



COLUMBIAESC

ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda and Reports
Monday, September 14, 2020

Upcoming Events / Meetings

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

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

- **Wikithon 2020** <https://fb.me/e/cmSigGDA> -- Rahul, Alina, blurb below:

Long one:

You are hereby invited to Wikithon 2020 on **Sept 18-19!** The wikithon is a time when WikiCU Editors, new and old, join together to add their own edits to our beloved [WikiCU](#) and build institutional memory written by students, for students. If you haven't heard of the site already: explore any of the [11,656 pages](#); have fun! Join the event to listen to older students regale you with age-old Columbia student stories and traditions, or share some of your own!

This will be an asynchronous endeavor from **Friday 8pm - Saturday 3 pm EST**. Participants should hop on the zoom call for the starting ceremony at 8pm - 8:30pm EST for a rundown of the prizes, editing rules, and q&a. Those observing Sabbath can make edits on Sunday until 3pm to be considered for prizes.

A zoom room will be available for participants to hop on and converse at these times (Fri: 8 - midnight, Sat: 11 - 3 pm EST). The official [Wikithon 2020 Facebook Event](#) will have all the info, so make sure to click going!

All participants will receive a Wikithon 2020 Editor badge. The winners of the wittiest articles, most informative edits, most contributions (first place, second place, third place), and more special categories, will win e-Gift Cards, Special WikiCU Badges, free stickers, and free shirts. Word on the street is that the elusive PrezBo Badge prize is bound to make a reappearance. See you all there!

Bwog Post: <https://bwog.com/2020/09/youre-invited-to-the-2020-wikicu-wikithon/>

Zoom call: <https://zoom.us/j/92101095327?pwd=M2F6bjBLcXNDcVI0MFllbnI4dk9HZz09>

Shorter one:

Help us update WikiCU! Hop in a Zoom call, co-hosted by Bwog and ESC, and make edits to WikiCU — prizes and swag will be announced, and everyone who participates will get a unique badge on their user page! Stay tuned to this [Wikithon 2020 Facebook Event](#) for more information.

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Discussion Topics

1. [ESC Elections] [7 mins] -- Alina
 - a. Candidate registration for Engineering Student Council is officially open. You can also **declare your candidacy via [this form](#)** up until Thursday, September 17th at 8PM ET.
 - b. A couple of important notes:
 - i. First-year SEAS students may only run for class council representatives, and can do this as an individual or a party.
 - ii. There are two 3-2 positions open, a Senior 3-2 Class Representative and an at-large 3-2 Class Representative.
 - iii. The SEAS Senator position is a two-year commitment, and is thus not open this election cycle.
 - c. Click [here](#) to view our fall elections timeline and stay up to date on our [Facebook](#) page and [website](#). Don't hesitate to email cc.seas.elections@columbia.edu with any questions!
 - d. **9/14-9/27: Election registration starts on 9/14 and results are finalized on 9/27.**
2. [Timeline] [5 mins] -- Alina
 - a. **9/14: First Fall ESC Meeting**, important items on the agenda include F@CU, Mentorship program, WikiCU (it's up!), and Election updates. Newsletter will be sent as well.
 - b. **9/21: Second Fall ESC Meeting**, closing out all agenda items!
 - c. **9/28: Official Turnover**, the meeting opens with the 19-20 board and closes with the 20-21 board.
 - d. No required committee, class council, or e-board meetings until after turnover

Position Updates

1. Student Body President: Alina Ying
 - a. [Dean Morrison / Dean Brovman meetings]
 - i. discussed throughout summer, and posted on facebook class pages along with estevan, james, brandon & adheli
 - b. [Dean Boyce meeting]
 - i. virtual community, I invited all of e-board & class presidents to speak (estevan, bret, sophia, sophia, adheli, kalisa, naomi, angel)
 - ii. Zoom Pro for all club accounts
 - c. [Newsletters] announcements email went out (9/4), last newsletter from me going/went out today (9/14)
 - d. [Elections] working with CEC
 - e. [F@CU] this has been delayed
 - f. [Zoom Pro account] will get this for ESC by next week
2. VP Policy: Estevan Mesa
 - a. VP Scott Wright meetings
 - i. Met with Scott, Alina, CCSC E-Board Members regarding housing and building usage on-campus for the Fall; Columbia was looking into lowering

health fee; circumstances of textbook affordability project has not changed since last semester when it was determined students did not support (due to increased cost); no pre-calendaring/nothing reservable; planning for more outdoor seating/lounge space

