highlights were sent out within a few days of the meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Our bylaws require that department representatives not miss more than 2 meetings over the course of the year to keep the department in good standing and its students eligible for travel grants. Department Representatives are required to join a subcommittee (or serve as an external representative) as well as commit to at least one volunteer activity over the course of the academic year.

Department Representative Attendance:

Met Meeting Requirements	Did Not Meet Meeting Requirements: <i>(including vacant departments)</i>
GSAC (until 3/31/2018) 31	GSAC (until 3/31/2018) 19
ASGC (from 4/1/2018) -	ASGC (from 4/1/2018) 5

Required Attendance Breakdown:
(GSAC departments listed; ASGC departments in bold)

ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING & PRESERVATION <i>Did not meet requirement:</i> Architecture* Urban Planning (attended 4/8)	0/2
ARTS & SCIENCES: BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES <i>Did not meet requirement:</i> Biomedical Infomatics (attended 4/8) Cellular, Molecular& Biomedical Studies (attended 3/8) Microbiology, Immunology and Infection (attended 5/8) Neurobiology and Behavior* Nutrition & Metabolic Biology (attended 3/8) Pathobiology & Molecular Medicine (attended 4/8)	3/10
ARTS & SCIENCES: HUMANITIES <i>Did not meet requirement:</i> Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies (attended 4/8)	13/14
ARTS & SCIENCES: NATURAL SCIENCES <i>Did not meet requirement:</i> Chemical Physics (attended 4/8) Earth & Environmental Sciences (attended 5/8)	8/10
ARTS & SCIENCES: SOCIAL SCIENCES	3/5

<i>Did not meet requirement:</i> Economics (attended 5/8) Sociology*	
BUSINESS SCHOOL <i>Did not meet requirement:</i> Business (attended 0/8)	0/1
INTERNATIONAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS	1/1
JOURNALISM <i>Did not meet requirement:</i> Communications (attended 1/8)	0/1
PUBLIC HEALTH <i>Did not meet requirement:</i> Epidemiology*	3/4
NURSING <i>Did not meet requirement:</i> Nursing*	0/1
SOCIAL WORK <i>Did not meet requirement:</i> Social Work*	0/1

*denotes a department without a representative

Subcommittee participation:

Representatives in subcommittees:	Representatives not in subcommittees:
GSAC (until 3/31/2018) 33	GSAC (until 3/31/2018) 11
ASGC (from 4/1/2018) 22	ASGC (from 4/1/2018) 6

Subcommittee breakdown:

(GSAC departments listed; ASGC departments in bold)

ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING & PRESERVATION <i>Not in subcommittees:</i> Architecture* Urban Planning	0/2
ARTS & SCIENCES: BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES <i>Not in subcommittees:</i> Biomedical Infomatics Neurobiology and Behavior* Pathobiology & Molecular Medicine	7/10
ARTS & SCIENCES: HUMANITIES <i>Not in subcommittees:</i> Classical Studies Classics French and Romance Philology Slavic Languages	10/14

ARTS & SCIENCES: NATURAL SCIENCES <i>Not in subcommittees:</i> Physics	9/10
ARTS & SCIENCES: SOCIAL SCIENCES <i>Not in subcommittees:</i> Anthropology Sociology*	3/5
BUSINESS SCHOOL <i>Not in subcommittees:</i> Business	0/1
INTERNATIONAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS	1/1
JOURNALISM	0/1
<i>Not in subcommittees:</i> Communications	
PUBLIC HEALTH <i>Not in subcommittees:</i> Epidemiology*	3/4
NURSING <i>Not in subcommittees:</i> Nursing*	0/1
SOCIAL WORK <i>Not in subcommittees:</i> Social Work*	0/1

*denotes a department without a representative

Volunteer Work:

In some cases, especially active members of subcommittees were identified by chairpersons as meriting volunteer credit on the basis of their contributions.

Volunteering breakdown:

(GSAC departments listed; ASGC departments in bold)

ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING & PRESERVATION <i>Did not meet volunteer requirement:</i> Architecture* Urban Planning	0/2
ARTS & SCIENCES: BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES <i>Did not meet volunteer requirement:</i> Cellular Physiology & Biophysics (& Cell Biology) Cellular, Molecular & Biomedical Studies; Microbiology, Immunology and Infection Neurobiology and Behavior* Pathobiology & Molecular Medicine	5/10
ARTS & SCIENCES: HUMANITIES	9/14

