



COLUMBIAESC

ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda and Reports
Monday, March 2, 2020

Upcoming Events / Meetings

1. [Event name], [Location], [Date & Time]
2. Next General Body Meeting, Lerner Broadway Room, March 9

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

- **Pi Day Pizza Party** --alina

Join us at Carleton Commons on March 10th at 4:30 pm for a Pizza Party and Pi recitation competition! There will be free pizza, insomnia cookies, chances to win prizes, and more! Click [here](#) for more information. [#PiSEAS](#)



2. International Student Visa Townhall (Wed 7-8pm FAY 411)- Katherine

https://www.facebook.com/events/284383475858602/?notif_t=plan_edited¬if_id=1583172744190154

Join us for professional legal advice of OPT, CPT, and H1-B visas and international student career opportunities with AlienAid, a pro bono practice in New York that helps international students navigate their academic and professional career in the United States.

Discussion Topics

1. [Restorative Justice Report] [8 mins] -- motion to close meeting
 - a. ESC Endorses the report
2. [Textbook Affordability Initiative] [10 mins] -- Alina/Estevan
 - a. Context: will speak on this
 - i. Some have stated that if there is no opt-out option, it does not seem reasonable to continue with this textbook affordability initiative
 - ii. CCSC asked us to provide money to fund their prizes, ESC is hesitant to provide the funds to get feedback from survey we know most SEAS students will be against
 - iii. Having this program will most likely increase costs for SEAS students (textbooks)
 1. We do not know how much money we will be paying if we were a part of this program
 - a. Around \$270 per student if everyone was on it
 2. Some students do not use their textbooks even if they buy them; it would be wasteful
 - b. Motion 1: allocating funds for survey prizes and tabling (they requested \$300; they're paying \$500)
 - i. Motion does not pass
 - c. Motion 2: advertising the survey in all our newsletters / social media
 - i. Motion does not pass
 - d. Motion 3 (CAN BE DELAYED after survey results or other info): if SEAS should continue to be a part of the Textbook Affordability initiative. If so, it would be a line-item in Engineering Tuition.
 - i. Final motion: Possibility 3
 1. Possibility 1: no opt-out option; same line-item cost as CC i.e. "one university"
 2. Possibility 2: no opt-out option; negotiating a different line-item number than the CC cost.
 3. Possibility 3: with opt-out option. → delaying passes
 - a. need specific price points for next week
3. Got Fu'd in Paradise - Sign ups to email professors
 - a. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Wfe1cbsUQJDCjlrJ9gRaAq4Nk83fah-SaWr0iE5VO5M/edit?usp=sharing>

Position Updates

1. Student Body President: Alina Ying
 - a. **COI updates: trying to get some stuff to be released to public soon**
 - b. **Morrison meeting updates -- replied, but still MIA...**
 - i. Will probably reach out to kachani, brovman, and boyce if morrison doesn't respond tomorrow
 - c. **Scott Wright meeting updates**

- i. Textbook Affordability initiative
 - ccsc already sent out survey
 - barnes & nobles = been working with scott wright for awhile; no new contract negotiations needed
- ii. Signage on Low -- they're working on making this happen!! shoutout to @ahmet
- iii. briefly talked about Bacchanal

d. Ivy League Conference updates

- i. finance: advised them to go to JCCC to receive full \$1500
- ii. advertising: we will do this before the date 4/11-12
- iii. room bookings: we're booking all their rooms for the conference
- iv. engineering mailing list: sent to them; they're reaching out right now; IEOR department is also sponsoring

e. Following up w/Tom McManus (CEAA)

f. Columbia Elections Commision

- i. info sessions next tues/wed; elections come around april
- ii. Sambhav, Lal, Can

g. Senior Class Council Constitution change: coming soon!

h. Newsletter

- i. **other events:** Marnie's Engineering Student Group Awards, Amanda's Study Group Interest form, MR Science Laboratory, Give and Go Green, Pi Pizza Party
- ii. Policy: esc statement, SHAC info!!!!, student health & wellness survey, CEAA event
- iii. Finance: Project Grants closed
- iv. Comms: ---

