



COLUMBIAESC

ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda and Reports
Monday, November 23, 2020

Upcoming Events / Meetings

1. [Event name], [Location], [Date & Time]

For any FB Blasting, please put all links here with your name

- Katherine - SEAS Design Hackathon (Dec 5,6) <https://fb.me/e/1StFsHpN7>
 - Feeling artistic? Share your apparel designs to the SEAS community, with the most-voted-for designs made and distributed for free to fellow engineers! Rewards for top designers are Beats solo headphones (1st place) and AirPods (2nd place)! Sign-up is due on Dec 4 at noon: <https://forms.gle/1pURrEk7FgrmQLjaA>
- Katherine - CCE x SEAS Career Info Session (Dec 4) <https://fb.me/e/1M4m17vxG>
 - Columbia Center for Career Education is collaborating with ESC to host an info session for all SEAS students. Join to learn about STEM/tech industry-specific insights, support during the pandemic, and many other resources! Register here: <https://columbiauniversity.zoom.us/j/98284828282>

Discussion Topics

1. [Topic], [Time requested]

Position Updates

1. Student Body President: Estevan Mesa
 - a. Zoom suggestions to ensure meeting security:
 - i. Enable the waiting room for all meetings
 - ii. Disable "join before host"
 - iii. Disable join as a guest and only allow registered Zoom users or users with a @columbia.edu email to join a meeting
 - iv. Require registration of attendees before sharing the zoom link
 - v. Do not share zoom links in public forums
 - vi. Disable participants ability to unmute themselves
 - vii. Disable participants ability to screen share
 - viii. Only allow host to share screen
 - ix. Disable participants ability to use the chat function
 - x. Disable annotations
 - xi. Put a passcode on all meetings

- xii. Mute all participants
- xiii. Disable using PMI (personal meeting ID) for any meetings
- xiv. Disable allow participants to rename themselves
- b. Dean Morrison meeting last week
 - i. Proctorio/similar tools can be discussed at a future COI, will send relevant articles to faculty beforehand
 - ii. Spring P/D/F: no guarantee
 - 1. Suggests planning ahead since Spring semester will be similar to Fall semester (mentioned that some 40%+ of SEAS undergrads are taking 7+ classes in the Fall semester)
 - 2. Might need to wait and see how it is utilized/general feedback from Fall before making decision about Spring
 - 3. Ideally, we want to have a response this semester so students can plan accordingly
 - iii. CUIT is working on the SSOL P/D/F option, please spread the word that this will be updated soon and that undergraduates can select the option until Dec. 14!
 - 1. Note: Engineering students cannot elect to P/D/F Fall A courses. Only semester and Fall B courses
 - iv. Graduation
 - 1. No plans for in-person graduation this Spring due to public health interest, but plans to host a celebration in the future similar to what they are planning for class of 2020
- c. Upcoming Dean Morrison/COI topics for discussion
 - i. Credit limit and 40-credit over three semesters
 - 1. We previously met with Dean Morrison to ensure SEAS students could still take 21 credits in the Fall/Spring semesters, which had originally been limited to 18 for this year to make the same as CC
 - ii. Trying to get course policies included in SSOL descriptions beforehand to ensure students can plan for time zone concerns
- d. Met with Diego Largacha from International Students' Advisory Board, Egem and Angel regarding accommodations for international students and collaborating on surveying the student body regarding sacrifices they have had to make to attend class, other difficulties, etc.
- e. Met with Athena to discuss gender-neutral bathrooms in NoCo and Mudd, planning to meet with GESC reps to move forward with this
- f. Met with Sophia and are moving forward with resource fund w CCSC, though this will likely not be available until Spring
- g. Upcoming meeting with Jane Jeong (GSSC President) regarding CARES Act Grant and a joint council coalition (CCSC is joining in on the efforts)
- h. Newsletter content? Put here!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18upu3epWJ8gy1UR4tX5-gj3BnKzOTFWedZ8RvPBxnY0/edit?usp=sharing>