<p><i>Did not meet volunteer requirement:</i> Classical Studies French and Romance Philology Latin American & Iberian Cultures Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies Slavic Languages</p>	
<p>ARTS & SCIENCES: NATURAL SCIENCES <i>Did not meet volunteer requirement:</i> Chemical Physics Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology Mathematics Physics Statistics</p>	5/10
<p>ARTS & SCIENCES: SOCIAL SCIENCES <i>Did not meet volunteer requirement:</i> Sociology*</p>	4/5
<p>BUSINESS SCHOOL <i>Did not meet volunteer requirement:</i> Business</p>	0/1
<p>INTERNATIONAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS <i>Did not meet volunteer requirement:</i> Sustainable Development</p>	0/1
<p>JOURNALISM <i>Did not meet volunteer requirement:</i> Communications</p>	0/1
<p>PUBLIC HEALTH <i>Did not meet volunteer requirement:</i> Biostatistics Epidemiology*</p>	2/4
<p>NURSING <i>Did not meet volunteer requirement:</i> Nursing*</p>	0/1
<p>SOCIAL WORK <i>Did not meet volunteer requirement:</i> Social Work*</p>	0/1

*denotes a department without a representative

COMMUNICATIONS

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

With the reconfiguration from GSAC to ASGC, the newsletter was reconfigured with a new color scheme to go with a temporary logo to serve as a placeholder until the new steering committee decides upon a permanent design. The newsletters maintained their Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. mailing schedule, with additional special edition newsletters sent for elections and announcements. The final weekly newsletter was sent out May 8, 2018, with the note that there would be intermittent newsletters throughout the semester.

The GSAC website was updated to denote the reorganization, and steps were taken to begin the process of requesting a new URL and website through Columbia Sites. The GSAC website will remain active until all relevant information has been transferred to the new site by the end of the summer. Updates include listing GSAS senators, award recipients, department representatives attendance, the 2018-2019 Quality of Life Survey Report, and the newsletter archive.

ADMINISTRATIVE

REORGANIZATION OF GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATION IN GSAS

RATIONALE FOR REORGANIZATION

The GSAC Steering Committee has been addressing the inherent inconsistency between the make-up of its members and the supply of its funds over the past academic year through restructuring graduate student representation within GSAS. In GSAC's constitution, it is outlined that GSAC's member body comprises all graduate students in GSAS (PhD & Masters students), as well as all PhD students whose programs are administered by other schools at Columbia (CBS; CUMC – P&S, Nursing, Public Health; GSAPP; Journalism; SEAS; SIPA; Social Work). This structure was instituted in order to foster greater solidarity and bonds across Columbia's many schools and campuses as well as create channels of communication between all students in GSAS with the Dean of GSAS (Carlos Alonso since July 2011) and between all PhD students and the Vice President for Graduate Education (who is also the Dean of GSAS). Over the years, GSAC's programming and activities have grown and become very popular with the student body, increasing the appeal of raising GSAC's funds. Since GSAC's funds are supplied through Student Activity Fees, which only students in GSAS (PhD and Masters students) contribute, it seemed unfair to GSAS and the GSAC Steering Committee to charge GSAS students more in Student Activity Fees for programming that is open to students who do not contribute to GSAC funding.

PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT AND DISCUSSION WITHIN GSAS

Since the beginning of the Fall semester 2017, the GSAC President and steering committee have been discussing and pursuing the reorganization of graduate student representation within GSAS. To this end, an *Ad Hoc Committee* was voted in at the November Plenary Meeting and was tasked to work on the reorganization from GSAC into a new GSAS-only graduate student government and a PhD-specific council. The members of the Ad Hoc Committee are: Frank Cusimano (Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee/ GSAC Alumni & Career Development Chair/ GSO Co-President), Lisa Kahl (GSAC President), Andrew Hsu (GSAC Vice President), Nicholas Giangreco, Jennifer Reynolds-Strange, Claire Palandri, Osasumwen Virginia Aimuwu. The Ad Hoc Committee presented their general plans for restructuring at December Plenary Meeting.

At the January Plenary Meeting, the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee presented a detailed proposal, which was put up for questions, suggestions and discussion. In addition, it was announced that changes to the GSAC constitution and bylaws, as well as the new ASGC constitution would be voted on at the February Plenary Meeting. The proposal entailed the creation of the new Arts & Sciences Graduate Council (ASGC), which will represent all students (PhDs and Master's) in GSAS-administered programs and provide programming (similar to GSAC programming) to these students. The ASGC will be funded through Student Activity Fees paid by all represented students to GSAS. The

proposal also included the creation of the new PhD Council, comprised of PhD students from all schools that house PhD programs (more information about the PhD Council below).

In addition to the discussion at the January Plenary Meeting, all proposed changes were widely circulated through a special edition of the GSAC newsletter and with the help of the GSAS Communication director, Ryan Wenzel. With the newsletter announcement, all students in GSAS (both in programs administered through GSAS, or other schools) were invited to attend two town hall events to learn more about the reorganization. The chair of the Ad Hoc Committee and the GSAC President held these two town hall events in late January where only few students attended to ask questions and receive clarification about the reorganization of graduate student representation. No opposition or questions about the proposal were received by email. Therefore, the Ad Hoc Committee moved ahead with the proposed changes and put them up for a vote at the February Plenary Meeting.

