



COLUMBIAESC

ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda and Reports
Monday, November 16, 2020

Upcoming Events / Meetings

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

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

- Katherine-SEAS Apparel Design Hackathon <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-ups are due on Dec 4 at noon here: <https://forms.gle/1pURrEk7FgrmQLjaA>
- Adheli -- ESC Town Hall <https://www.facebook.com/events/685512149049726/>
 - Blurp:
Do you have any ideas you want to pitch to the Engineering Student Council (ESC)? Are there any policies you want us to potentially implement? Do you want to learn more about how ESC operates?
If you answered yes to any of these questions, consider joining ESC for our first town hall meeting on Friday November 20th from 2-3 PM EST! The town hall meeting will consist of an open forum where everyone will get a chance to share their thoughts with ESC representatives.
Join Here:
<https://columbiauniversity.zoom.us/j/94380797444>

Discussion Topics

1. Linguistics Minor - Jessica Kuleshov
 - a. In cc, it is commonly done while studying cs or econ
 - b. Would help seas also take advantage of linguistics and use it throughout other classes and future careers
 - c. Hopes to base it off of special concentration, but not requiring all additional courses (eg. the extra language requirement)
 - d. Has proposed potential courses to be included in this minor
 - e. Vote for support result: pass
 - f. Action items: will draft email of support and speak to respective deans
2. Allocation of funds for students - Sophia Sagandyk [5 min]
 - a. Prizes/giveaways

- i. Thoughts on large prizes for few students:
 - 1. Ethan - Prizes for participation makes more sense than prizes for winners; would reach more people
 - 2. Estevan - could have giveaways that go to the entire SEAS student body (eg. apparel); shipping costs may not be all too expensive, as per conversation with Josh (ESC E-board advisor)
 - b. Financial accessibility
 - i. Thoughts on having several options if we are going to have more expensive sweatshirts, and have the option to have a cheaper one:
 - 1. Ethan - in support
 - 2. Adheli - Could have extra financial support for students to help subsidize their costs instead of having multiple options, to make it cheaper for everyone since there are more people buying the same item
- 3. Resources Fund Proposal Vote - Sophia Sagandyk [5 min]
 - a. CCSC's: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RFS2JUu-iRiKxtlVIUwv9abaoTj7JcW3rvEfj07Dbrg/edit>
 - b. We will work with CCSC to make a joint proposal

Position Updates

- 1. Student Body President: Estevan Mesa
 - a. Presented to COI last wednesday regarding grading policies
 - i. Email sent out today
 - ii. Survey results shared with department heads (~400 respondents from SEAS!)
 - b. Met with advisor Josh Lucas on Friday regarding finances with Sophia
 - c. Met with Rads (VP Policy) and Sophia (VP finance) from CCSC with Sophia today regarding resource fund
 - d. Meeting this wednesday with Dean Morrison
 - i. Will be sharing all of the course concerns reported in our google form so that they can be communicated to their respective departments
 - ii. Breaking policies versus hard classes
 - iii. Discuss exam policies further
 - 1. Unlikely to get official regulation on this, but more likely to get support from the administration to encourage/discourage certain practices (e.g. discouraging Proctorio)
 - a. This is definitely something that we need to press since the majority of student body opposes use of proctoring services and believe other methods of assessment better limit academic integrity concerns, though the administration is concerned this is paradoxical
 - b. Comments from council members:
 - i. Articles about biases

1. <https://www.technologyreview.com/2020/08/07/1006132/software-algorithms-proctoring-online-tests-ai-ethics/>
2. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2020/jul/01/ceo-of-exam-monitoring-software-proctorio-apologises-for-posting-students-chat-logs-on-reddit>
3. <https://www.vice.com/en/article/7k9zjy/an-exam-surveillance-company-is-trying-to-silence-critics-with-lawsuits>
4. <https://hybridpedagogy.org/our-bodies-encoded-algorithmic-test-proctoring-in-higher-education/>

ii. Talk to professors who have done their own research and decided against using it, to hear the professor perspective

iv. Discuss grading policies for Spring (rolling over Fall 2020 updates, for instance)

