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ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda and Reports
Monday, October 19, 2020

Upcoming Events / Meetings

1. [Event name], [Location], [Date & Time]
2. Communications meetings, meet.google.com/yjx-xtoz-nyc, Thursdays 9-10 am EST

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

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Discussion Topics

1. Speaker: Doran Sekaran, COVID Task Force recruitment [4 minutes] - Rommel
 - a. Doran Sekaran - CC class of 2023
 - b. Claim: Forming student COVID Task Force to work through things not covered by the administration run COVID Task Force
 - c. Have members of Barnard council, GS council, Active Minds, Dr. Lin signed on
 - d. Are trying to get at least one person from every student council to serve, and help get policies passed
 - e. Upcoming Meeting - this Sat 5-6; willing to change meeting times depending on interest students' availability
 - f. Example of policies being worked on: Housing guaranteed for people who take a medical leave of absence
 - g. Request: have one person from ESC to join their task force
 - i. ESC representative: Lori Luo
 - ii. Point of contact: Doran Sekaran - dcs2183@columbia.edu
2. Accommodations, testing, engagement, privacy concerns [15 minutes] - Estevan
 - a. Feedback on administering of tests:
 - i. Note: we're not sending out surveys to gather student feedback because there are a lot of admin surveys circulating around at the moment
 - ii. Privacy or academic integrity as primary concerns?
 1. Shomik brings up privacy concerns from other students; would like more transparency on how the data collected is being used
 2. James' class use the proctor program for midterm; it has a lot of features that can be used and is up to the professor's discretion (eg. record, limit tab openings, eyeball movement, abnormal cursor activity, etc.)

3. Joe was concerned about the classes who did not do anything to have students abide by the honor code; other students and himself decided to drop the courses where professors said they would go by the honor code (and trust students) instead of instilling any type of tracking/proctoring systems because he said that the students who decide to cheat will hurt the class curve
 4. Martha had a class that had open everything (open notes, open internet, open book), and the professor made his own midterm test and students were not able to finish it within the 3 hours given; the same professor made his own final and gave students 24 hours to finish and this went a lot better
 5. James said it is best when professors make their own exams to help alleviate this
- b. Feedback on camera/mic policies and how to increase engagement:
 - i. Martha says that using the chat box more actively could help and have the TAs help manage the chat box; this could count as participation
 - ii. Egem said that it has been heard that some professors have been requiring synchronous learning, and believes that we should find a middle ground to be more accommodating for students
 - iii. Kalisa says that one of his professors actively uses polls and breakout rooms to increase engagement, and this could help other professors as well
 - iv. Sergio said that one of his professors has a point system to engage students where you can gain points by participating in class, or participating in other activities
 - v. Zhuoli said that one of his professors does something similar to Sergio's where the professor has 10% of the grade for participation but it would not hurt the student if they don't participate but do well on the final instead
 - c. Specific instances (course, professor, etc.): [here](#)
3. Exams and assignments policy following academic holiday [7 minutes] - Estevan
 - a. Hope to make a SEAS-wide policy to avoid professors giving assignments and exams on the days following an academic holiday; this policy will help students' mental health so they can focus on enjoying their break
 - b. Ethan brings up a concern - will professors assign more before break instead? This could hurt the students as well; there will be points in the semester that are more difficult for students
 - c. Martha said this was a policy at her high school and said students like the policy and would report teachers who didn't follow this
 - d. Suheyila said that this was a policy at her high school and said that teachers piled up assignments before break; she says it could go either way
 - e. Elias said that it will not eliminate the workload, but may make it more equitable because we have access to the same things when completing assignments before break versus during break; he thinks it will be better

- f. Elias proposed that professors could give students a 3 week window in which you can submit your work and students could spread out the work over the 3 weeks (or do as they wish)