PROPOSAL APPROVAL

The reorganization from GSAC to ASGC was voted on and approved (with a two-thirds majority) at the February Plenary Meeting. Since the change from GSAC to ASGC took place during the middle of the semester, it was decided that all programming would continue as outlined through GSAC until the end of Spring semester 2018 and ASGC-specific programming will begin with the start of the Fall semester 2018.

All communication (newsletters and announcements) regarding the reorganization of graduate representation in GSAS can be found in our newsletter archive.

PhD COUNCIL

The proposal for restructuring graduate student representation in GSAS also included the creation of the new PhD Council. This council will be comprised of PhD students from all schools that house PhD programs (i.e., GSAS, SEAS, SIPA, GSAPP, CBS, School of Nursing, P&S, School of Journalism, School of Social Work, Teacher's College) as well as PhD student senators. The PhD Council will serve as a communication and exchange platform to discuss issues pertaining to all PhD students among the PhD Council members and with the Dean of GSAS/Vice President for Graduate Education. The PhD Council was initiated at the first meeting with representatives from all aforementioned schools at Columbia (except for the School of Social Work). This meeting was held on April 9th, 2018. The purpose of the first PhD C meeting was to introduce all representatives to each other and discuss the proposed PhD C constitution, as well as next steps for the formation of this council. The meeting was adjourned with an understanding to incorporate proposed changes to the constitution, which will be put up for a vote at the next PhD C meeting (to be held in early Fall 2018).

CHANGES TO THE GSAC CONSTITUTION- FROM GSAC TO ASGC

At the February plenary meeting, the following changes and additions to the GSAC constitution and bylaws were approved by a two-third majority. These changes and

additions were necessary in order to provide a smooth transition from GSAC to ASGC.

VERBIAGE

Article VI:

OLD

Section 3: The Steering Committee term shall begin May 1 and end April 30 of any given year.

NEW

Section 3: The Steering Committee term shall begin May 1 and end March 31, 2018. Officers serving the 2017-2018 school year, will remain ex-officio officers to the new student group, ASGC, through the end of the 2017-2018 academic school year.

ADDITIONS TO THE GSAC CONSTITUTION- FROM GSAC TO ASGC

VERBIAGE

Article VI:

Section 7: In March 2018, the GSAC Plenary will hold elections for the Executive Board of the Arts & Sciences Graduate Council (ASGC) in accordance with the ASGC Constitution & ASGC Bylaws. Positions include: President, Vice President, Communications Chair, Finance Chair, Quality of Life Chair, Alumni Chair, two Events Co-Chairs, Media Chair, Community Chair, and Master's Affairs Chair.

Article X:

Section 17: All current GSAC sponsored groups, including student interest groups and departmental government groups will no longer be recognized by GSAC as of March 31st 2018. All current GSAC sponsored groups must re-submit for recognition under ASGC's constitution to GSAC's vice president prior to April 1st 2018.

Section 18: April 1st 2018, all remaining GSAC funds and GSAC property will be transferred to the Arts & Sciences Graduate Council (ASGC), this includes, but is not limited too, website access and ownership, mailing list access and ownership, officer email access and ownership, GSAC specific paraphernalia, and all Funds.

Article IX:

Section 5: The Graduate Student Advisory Council, GSAC, GSAC Constitution, and GSAC Bylaws will no longer be active after March 31st 2018.

ADDITIONS TO THE GSAC BYLAWS- FROM GSAC TO ASGC

VERBIAGE

Article II:

Section 11: All current or past ad hoc committees voted on by GSAC will terminate March 31st 2018.

FROM GSAC TO ASGC- NEW ASGC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

A new constitution and a new set of bylaws were written and ratified during our February 2018 GSAC Meeting. In addition to the aforementioned changes, the new ASGC board will have three new seats: a Media Chair, a Community Chair and a Master's Affairs Chair). The new ASGC constitution and bylaws are currently available on the old GSAC website and will be available on our future ASGC website.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

IVY+ Group of Graduate Student Councils

FINANCING MODEL

At the Ivy+ Summit in October 2017, the delegates unanimously agreed to establish a constitution for the Ivy+ group. This was triggered by disagreement about whether UChicago will be allowed to join the Ivy+ group as full member in the future. The GSAC President was a major leading force in completing this objective. In order to move ahead with the constitution, the Ivy+ delegates also agreed to rework the financing model for the summits. GSAC proposed a viable solution to GSAS Dean Carlos Alonso. The GSAC President, Finance Chair and Dean Alonso collaborated to finalize the proposal (see Appendix A). GSAS Dean Alonso presented this financing model at the Ivy+ Conference of Graduate School Deans, where it was approved by all other Ivy+ Institutions whose graduate student councils send delegates to the Ivy+ Summit.