2. VP Policy: Ahmet Karadeniz
 - a.
3. VP Student Life: Katherine Liu
 - a. CCE x SEAS Career Info session (Dec 4th 11:30am)
 - b. SEAS Design Hackathon (Dec 5,6)
 - i. Picking out vendors for merch order
 - c. Tree-Lighting virtual event (Dec 9)
 - i. Planning with other schools' VP student life
 - ii. Live FB event with videos of trees being lit
 - iii. Recorded a cappella performances
 - iv. Inviting Dean Kromm to speak
 - v. Deciding on student gift options
 - d. Chef virtual cooking class over winter break (tentative)
 - i. Reaching out to alumni chefs and from other connections
 - ii. Depends on if we can find a chef
 - iii. Potential event date right before New Year's Day
4. VP Finance: Sophia Sagandyk
 - a.
5. VP Communications: Adheli Gonzalez
 - a. Town Hall
 - i. Had some issues, meeting was made authenticated users only
 - b. Semester reports
 - i. I will be sending you all a doc where you can add the work you did this semester
6. University Senator: Joe Hier
 - a. Senate Plenary:
 - i. SAC + Commission on Diversity presented Resolution in Support of the Continuum Program for Diversity in Graduate Education
7. Class of 2021: Kalisa Ndamage, Bret Silverstein, Ashley Rosenberg, Ethan Thayumanavan, Zhuoli Zhang
 - a. SEAS Senior Night event sold out
 - b. Yearbook EIC application closing on Thanksgiving
8. Class of 2022: Naomi Kim, Stephanie Guo, Nicholas Mijares, Eugene Fung
 - a. Trivia Night last week, will be sending winners prizes
 - b. Survey out to class about what they want to see from us--trying to brainstorm study sessions for finals
9. Class of 2023: Angel Mancera, Kennedy Salamat, Rommel Nunez, Matthew Wahl
 - a. A student reached out with a proposal regarding the 40 credit limit for online classes that was implemented for these 3 semesters. Their reasoning was that SEAS students were disproportionately affected by the credit limit since our maximum is 21 and CC's maximum credit limit is 18. If they took classes to their maximum, then they'd still have the opportunity to take a 4 credit class, while we would be at a disadvantage since the 40 credit limit wouldn't even meet the 42

credits a student would do if taking the maximum credit possible. They are requesting for this limit to be changed to at least 42 credits.

- b. Held our first Speed Friending Event.
 - c. Drafted and sent Transfer Student Representative's constitutional amendment.
 - i. Waiting for feedback to present the proposal soon!
10. Class of 2024: Malik Javaid, Jarom Miller, Suheyla Tozan, Steven Gutterman
- a. Hosting a skribbl.io night tomorrow night
 - b. Planning to do an end of semester celebration with CCSC
 - i. We're thinking about a brunch celebration
 - c. Collaborating with CCSC, we are planning to draft a proposal for the NSOP committee to create an NSOP 2.0 for our class next year, since we didn't get a proper one this year
11. Technology Representative: Vish Rao
- a.
12. Racial Diversity and Inclusivity Representative: Elias Tzoc-Pacheco
- a.
13. First Gen and Low Income Representative: Martha Escobedo
- a. Dining is planning on closing from Dec 23rd - the beginning of Spring move-in
 - i. Meeting with Jaine this week to discuss how we can support either the food pantry or another organization since there will be a lot of students on campus for break
14. Gender Identity and Sexuality Representative: Athena Tsu
- a.
15. Disability and Accessibility Issues Representative: Dilara Zaimoglu
- a.
16. Academic Affairs Representative: James Wang
- a. Met with Academic Integrity Committee last Friday to discuss areas of concern and discussed in more depth with policy committee
17. Student Groups Representative: Theo Mack
- a.
18. Sustainability Representative: Justin Paik
- a.
19. Professional Development Representative: Shomik Ghose
- a. CEYA updates: setting up a pilot "alumni office hours" program for the week of December 7
20. Campus Affairs Representative: Sergio Butron
- a.
21. International Students Representative: Egem Yorulmaz
- a.
22. Combined Plan 3-2 Representative: Blossom Parris
- a.
23. Student Health and Wellness Representative: Lori Luo
- a. Met with Padma from Alice today

- i. Discussed potential initiatives with her
 - 1. Recommended reaching out to International Student Advisory Board for their survey results on time zone effects, she will discuss physical health ideas with her contact at Dodge
- ii. Updates on Peer Ambassador Network
 - 1. Will begin training asynchronously over winter break for the network to start working in the spring
- iii. Needs Assessment
 - 1. Columbia Health is doing a needs assessment, mostly done with the qualitative aspect, showed me the quantitative aspect that will be sent out in Jan/Feb
- iv. Next meeting scheduled for Dec 7