- b. Dean Morrison meetings
 - i. Met with Dean Morrison and Alina; main logistical driver for moving all undergraduate online was state restrictions on space for mandatory quarantine; raised concerns about student/community engagement; improved tech in all classrooms; registration logistics (credit limits, taking two classes that overlap); departments worked on curriculum/lab kits
- c. Dean Boyce meeting
 - i. Deans Boyce and Morrison were excited about several of the ideas, emphasized their willingness to promote events, encourage faculty attendance and involvement
- d. CCE Meeting
 - i. CCE converting all programs/support/event to virtual format, plus more
 - ii. Proposed adding additional career fairs for SEAS/STEM; extending career fairs by offering them on consecutive days
- 3. VP Student Life: Bret Silverstein
 - a. Dean Boyce meeting
 - i. Transferring normal events to virtual format
 - ii. New events
 - 1. School cookbook, photo contest, e-sports tournament
- 4. VP Finance: Sophia Sagandyk
 - a. F@CU delayed
 - b. CSA Farmshare - trying to subsidize groceries for students around campus
- 5. VP Communications: Adheli Gonzalez
 - a. Columbia Connect: I successfully obtained a partnership with Columbia Connect to increase the virtual community at Columbia
 - b. StudBud: I successfully obtained a partnership with StudBud to help students find study groups for their classes
 - c. SEAS Peer Mentorship Program: amazing response from students (the number of people who signed up was more than double of last year); still need some students to be mentors for certain majors to satisfy the demand from the mentees; pairings to be made soon
- 6. University Senator: Joe Hier
 - a.
- ~~7. Class of 2020: Sambhav Jain, Lal Uncu, Youngjae Ryu, Will Fesjian~~
 - a.
- 8. Class of 2021: Kalisa Ndamage, Jenny Martinez, Ashley Rosenberg, Ethan Thayumanavan
 - a.
- 9. Class of 2022: Naomi Kim, Stephanie Guo, Nicholas Mijares, Eugene Fung
 - a.

10. Class of 2023: Angel Mancera, Kennedy Salamat, Ariana Novo
 - a. Past events: Speed friending event (great success), movie night
 - b. Engineering talks by Professors - We held Speakers Prof. Panknin and Prof. Ateshian on our COVID speaker series and they talked to us about the challenges they toppled with because of the pandemic on their projects.
 - i. Planning to share recordings
 - ii. Give more opportunity for students to have more info about research
11. Technology Representative: Rahul Kataria
 - a.
- ~~12. Racial Diversity and Inclusivity Representative: Sabina Thomas~~
 - ~~a.~~
13. First Gen and Low Income Representative: Diana Carranza
 - a. Schoolwide committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- ~~14. Gender Identity and Sexuality Representative: Giorgia Fujita~~
 - ~~a.~~
15. Disability and Accessibility Issues Representative: Ahmet Karadeniz
 - a.
16. Academic Affairs Representative: James Wang
 - a. Worked with Director of Academic Integrity for initiatives during NSOP and on Pre-Arrival tutorial to re-inforce Honor Code and Pledge
 - b. Created Academic survey for new semester, will forward concerns raised to COI on Wednesday
 - i. Responses so far:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-AADirvSAfhRD7QazGMVdbHbq0gy4GutUvkO4ZIG0JU/edit#gid=1521442430>
 1. Common themes: Time zones, screen fatigue, academic integrity, lecture recordings
 - c. Academic Integrity board meeting Friday
17. Student Groups Representative: Can Akdere
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- ~~18. Sustainability Representative: Ade Balogun~~
 - ~~a.~~
19. Professional Development Representative: Sebastian Sanchez
 - a.
20. Campus Affairs Representative: Alison Selman
 - a.
21. International Students Representative: Katherine Liu
 - a.
- ~~22. Combined Plan 3-2 Representative: Josh Guggenheim~~
 - ~~a.~~
23. Student Health and Wellness Representative: Juliet Sampson
 - a.