EFFORTS TOWARDS AN IVY+ GROUP CONSTITUTION

In addition to the financing model, the GSAC President also authored a preliminary constitution that was proposed to the Presidents of the other Ivy+ graduate student councils. In a collaborative effort, the verbiage of the constitution has been improved over the past few months and the debate about the final version of the constitution for the Ivy+ Group of Graduate Student Councils is still ongoing. However, it is anticipated that the constitution will be finalized and approved prior to the next Ivy+ Summit, to be held at Cornell University in Fall 2018.

PROVOST EMAIL

On January 30th, the University Provost released a statement, outlining the University's decision not to bargain with representatives from the graduate student workers union. Among many other reason for this decision, collaboration with GSAC was explicitly mentioned in the statement. In response to this statement, GSAC circulated an email outlining GSAC's stance of neutrality on the issue of the union and clarifying GSAC's interactions with the Office of Provost. The full statement from February 1st, 2018 can be viewed in our newsletter archive.

CARBON NEUTRALITY

At the April plenary meeting, GSAC voted in favor of supporting the Carbon Neutrality Initiative proposed by the Roosevelt Institute at Columbia University. This resolution will be brought before the University Senate in Fall 2018. The main aim of this resolution is to commit Columbia to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. The full resolution verbiage is attached (Appendix B).

INVITED PLENARY SPEAKERS

- January 2018: Center for Teaching and Learning
- February 2018: No invitations
- March 2018: Mental Health Task Force
- April 2018: ISSO

AWARDS

FACULTY MENTORING AWARDS

GSAC presents a faculty mentoring award annually during convocation to two members of Columbia University faculty to recognize excellence in mentoring PhD students. This award is a student initiative; selections were made entirely by graduate student representatives from GSAS and affiliated schools based on student nomination letters spanning across all disciplines. The recipients of the 2018 awards are:

Dr. Tonya Lee Putnam, Associate Professor of Political Science
Dr. Pamela H. Smith, Seth Low Professor of History

CHINWEIKE OKEGBE SERVICE AWARD

Each year GSAC presents three Service Awards to a combination of graduate students and/or non-students in recognition of their service to the Columbia graduate community. This year the award was re-named in honor of Dr. Chinweike Okegbe, an exceptional graduate student who embodied what it meant to serve the wider Columbia Community, and this year was the first year the Chinweike Okegbe Service Award was presented. The recipients of the 2018 Chinweike Okegbe Service Award are:

Dora Arenas, Administrative Assistant, Department of Sociology
Jennifer Reynolds-Strange, MA Student, Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures
Viviana Rivera-Burgos, PhD Candidate, Department of Political Science

ELECTIONS

2018-2019 ASGC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Elections for the 2018-2019 ASGC Executive Board were held during the March Plenary Meeting. Most positions were filled on that day by majority vote for a candidate, the positions of Communications Chair, Community Chair and Media Chair were filled by appointment through the previous GSAC Steering Committee over the next month.

President	Sarah Arkebauer PhD Candidate in English and Comparative Literature
Vice President	Andrew Hsu PhD Candidate in Chemistry
Communications Chair	Alexandra Zoë Dostal PhD Candidate in Art History & Archaeology
Alumni Chair	Deborah Marie Sokolowski PhD Candidate in Classical Studies
Finance Chair	Mike Loubser Ford PhD Candidate in Music
Quality of Life Chair	Kate McIntyre PhD Candidate in English and Comparative Literature

Events Co-Chairs	Milica Ilicic PhD Candidate in Slavic Languages; Gulya Tlegenova MA Student in Russian, Eurasian & East European Regional Studies
Community Chair	James Martin PhD Candidate in Biological Sciences
Media Chair	Rogério Barbosa PhD Candidate in Music
Master's Affairs Chair	<i>To be determined in Fall 2018</i>

SENATE ELECTIONS

GSAC was tasked with filling all three student senator seats in GSAS this Spring. The GSAC President (who was also the election commissioner for this election) met with the senate staff to receive information about the election guidelines. Following these instructions, the elections were first announced in our newsletter and through an email sent out through the GSAS Communications Director, Ryan Wenzel. After the announcement, nominations were collected over a period of 10 days (April 5 - 15). Only one nomination per seat was received. Hence, no elections were held and nominees were appointed to the senator positions. The three GSAS Student Senators for 2018-2020 are:

Mike Loubser Ford, *GSAS Humanities Student Senator*, PhD Candidate in Music
 Andrew Hsu, *GSAS Pure Sciences Student Senator*, PhD Candidate in Chemistry
 Sally Xing, *GSAS Social Sciences Student Senator*, PhD Candidate in History

STUDENT GROUPS

SPRING 2018 (GSAC)

APPROVAL

New approved student groups: 1

We The Scientists of Columbia University (January)

“We the Scientists of Columbia University will give graduate students the tools to hold elected officials accountable for science-related voting records. We will create an online database of science policy votes of local NY State legislators. We will educate graduate students about science policy development and outreach, and organize campaign events in support of pro-science legislators. We will teach students how to become science advocates, provide them with the background knowledge necessary to engage lawmakers about specific policies, and give them the opportunity to use these skills.”