2. VP Policy: Ahmet Karadeniz

a. Reinstating the ESC COVID-19 Taskforce: for topics such as but not limited to university policies, quarantining, food distribution, food waste, and course related concerns. Please add your name below if you are interested in joining:

- i. Ahmet Cem Karadeniz
- ii. Estevan Mesa
- iii. James Wang
- iv. Ethan Thayumanavan
- v. Angel Mancera
- vi. Sergio Butron
- vii. Justin Paik
- viii. Lori Luo
- ix. Elias Tzoc-Pacheco

b. Dilara please let me know if you would like to sit in the Student Health Advisory Committee Meetings along with Lori

c. Policy Committee Members please do not forget to send the links to the forms and surveys to the group chat for everyone to review it before Saturday!

3. VP Student Life: Katherine Liu

a. 15 Among Us night prizes will be ordered this week!

i. Shoutout to Sophia for helping!

b. CCE x SEAS info session (Dec 4 11:30am)

- i. Overview of the career support CCE provides to SEAS students
- ii. Review and walk through LionSHARE
- iii. Provide industry specific resources
- iv. Registration link open later this week

- c. SEAS Apparel Design Hackathon (Dec 5-6)
 - i. Shoutout to Sergio for designing the poster!
 - ii. Two socially impactful topics, released Dec 4 midnight
 - iii. Goal is to benefit more students instead of one/two winners
 - iv. Top designs manufactured and distributed for free to a # of SEAS students, first come first serve (# TBD)
 - v. Rewards for top designers revised: 1st prize Beats solo, 2nd prize airpods
- 4. VP Finance: Sophia Sagandyk
 - a. Please reach out to me with any ideas about possible funding initiatives to benefit students, whether FGLI students or whole student body
 - i. Past initiatives:
 - 1. Metrocard program
 - 2. Farmshare subsidy
 - 3. Now, resources fund
 - b. Meeting with Josh
 - i. Student life fee
- 5. VP Communications: Adheli Gonzalez
 - a. First ESC Town Hall this Friday, please come and let us know beforehand if you can make it (if possible) → email Vish if you can make it
 - b. Sign up to be a part of the ESC updates video:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OQ_4_DnX3ia8PISHcToXpaEnqB7psbhv4UmTBPgHeGo/edit
- 6. University Senator: Joe Hier
 - a.
- 7. Class of 2021: Kalisa Ndamage, Bret Silverstein, Ashley Rosenberg, Ethan Thayumanavan, Zhuoli Zhang
 - a. Graduate School Panel tomorrow at 5 PM EST
 - b. SEAS Senior night event mostly filled (expanding size)
 - c. Meeting with councils to discuss yearbook committee development
- 8. Class of 2022: Naomi Kim, Stephanie Guo, Nicholas Mijares, Eugene Fung
 - a. Trivia Night with CCSC'22 this Wednesday (Columbia merch as prizes)
- 9. Class of 2023: Angel Mancera, Kennedy Salamat, Rommel Nunez, Matthew Wahl
 - a. In contact with Kotis to work on apparel.
 - b. Met with Estevan and Naomi to create a template for the ESC newsletters.
 - c. Sending out Speed Friending flyers for our event on Nov. 21.
- 10. Class of 2024: Malik Javaid, Jarom Miller, Suheyra Tozan, Steven Guterman
 - a. Planned to do speed friending on December 4th
 - i. Collaborating with CCSC
 - ii. Two sessions: 10 AM and 8 PM EST for people in different time zones
 - b. Planning to do a Cards Against Humanity night next week
- 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. Met with Jaine (CCSC FGLI Representative)
 - i. Reaching out together to FLI Network and Dining
- 14. Gender Identity and Sexuality Representative: Athena Tsu
 - a.
- 15. Disability and Accessibility Issues Representative: Dilara Zaimoglu
 - a.
- 16. Academic Affairs Representative: James Wang
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- 17. Student Groups Representative: Theo Mack
 - a.
- 18. Sustainability Representative: Justin Paik
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- 19. Professional Development Representative: Shomik Ghose
 - a.
- 20. Campus Affairs Representative: Sergio Butron
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- 21. International Students Representative: Egem Yorulmaz
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- 22. Combined Plan 3-2 Representative: Blossom Parris
 - a.
- 23. Student Health and Wellness Representative: Lori Luo
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