



COLUMBIAESC

ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda and Reports
Monday, November 9, 2020

Upcoming Events / Meetings

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

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

- SEAS Graduate School Panel <https://www.facebook.com/events/2773892969537429/> - Ethan Thayumanavan
- SEAS Fall Feedback Survey: <https://forms.gle/bMiRYugFzGHbyN1o9>

Discussion Topics

1. November/Fall Update Video, Rommel, 5 minutes
 - a. If interested in participating, you will be given a script
 - b. Put together key policies and updates we'd like to post
 - c. Include in newsletter and blasting (social media) -- Nov. 23
 - d. Doc to sign up: [doc](#)
2. Academic Adjustments Proposal, Estevan, 30 minutes
 - a. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/18poV8yR58yCZThXJdS9tu0nFWDq4rCrRLtOS6QgLOhE/edit?usp=sharing>
 - b. Content
 - i. Expanding reasons for drop vs extending drop deadline
 - ii. Including lack of options to take a year off (e.g. International students)
 - c. Timeline
 - i. This wednesday versus in two weeks**
 - d. Voting via Google Form
 - e. If passed, sharing the proposal with the student body?

Position Updates

1. Student Body President: Estevan Mesa
 - a. Survey Results
 - i. Great number of responses, let's keep that going! (360+)
 - b. Academic Adjustment Proposal
 - i. Dean Morrison suggests presenting this at the next COI meeting; however, I believe we need to get this under consideration this week as it is clear this is an urgent matter and students' wellbeing must be addressed now
 - c. Financial Accessibility Survey ~124 responses, ~60% of which are SEAS

- i. Joint with CCSC
- d. Course Concerns Form ~16 responses, all SEAS
 - i. Linked in fall feedback form
 - ii. Will speak with COI and reach out to departments of classes mentioned
- e. Discussion next week re: SEAS Fossil Fuels Referendum
- f. Newsletter Content? Include here!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/132401Qszd8h6jHjPyTNqMYzRJib8n7Aog43SpEnAsgs/edit?usp=sharing>
- 2. VP Policy: Ahmet Karadeniz
 - a. If you cannot make it to the Policy Meetings if you could email me your updates (if you have any) and let me know beforehand that would be amazing.
 - b. For the Proposal:
 - i. I think it could help to add this in Proposal 4: "If this is not accepted, we alternatively propose that students seeking this option can submit a short petition explaining their decision to utilize the pass/fail option to their respective department. We ask that this petition not require additional documentation such as medical documents as these can be very difficult to obtain, particularly in short time frames." - also in both cases, maybe petitions to advisors could be a better option. That way petitions wouldn't be going around multiple departments for different classes but would be handled by one person for each student - easier logistics.
 - ii. I think what other schools are doing is one of our strongest points
 - iii. I am not sure how much the administration will be persuaded by the stats (as they probably expect it). The motives behind our proposals might be essential to our argument.
 - iv. These are not necessarily points that require changes - just my overall thoughts. I am virtually voting for (passing) this proposal:)
- 3. VP Student Life: Katherine Liu
 - a. Among Us nights a success!!
 - i. Shoutout to Bret for hosting the Thursday session
 - ii. Shoutout to Matthew and Malik for helping prize distribution
 - b. CCE info session for SEAS students in planning
 - i. Meeting this Wed at noon
 - c. Next student life event: SEAS design challenge
 - i. Hackathon type event on weekend of Nov 28-29
 - ii. Two socially impactful topics, revealed when event begins
 - iii. First prize: iPad air; second prize: air pods
 - iv. First prize winners' designs printed on apparels for all SEAS student body to order
- 4. VP Finance: Sophia Sagandyk
 - a. Had VPF meeting
 - i. Decisions:
 - 1. CIF happening next semester