REORGANIZATION OF STUDENT GROUPS FROM GSAC TO ASGC

It is very important to note that ASGC is a completely new student government

organization. It cannot be assumed that any group or policies that have been in place at GSAC will continue to be in place for the ASGC.

To ensure a smooth transition, GSAC leadership has **OFFERED** to pre-screen student groups from GSAC and based on the new qualifications from ASGC, they may have been offered to be pre-recognized by ASGC going forward into the new school year for 2018-2019. However, this is not a guarantee whatsoever. A summary of the placements of all student groups that were in GSAC and where they have moved to under the new governing structure is attached (Appendix C).

BUDGET & FINANCE

STUDENT INITIATIVE GRANTS

APPLICATIONS	AWARDS
Number of grants submitted: 15 Total funding requested: \$11970 Maximum funding requested by one group: \$1000 Minimum funding requested by one group: \$220 Median funding requested: \$1000	Number of grants submitted: 14 Total funding requested: \$10580 Maximum funding requested by one group: \$950 Minimum funding requested by one group: \$220 Median funding requested: \$892

TRAVEL GRANTS

Due to high demand, the GSAC Steering Committee decided to increase the total amount for travel grants to be allotted in the 2017-2018 academic year to \$24,000 (from \$20,000 in the original budget). The increase funds were relocated from carry-over funds.

APPLICATIONS	AWARDS
Number of grants submitted: 17 Departments represented: <i>Art History, Classics, E3B, EALAC, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Genetics and Development, History, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Philosophy, Psychology, Religion, Sociology</i> Average funding requested: \$500 Total funding requested: \$8500	Number of grants awarded: 16 Departments represented: <i>Art History, Classics, E3B, EALAC, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Genetics and Development, History, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Philosophy, Religion, Sociology</i> Average funding awarded: \$500 Total funding awarded: \$8000

QUALITY OF LIFE

QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY

In Spring 2018, the Quality of Life committee administered and analyzed the annual GSAC Quality of Life Survey. This year's survey was more detailed than any previous one, including questions on everything from student finances to university resources and views on unionization. The detailed survey report was made publicly available on GSAC website, and highlights from the report were presented to the GSAS Dean's Office, as well as the Office of the Provost on May 2nd 2018. Eleven randomly selected survey participants received sweepstakes rewards (10 of them were Amazon vouchers worth \$50, and one was worth \$150). The incoming ASGC Quality of Life chair was briefed on the surveying process, and will work with the outgoing GSAC Quality of Life chair on establishing an advocacy platform for the coming year based on the survey results.

RESOURCE GUIDEBOOK

Following up on the Resource Guidebook project from last semester, the Quality of Life committee is appreciative of the attention that the Dean's Office invested in the matter of improving policy presentation on the GSAS website. The ASGC Quality of Life committee intends to follow up on the progress of the initiative in Fall 2018, and offer additional recommendations if needed.

ALUMNI & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

ASIA-PACIFIC VISUAL CAREER FAIR

- Date: February 27th, 2018
- Location: CCE
- Number of attendees: 35
- Description: Co-sponsored with CCE. This workshop provided attendees with information and strategies for making the most of CCE's Asia Pac Spring Career Fair.

CAREER MEETUP FOR MASTER'S IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Date: April 5th, 2018
- Location: CCE Conference Room
- Number of attendees: 25
- Description: Co-sponsored with CCE. Event for master's students to meet with young Alumni.