Position Updates

1. Student Body President: Estevan Mesa
 - a. Met with Emma Williams and Shomik on 10/3
 - i. Gather ideas for spring semester alumni events
 - b. Newsletter sent out last week
 - i. No images included because some of the images did not have alt text
 - ii. For future newsletters, please send images with alt text for submissions
 1. Email esc@columbia.edu if you would like to include something in the newsletter
 - c. Meeting on wednesday with Dean Morrison: will communicate concerns regarding the above discussions
 - d. Meeting on wednesday at 9AM with Padma Entsuah at Alice! Health Promotion (with Ahmet and Lori)
 - i. Peer health ambassador network
 1. It was created last year and they're getting it up and running
 2. Creating a network of students who are knowledgeable enough to address student health resources
 - e. Joint meeting with CCSC and Scott Wright next week
 - f. Bonding with CCSC: meeting with Joon on wednesday
 - g. Disability Services and Accessibility rep and Gender Identity and Sexuality Rep: Interviews this week - volunteers?
2. VP Policy: Ahmet Karadeniz
 - a. Policy Committee Meetings: Saturdays 12 - 1pm EST (10/10 available on When2Meet!!)
 - i. First meeting: Saturday, October 24th
 - b. Please fill out the Policy Committee Brainstorming Form
 - i. Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvn2ApKjrSVB-MBYRS4Vuo1F3md4vFinCvk_b-GhL20i9G1Q/viewform?usp=sf_link
 - ii. I know most of you have midterms so no strict deadline. Just fill it out before our meeting this Saturday please.
 - iii. Also sent it by email.
3. VP Student Life: Katherine Liu
 - a. Student Life Committee recurring meeting Fridays 3-4pm
 - b. Sending out event brainstorming form to committee members tomorrow
4. VP Finance: Sophia Sagandyk
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5. VP Communications: Adheli Gonzalez
 - a. Please add your [headshots](#) if you haven't already done so
 - b. Comms meetings are Thursdays 9-10 am EST

- c. Roles within committee have been assigned (website, town hall meeting, event about registration)
- 6. University Senator: Joe Hier
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- 7. Class of 2021: Kalisa Ndamage, Bret Silverstein, Ashley Rosenberg, Ethan Thayumanavan, Zhuoli Zhang
 - a. Speaking with Marnie to figure out apparel shipping
 - b. Planning for CBA senior cocktails event
- 8. Class of 2022: Naomi Kim, Stephanie Guo, Nicholas Mijares, Eugene Fung
 - a. Meeting scheduled with Emma Williams (alumni relations) and new advisor Marnie
 - b. Planning for Among Us event next week
- 9. Class of 2023: Angel Mancera, Kennedy Salamat, Rommel Nunez, Matthew Wahl
 - a. Spoke to Kotis about apparel and in the process of getting proofs
- 10. Class of 2024: Malik Javaid, Jarom Miller, Suheyla Tozan, Steven Gutterman
 - a. Met with Emma Williams (alumni relations)
 - b. Decided to do a major declaration panel
 - c. Meet with our advisor Naja L. Muhammad
- 11. Technology Representative: Vish Rao
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- 12. Racial Diversity and Inclusivity Representative: Elias Tzoc-Pacheco
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- 13. First Gen and Low Income Representative: Martha Escobedo
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- 14. Gender Identity and Sexuality Representative:
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- 15. Disability and Accessibility Issues Representative:
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- 16. Academic Affairs Representative: James Wang
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- 17. Student Groups Representative: Theo Mack
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- 18. Sustainability Representative: Justin Paik
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- 19. Professional Development Representative: Shomik Ghose
 - a. Meeting with Emma Williams last week
 - b. Meeting with CEYA (Columbia Engineering Young Alumni Board) leaders on Friday
 - i. Trying to make a mentorship program (similar to CC Odyssey Program)
 - c. Schedule alumni panels (December, next semester)
- 20. Campus Affairs Representative: Sergio Butron
 - a. Office Hours: **TH** from 6:30pm-7:00pm (say hi!)
 - i. Link to Zoom [here](#).
 - ii. Passcode: 5uvyWe
- 21. International Students Representative: Egem Yorulmaz

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- 22. Combined Plan 3-2 Representative: Blossom Parris
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- 23. Student Health and Wellness Representative: Lori Luo
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