2. Securities & Facilities fund surplus will go back to student councils until spring F@CU due to inactivity
 3. Spring F@CU- end of winter break before semester starts
 - ii. In the works/ideas:
 1. WeWork fund, community fund (whether that be to help Harlem community, or have a general community projects fund where students can apply with ideas of how they want to use funds)
 - a. To be discussed more in spring F@CU
 2. Hoping to look into the possibility of cutting or eliminating student life fee next sem/year due to large surplus
 - b. Will open project grants application soon and meet with finance committee in a couple weeks to read applications & approve funding
 - c. Finance committee meeting this weekend to brainstorm ideas of how to use allocation this year--may bring ideas to g-body soon
 - i. Fill out [when2meet](#)
5. VP Communications: Adheli Gonzalez
- a. Meet the council bios will be posted soon on social media
 - i. Please fill out form now if you haven't already:
<https://forms.gle/CUwRUmNmDCnV8UmD6>
 - ii. Any questions? Reach out to Eugene
 - b. Class registration event for underclassmen (Nov. 16 and 17)
 - i. Volunteer Registration: <https://forms.gle/b4RkbvXstmJh2VLg6>
 - ii. Any questions? Reach out to Suheyla
 - c. Town Hall Meeting (Nov 20th, 2-3 pm)
 - i. If you're available during that time and would like to attend to represent council, please contact Vish
 - ii. Any questions? Reach out to Vish
 - d. Peer Mentorship Program Event for Mentors and Mentees (1st week of Dec)
 - i. Mentors and mentees within the same major meet
 - ii. Breakout rooms with guiding questions and topics
 - iii. Any questions? Reach out to Rommel
 - e. Website has been updated
 - i. Includes new links, and mission and vision statement
 - ii. Any questions? Reach out to Ethan
 - f. Planning a schedule for ESC members to film short videos with updates
 - i. As per discussion topic, to update our student body on what we're working on
 - ii. Any questions? Reach out to Rommel
6. University Senator: Joe Hier
- a. SAC Subcommittees:
 - i. Mental Health Subcommittee- spoke about some initiatives some pertaining specifically to the situation with Covid and others just more general

7. Class of 2021: Kalisa Ndamage, Bret Silverstein, Ashley Rosenberg, Ethan Thayumanavan, Zhuoli Zhang
 - a. Graduate School Panel scheduled for Tues. November 17, 5pm
 - i. 2 faculty (Vivian McNeill, ChemE & Sinisa Vukelic, MechE), and 2 PhD candidates (BME, IEOR) are confirmed as panelists
 - ii. Facebook event with Zoom link is above (in Facebook blasting)
 - b. Cocktail Events Sign-ups going out this week
 - c. Looking for EIC of 2021 Yearbook
8. Class of 2022: Naomi Kim, Stephanie Guo, Nicholas Mijares, Eugene Fung
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9. Class of 2023: Angel Mancera, Kennedy Salamat, Rommel Nunez, Matthew Wahl
 - a. Discussion surrounding the creation of instructional video for the [Columbia Alumni Portal](#) started.
 - i. Planning will be done this week and we expect to have a demo by next weekend.
 - b. Speed Friending -- scheduled for Nov 21.
 - c. Got in contact with a friend working for International Student Advisory Board regarding a well-being survey for international students, putting Egem in contact with him.
10. Class of 2024: Malik Javaid, Jarom Miller, Suheyly Tozan, Steven Gutterman
 - a. Planning to do a freshman town hall next Monday, 11/9
 - b. Scheduling a speed friending event soon with CCSC
11. Technology Representative: Vish Rao
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12. Racial Diversity and Inclusivity Representative: Elias Tzoc-Pacheco
 - a.
13. First Gen and Low Income Representative: Martha Escobedo
 - a.
14. Gender Identity and Sexuality Representative: Athena Tsu
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15. Disability and Accessibility Issues Representative: Dilara Zaimoglu
 - a.
16. Academic Affairs Representative: James Wang
 - a.
17. Student Groups Representative: Theo Mack
 - a.
18. Sustainability Representative: Justin Paik
 - a.
19. Professional Development Representative: Shomik Ghose
 - a. Attended CEYA (Columbia Engineering Young Alumni Board) meeting on Friday
 - i. Want us to give them ideas on alumni panels/events they can do
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

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23. Student Health and Wellness Representative: Lori Luo

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