GSAC YOUNG ALUMNI BOAT CRUISE

- Co-sponsored with Social Chair (see below for details)

SOCIAL & CULTURE EVENTS

PERFORMANCE ARTS - CONCERTS, DANCE, & THEATER

SPONGEBOB, THE MUSICAL

- Date: January 28th, 2018
- Location: Palace Theatre
- Tickets sold: 29
- Ticket purchase price: \$75
- Ticket sell price: \$50
- Event price: \$2250
- Net: - \$800

FARINELLI AND THE KING

- Date: February 22nd, 2018
- Location: Belasco Theatre
- Tickets sold: 19
- Ticket purchase price: \$105
- Ticket sell price: \$40
- Event price: \$2100
- Net: - \$760

THE BAND'S VISIT

- Date: March 6th, 2018
- Location: Ethel Barrymore Theatre
- Tickets sold: 19
- Ticket purchase price: \$100
- Ticket sell price: \$20
- Event price: \$2000
- Net: -\$380

DEAR EVEN HANSEN

- Date: March 7th, 2018
- Location: Music Box Theatre
- Tickets sold: 23
- Ticket purchase price: \$69
- Ticket sell price: \$50
- Event price: \$1656
- Net: -\$506
- Non-GSAS guests allowed: Yes
- GSAC volunteers required: 1

FLAMENCO FESTIVAL: ROSALIA AND RAÚL REFREE

- Date: March 23rd, 2018
- Location: Joe's Pub (at the Public Theater)
- Tickets sold: 9

- Ticket purchase price: \$34.5
- Ticket sell price: \$10
- Event price: \$345
- Net: - \$90

METROPOLITAN OPERA: TURANDOT

- Date: April 5th, 2018
- Location: Metropolitan Opera
- Tickets sold: 29
- Ticket purchase price: \$85
- Ticket sell price: \$20
- Event price: \$2550
- Net: - \$580

NYC BALLET: BALANCHINE BLACK AND WHITE

- Date: April 24th, 2018
- Location: NYC Ballet
- Tickets sold: 19
- Ticket purchase price: \$83.25
- Ticket sell price: \$20
- Event price: \$1665
- Net: - \$380

DEAR EVEN HANSEN

- Date: April 25th, 2018
- Location: Music Box Theatre
- Tickets sold: 18
- Ticket purchase price: \$69
- Ticket sell price: \$50
- Event price: \$1656
- Net: -\$411
- Non-GSAS guests allowed: Yes
- ASGC volunteers required: 1

SLEEP NO MORE

- Date: May 10th, 2018
- Location: McKittrick Hotel
- Tickets sold: 40
- Ticket purchase price: \$119.50
- Ticket sell price: \$45-55
- Event price: \$4780
- Net: - \$1450

VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY-BUILDING

UN'S WORLD WILDLIFE FILM SCREENING

- Date: March 1st, 2018
- Location: Lerner Hall Cinema
- Tickets sold: Open Event
- Ticket sell price: \$0
- Event price: \$0
- Net: -\$0
- Non-GSAS guests allowed: Yes
- GSAC volunteers required: None
- Description: A film screening co-hosted with the Department of Ecology, Evolution & Environmental Biology (E3B) and Jackson Hole WILD.

KEEP CALM AND GRADE ON

- Date: May 8th, 2018
- Location: 212 Butler Library
- Tickets sold: N/A (open event)
- Ticket sell price: \$0
- Event price: \$126.88
- Net: -\$126.88
- Non-GSAS guests allowed: No
- ASGC volunteers required: None
- Description: Butler 212 was reserved from 11:30AM-5:30PM as a dedicated grading room with food provided by ASGC and drinks provided from the Center for Teaching and Learning. 18 students came to the event.

END OF YEAR REPRESENTATIVE EVENT

- Date: April 24th, 2018
- Location: Arts & Crafts
- Tickets sold: N/A (open to all GSAC/ASGC Department Representatives)
- Ticket sell price: no tickets required/only GSAC/ASGC Department Representatives were admitted
- Event price: \$1144
- Net: -\$1144
- Non-GSAS guests allowed: No
- ASGC volunteers required: None
- Description: ASGC celebrate the end of the plenary meetings with food and drink at Arts and Crafts.

TEACHER'S COLLEGE SENATE KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

- Date: April 29th, 2018
- Location: Baker Athletics Complex, Columbia University
- Tickets sold: N/A (open to all GSAC/ASGC Department Representatives)
- Ticket sell price: \$0
- Event price: \$300
- Net: -\$300
- Non-GSAS guests allowed: No

- ASGC volunteers required: 1
- Description: The first annual kickball tournament organized by the Teachers College Senate and co-sponsored with several other graduate councils, including ASGC.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES & HAPPY HOURS

GSAC WELCOME BACK PARTY

- Date: January 26th, 2018
- Location: The Parlour
- Tickets sold: 96
- Ticket sell price: \$10-\$15
- Event price: \$2900
- Net: -\$1865
- Non-GSAS guests allowed: Yes
- GSAC volunteers required: 4
- Description: Welcome Back Event with 2 hour open bar and with trays of pasta at the Parlour.

GSAC SKI TRIP @ HUNTER MOUNTAIN

- Date: February 10th, 2018
- Location: Hunter Mountain
- Tickets sold: 53
- Ticket sell price: \$65-\$100
- Event price: \$5432
- Net: -\$1129
- Non-GSAS guests allowed: Yes
- GSAC volunteers required: 2
- Description: GSAC chartered bus to Hunter Mountain for a day of skiing/snowboarding.

