



# COLUMBIAESC

## ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda and Reports  
Monday, April 13, 2020

### Upcoming Events / Meetings

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

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

- SEAS Netflix Party - Bret
  - [https://www.facebook.com/events/215771903060140/?active\\_tab=discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/215771903060140/?active_tab=discussion)
  - Make sure to vote for a movie! Feel free to add movies to the list

### Discussion Topics

1. [ANN: 2nd-to-last meeting] -- alina
  - a. specifics on last farewell meeting next week
2. [National Student Gov. Letter on COVID-19] [7] -- alina
  - a. Signed onto both letters (results in Yes-No-Abstain format):
    - **"An Open Letter to Admissions, Postgraduate Opportunities in Response to COVID-19":** 21-0-0
    - **"An Open Letter to Expand Telehealth Support Access across State Lines":** 14-2-5
  - b. took note of all written reasoning
  - c. Comments:
    - i. what else will we do as a council? - ade
    - ii. Telehealth letter might have been addressed to the wrong party - avi
      1. Share with deans and admissions? -alina
      2. Who should we share with?
      3. Suggestion for Telehealth: reach out to states' DoH
      4. <https://www.healthlawadvisor.com/2020/03/18/covid-19-new-york-expands-telehealth-utilization/>
3. [Constitution change: allowing for virtual votes] [5] -- alina / estevan
  - a. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/161XfjOZX6JhoGExKRahCMEdUqx8aKPo-HQJmynsSuBl/edit>
  - b. for efficiency / practicality purposes
  - c. how exactly we should go about it
  - d. Comments:
    - i. Include comment about time sensitivity

- ii. We should clarify that you need to be present at gbody meeting in order to vote (if virtual voting is being done at gbody)
  - iii. This would be virtual voting when there is a time sensitive vote that occurs outside of gbody (where you need to have a vote before the next gbody meeting)
  - iv. Does there have to be a time-frame of how much in advance we should be told of an e-vote happening?
- 4. [Constitution change: Health & Wellness Representative Role] [15 min] -- juliet
  - a. [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nkhNWjpLIM\\_C3poqGMv7Ik4JnCjdYwC6JyoJ2PEN2xs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nkhNWjpLIM_C3poqGMv7Ik4JnCjdYwC6JyoJ2PEN2xs/edit?usp=sharing)
  - b. Comments:
    - i. Juliet would like to modify the constitution to include this, based on her conversation with others about the Health and Wellness Representative role
    - ii. Good way for all health and wellness reps across different schools to be on the same page, advocating for the same things
    - iii. Could be done through a continuing resolution, with a deadline
      - 1. That way you do not have to go through a constitutional change in order to affect this.
      - 2. We had a continuing resolution last year for the student health and wellness rep; we would make a friendly amendment to it (still need  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote)
- 5. CU Dining dollar refunds - Sambhav
  - a. Refer to Estevan's updates

### Position Updates

- 1. Student Body President: Alina Ying
  - a. COI
    - i. working w/ Dean Kachani on a couple initiatives
    - ii. Virtual Class Days & Commencement
      - 1. put Sambhav/senior class council in contact with Deans
  - b. Dean Kromm / VP Scott Wright updates [sophia / estevan will go over]
  - c. For the future: would really like a point-of-contact on Financial Aid / Student Financial Services
  - d. Newsletter [4/21]
- 2. VP Policy: Estevan Mesa
  - a. Scott Wright Updates
    - i. Dining & Housing have completed all of their work and submitted the list of student refunds -->in the hands of Student Financial Services - I will send email tonight to Financial Services
    - ii. Seniors who left campus will be refunded unspent Dining Dollars, minus any free Bonus Dining Dollars they received.

- iii. Flex works a little different from Dining Dollars since it is not a meal plan - Scott is looking into this and should have an answer when we speak to him on Wednesday \*also what about seniors still on campus who have extra dining dollars/meals swipes, will they be refunded any remaining balance at the end of semester (ex: purchased more dining dollars for the cafes, or no longer want to go to dining halls for safety)
  - iv. If there are student complaints with the storage companies those should be resolved directly with each company, since students worked directly with either Time or Hudson to coordinate their move
    - 1. Housing staff have been going room by room to identify belongings that were not removed, then contacting the student and making arrangements for their goods to be stored, donated or thrown away
    - 2. Students often left everything in place and sent the storage company a note with instructions such as "call me when you are in my room and I'll tell you what to pack."
      - a. companies had hundreds of rooms to pack and store, could not do this
      - b. Many suite residents left common areas completely trashed with a collection of food waste, empty bottles, full bottles, discarded clothing, books, etc.
      - c. In each of these spaces it was not easy for the storage company staff to know what to pack and what to throw away – and this scenario was repeated throughout all of our buildings
    - b. Questions to ask Financial Aid: Will students who are on financial aid be receiving the money from their dining plans as direct deposits, or will this money only go back to financial aid? Will it result in the student's financial aid being reduced if so? (anything else?) \*Will also address the importance that students on financial aid receive these funds because it is essentially 2 and a half months of meals they were depending on, going home leads to another person that needs to be fed, as well as the increase in water/electricity/gas bills as a result of another person living at home
- 3. VP Student Life: Bret Silverstein
  - a. Netflix Party on Saturday night
  - b. Trivia night next week
- 4. VP Finance: Sophia Sagandyk
  - a. Admin will not be refunding the student life fee
  - b. VPF meeting with advisors and CCSC VPF
    - i. Figuring out plans with roll overs of the funds and F@CU plans (surpluses and reclaiming)
- 5. VP Communications: Adheli Gonzalez

- a. Comms is working on making a profile for every member on council for wikiCU, includes accomplishments taken from Fall 2019 semester reports and pictures from website [work in progress]
  - b. Comms is constantly updating website with agendas and livestreams, and will be adding semester reports as well [work in progress]:  
<https://esc.studentgroups.columbia.edu/>
  - c. Please complete Semester Reports if you haven't done so already!
6. University Senator: Joe Hier
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7. Class of 2020: Sambhav Jain, Lal Uncu, Youngjae Ryu, Will Fesjian
  - a. Will hosted a movie night
  - b. Attendance awards - will be shipped this week
  - c. Senior gift announced
  - d. Lal working on Apparel
  - e. Mini movie
8. Class of 2021: Kalisa Ndamage, Jenny Martinez, Ashley Rosenberg, Ethan Thayumanavan
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9. Class of 2022: Naomi Kim, Stephanie Guo, Nicholas Mijares, Eugene Fung
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10. Class of 2023: Avi Gupta, Angel Mancera, Kennedy Salamat, Ariana Novo
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11. Technology Representative: Rahul Kataria
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12. Racial Diversity and Inclusivity Representative: Sabina Thomas
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13. First Gen and Low Income Representative: Diana Carranza
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14. Gender Identity and Sexuality Representative: Giorgia Fujita
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15. Disability and Accessibility Issues Representative: Ahmet Karadeniz
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16. Academic Affairs Representative: James Wang
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17. Student Groups Representative: Can Akdere
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18. Sustainability Representative: Ade Balogun
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19. Professional Development Representative: Sebastian Sanchez
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20. Campus Affairs Representative: Alison Selman
  - a. Jed committee meeting
21. International Students Representative: Katherine Liu
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22. Combined Plan 3-2 Representative: Josh Guggenheim

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23. Student Health and Wellness Representative: Juliet Sampson

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