2. VP Policy: Estevan Mesa

- a. Preliminary survey for perception of breaks finished
 - i. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeOOGLEon1ZKHnXaliRemNfb_b_q1xZdQviLpdZGYb7-RvIIA/viewform
 - ii. Waiting to show to Morrison before sending it out, but that has been an issue
 - 1. Will email him tonight with the survey and as a bump of Alina's attempt to get us a meeting scheduled with him
 - iii. Policy meeting - discussed textbook initiative/first day complete program
 - iv. Meeting with Sambhav this week to make the amendment to the Constitution, allowing Josh to get on the class council for the remainder of the semester and establishing an extra 3-2 rep on senior class council/removing the at-large position

3. VP Student Life: Bret Silverstein

- a. Got Fu'd in Paradise - March 24
 - b. Karaoke Night - April 10
 - c. SPIN Ping Pong planning - Tentatively April 18
- 4. VP Finance: Sophia Sagandyk
 - a. JCCC yesterday
 - b. Project grants closed
 - i. Setting up presentation time with finance committee soon
- 5. VP Communications: Adheli Gonzalez
 - a. Emailed Stan Sakry about having an undergrad meche student lounge, waiting for reply
 - b. Made a tik tok for ESC
 - i. Will be making SEAS Flash through tik tok this week, shared to ESC Facebook page (will see viewership to see if this will be continued)
- 6. University Senator: Joe Hier
 - a.
- 7. Class of 2020: Sambhav Jain, Lal Uncu, Youngjae Ryu, Will Fesjian
 - a. Take a Leap event was fun
 - b. Placing order for Scribble Day
 - c. Looking to book the swimming pool for seas students to take the swim test
- 8. Class of 2021: Kalisa Ndamage, Jenny Martinez, Arya Zhao, Ethan Thayumanavan
 - a. Interviews for new junior rep this weekend
- 9. Class of 2022: Naomi Kim, Stephanie Guo, Nicholas Mijares, Eugene Fung
 - a. Working with Kotis—apparel form and design
 - b. Coffee Chat Initiative for SEAS: April 4th
- 10. Class of 2023: Avi Gupta, Angel Mancera, Kennedy Salamat, Ariana Novo
 - a. First-year ball (with CCSC, Barnard, John Jay Hall Council)
 - b. Metrocard program
 - c. iPad giveaway
 - d. Apparel
- 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.
- 14. Gender Identity and Sexuality Representative: Giorgia Fujita
 - a. Met with Stan (Director of Facilities and Space Planning) and Eric (Engineering Facilities Manager) last Thursday
 - i. Half of approvals received for NWCB floors 7-14
 - ii. Scheduling meetings with those in charge of library, classroom-level, and research-level facilities to receive remaining approvals
 - iii. Process: receiving approval from all three facilities managers, support from EGSC, and notifying the Dean. Once these things have been done, all signage in the building will be changed at once.

- b. Meeting with Gayle Gatchalian (Health Comms at Columbia) March 13 to collect more info on free sexual health resources
- 15. Disability and Accessibility Issues Representative: Ahmet Karadeniz
 - a.
- 16. Academic Affairs Representative: James Wang
 - a.
- 17. Student Groups Representative: Can Akdere
 - a.
- 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. Copied from last week's agenda:
 - i. Met with Padma, Caroline (GSSC Health & Wellness Representative), and Henry (VP Policy for CCSC)
 - 1. discussed role descriptions for health & wellness representatives
 - 2. talked about the possibility of creating a similar role in CCSC
 - 3. Padma will be writing up new descriptions that outline expectations for participating in the peer ambassador program, and other groups such as SHAC
 - ii. Attended February SHAC Meeting
 - 1. Disability Services representative spoke and answered questions
 - b. Peer Ambassador Health Network
 - i. Last week discussed process for creating successful health initiatives
 - ii. Today we went over Columbia Health's goals for achieving well-being on campus