GSAC SOCIAL

- Date: March 2nd, 2018
- Location: The Gin Mill
- Tickets sold: 77
- Ticket sell price: \$10-\$15
- Event price: \$2360
- Net: -\$1540
- Non-GSAS guests allowed: Yes
- GSAC volunteers required: 2
- Description: 2 hour open bar with appetizers at the Gin Mill.

GSAC/ESGC GAME NIGHT

- Date: April 12th, 2018
- Location: Hex & Co.
- Tickets sold: 24 (GSAC)

- Ticket sell price: \$5
- Event price: \$1000
- Net: -\$380
- Non-GSAS guests allowed: Yes
- ASGC volunteers required: 1
- Description: 2 hours of board games at Hex and Co with a \$500 food credit.

COLUMBIA GSAS YOUNG ALUMNI BOAR CRUISE

- Date: April 19th, 2018
- Location: The SkyLine Princess, Chelsea Piers
- Tickets sold: 197
- Ticket sell price: \$35
- Event price: \$16976
- Net: -\$10,081
- Non-GSAS guests allowed: Yes
- ASGC volunteers required: 3
- Description: 2 hours of open bar and food with DJ on the SkyLine Princess as a networking event with Young GSAS alumni from the Tri-state area.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX A

IVY+ SUMMIT FINANCING MODEL (APPROVED PROPOSAL)

From: Graduate Student Councils of the Ivy+ Group
To: Graduate School Deans of the Ivy+ Group
Subject: Financing of the Annual Ivy+ Summit of Graduate Student Councils

Dear Deans,
We write to ask for your support in the continuation of Ivy+ Summits.

Over the past ten years, the graduate student councils of a number of the Ivy+ institutions have met on an annual basis at the Ivy+ Summit of Graduate Student Councils. During these conferences, the delegations discuss important issues relevant to graduate student bodies at all Ivy+ institutions, and promote the exchange of experiences and best practices. The institutions currently represented in the Ivy+ Summit of Graduate Student Councils are: Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania, and Yale University.

Although the student government organizations have a scheduled rotation to host the Summit, they each have different capacities to assume the role of host during their respective year to host. The different graduate student governing bodies receive their funding in ways and amounts unique to each school, but for all of them, the responsibility of hosting the Summit represents a major expenditure that sometimes makes it difficult for them to fulfill their other annual commitments.

In order to ameliorate this situation, we would like to propose to you, the deans of the graduate schools represented at the Summit, a possible model to finance future Ivy+ Summits.

We have determined that the average cost of hosting the Ivy+ Summit in the last few years has been approximately \$13,000. Travel and lodging costs for a four-person delegation from each school has averaged \$2,000, with each student government organization bearing these costs. We do not foresee these costs to increase substantially over the next few years, excepting inflation. Our proposal is this: Every participating graduate school contributes \$1,500 to the hosting institution, and each participating graduate school contribute to funding the travel and lodging expenses for a delegation of four representatives to attend the Summit each year. This amount would be periodically evaluated and adjusted to ensure the costs of the annual summit are current and accurate.

With this financial model in place, the annual Summit would be put on a sound financial footing, and hosting the Summit would not represent an undue burden on any one of our student government organizations. In addition, a fair agreement between each graduate school and its student council on how to fund travel and lodging will provide a financial guarantee for continued participation of each student council.

We hope that you will agree with us that the Ivy+ Summit is a worthwhile endeavor, and that you will help us collectively ensure it can continue to be held in the future for the benefit of the many students we represent.

Respectfully,

The Ivy+ Group of Graduate Student Councils

Brown University Graduate Student Council
Columbia University Arts & Sciences Graduate Council
Cornell Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
Dartmouth Graduate Student Council
Harvard University Graduate Student Council
MIT Graduate Student Council
Graduate Student Government of Princeton University
Graduate and Professional Student Assembly of the University of Pennsylvania
Yale Graduate Student Assembly

APPENDIX B

CARBON NEUTRALITY RESOLUTION (APPROVED BY ASGC PLENARY)

This resolution was put forth by the Roosevelt Institute at Columbia and was voted in support of by the ASGC plenary at the April Plenary Meeting:

Columbia is a global leader on climate change, leading the way on research with the Earth Institute and Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, and is the only Ivy League school to divest from thermal coal or announce that it is still committed to the Paris Climate Agreement. However, the University's carbon emission goals are not keeping pace. In Columbia's first Sustainability Plan, released last year, the University has said that it has no intention of eliminating its carbon emissions until at least the second half of the century, planning on only reducing its emissions 80% by 2050. Also, only the Lamont-Doherty campus has made any progress whatsoever in installing renewable energy. The Morningside and Medical School campuses receive all of their electricity from the electric grid, where renewables compose only 24% of electricity production. The rest comes from natural gas, nuclear, and coal. As a leading institution lucky enough to have immense financial resources, we can and must do much better. Universities like Cornell have committed to being carbon neutral (with net zero emissions) by

2035. Stanford already receives 65% of its electricity from renewable sources and is well on its way to installing solar on every rooftop.

Accordingly, Columbia should commit to achieving 100% renewable energy and carbon neutrality (net zero carbon emissions) by 2030. Whether through on-campus installations, off-campus solar and wind farms, the purchase of renewable power, or carbon offsets, Columbia ought to set a positive example for other universities in how to fight climate change starting on its own campus. We say that we are a world leader on climate--we should begin to act like it. ASGC has passed a council resolution to help spur Columbia to commit to achieving carbon neutrality, with a goal of the University Senate and the Board of Trustees voting in favor.

APPENDIX C

REORGANIZATION OF STUDENT GROUPS FROM GSAC TO ASGC

It is very important to note that ASGC is a completely new student government organization. It cannot be assumed that any group or policies that have been in place at GSAC will continue to be in place for the ASGC.

To ensure a smooth transition, GSAC leadership has **OFFERED** to pre-screen student groups from GSAC and based on the new qualifications from ASGC, they may have been offered to be pre-recognized by ASGC going forward into the new school year for 2018-2019. However, this is not a guarantee whatsoever. A summary of the placements of all student groups that were in GSAC and where they have moved to under the new governing structure can be found below:

<i>Former</i> GSAC Student Group	ASGC Status
Quantitative Approaches to Social Research Society	Inactive, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Columbia Laboratory Environment & Energy Network (CLEEN)	Inactive, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
South Asian Women's Collective (SAWC)	Inactive, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
GSAS Parents Group	Suspended, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Careers in Chemistry	ASGC Student Group, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Indian Students Association	Approved for IGB (Transition account to IGB over summer), <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Xingzhahui Chinese Studies Graduate Student	De-recognized, < 10 verified ASGC students, leadership

Group	does not plan on appealing, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Graduate Queer Trust	No response, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Columbia University Amateur Radio Club	De-recognized, no reasonable response, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Women in Science at Columbia	ASGC Student Group, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
We The Scientists of Columbia University	GSO CUMC Office of Graduate Affairs (Transition account to CUMC over summer), <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Bliss & Wisdom International @ Columbia (BWI)	De-recognized, < 10 verified ASGC students, leadership appealed, but appeal denied because it was discovered to be affiliated with a larger national organization, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Columbia Biotechnology Club	ASGC Student Group, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Columbia Open Labs	No response, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Columbia Statistics Club	No response, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Weekly Ecology and Evolution Discussion and Seminar (WEEDS)	De-recognized, < 10 verified ASGC students, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Columbia University Chinese Rock Band	De-recognized, < 10 verified ASGC students, leadership appealed, but appeal denied because it was obvious that a non-affiliate would be running the group/band, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Medieval Colloquium	ASGC Student Group, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Columbia University Science Policy Initiative (CUSP)	Recommended for IGB, but leadership did not respond, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Department of English and Comparative Literature Graduate Student Council	Group is okay with being de-recognized, but may need funding for hosting larger events in the future, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Graduate Association of Latin American and Iberian Cultures (GALAIC)	No response, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
92% Alliance	No response, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Human Rights Graduate Student Group	De-recognized, < 10 verified ASGC students, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Khorlo Tibetan Studies Graduate Student Group	ASGC Student Group, <u>OFFICIAL</u>

Kurdish Studies Student Association	No response, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Nursing Doctoral Student Organization	No response, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u> (this exists in the School of Nursing already)
Oral History Student Association	No response, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Religion Graduate Student Association	No response, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
SoCA (Students of Color Alliance)	Recommended for IGB, but leadership did not respond until after our last plenary, stating that they did not wish to move to the IGB, de-recognized, <u>PENDING NEW SCHOOL YEAR</u>
Society of Biomaterials	EGSC Graduate Student Affairs (Transition account to SEAS over summer), <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Columbia Graduate Consulting Club	Approved for IGB (Transition account to IGB over summer), <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Sustainable Development Doctoral Society	SIPASA Ph.D. Rep Student Organization (Transition account to SIPA over summer), <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM) Columbia Chapter	No response, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Columbia University Neuroscience Outreach: CUNO	GSO CUMC Office of Graduate Affairs (Transition account to CUMC over summer), <u>OFFICIAL</u>
Columbia University Asia Pacific Development Society (CU-Asia)	Suspended, de-recognized, <u>OFFICIAL</u>