



COLUMBIAESC

ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda and Reports
Monday, April 6, 2020

Upcoming Events / Meetings

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

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

- this weekend --alina
 - Columbia Engineering researchers are working on rapid response solutions for other urgent problems faced by hospital workers, including ventilators, HEPA filters, sample collection swabs, sterilization, PPEs, and more. To help health professionals connect and collaborate with innovators to rapidly solve emerging problems during the COVID-19 pandemic, the School has established the [Columbia COVID Tech Innovation Group](#). The website includes an [interest form](#) for anyone looking to help, suggest a project, or remain informed.
 - Design challenge open to students, faculty, and staff from all Columbia schools. Launched on April 2, the [Columbia Engineering Design Challenge: DIY Ventilators for COVID-19](#) is focused on designs for non-invasive ventilators that can help care for critical patients suffering from pulmonary diseases such as that induced by COVID-19. Selected teams will receive funding to build their designs and the challenge winners, who will be announced April 27, will receive additional funds.
 - A second challenge—the [Virtual Campus Design Challenge](#)—has been developed as a hackathon for all Columbia and Barnard students to address the challenges of remote living as a campus community. The challenge, which will run over the weekend of April 4-6, aims to bring students together virtually to design and build virtual solutions to all aspects of campus life.
 - **NYC Makes PPE** is a group of engineers, makers, and healthcare professionals leveraging DIY manufacturing technology to support PPE production in NYC. <https://nycmakesppe.com/>
 - **We Bleed Blue! A Fundraiser for Harlem Hospital:** <https://www.facebook.com/donate/521895931742333/> Harlem Hospital is currently facing a medical supplies crisis! As members of Columbia, our local community needs us and we can do a lot to help. Healthcare workers in Harlem are in desperate need of funding for sanitizers, gloves, masks, and protective gear. You can make a difference in saving lives by helping them do their job through donating as much or as little as you can. Your donations will save actual lives. Thank You!

Discussion Topics

1. [Senate SAC] [15] -- Jackie (from College of Physicians and Surgeons)
 - a. COVID-19 Research efforts?
 - b.
2. Rolling over Class Council Funds to next year [5] -- 2023 Class Council
 - a. Would the money be refunded or could it be transferred to next year's council?
3. Minecraft for Columbia students [5] -
<https://www.businessinsider.com/upenn-students-recreate-campus-in-minecraft-to-host-virtual-events-2020-4>
 - a. Could speak with Minecraft club about this idea
 - b. Penn did it; our campus is smaller, could happen
 - c. Update: Columbia minecraft club has been working on building the campus for the past couple of weeks. They have been in contact with Brown and UPenn. They are currently mounting the server for the campus.

Position Updates

1. Student Body President: Alina Ying
 - a. Dean Kromm meeting (w/sophia)
 - i. Student Life fee reimbursements: conveyed idea on reimbursements for council funding at the end of the fiscal year (ie. end of the semester) including governing boards (and subsequently the clubs) → there is currently a committee working on all financial concerns/reimbursements, she'll convey concerns there
 - ii. Conveyed concerns about storage w/2 storage companies: as of now, students can only individually reach out to the Financial Aid office and cc-seas; there is no set fund / avenue they have set up → she'll get back to us on this; we'll also mainly bring this up with Scott
 - iii. Question on if proration reimbursements are given back to the individual student or returned to financial aid (grants) → she'll get back to us on this
 - iv. Tuition reimbursement: admin stance is a complete "no" (we're receiving credits for these classes) → go for other line-items instead --alina
 - b. Newsletter
 - i. I'll send one out anytime policy has changed / we receive more answers to assist student body (likely in 2 weeks)
 - c. Elections
 - i. ESC: moved everything back bc we can (elections ASAP next yr)
 - ii. SGA, CCSC: going with e-board-only elections bc they have graduating seniors, GSSC: going w/elections as usual
2. VP Policy: Estevan Mesa
 - a. Emailed Joon (CCSC) to get help looking into problems with moving/storage costs
 - i. In Policy yesterday, we discussed the University's handling of the process of moving out/storing belongings

1. Financial burden, emotional cost, miscommunication by the University in email sent to parents/family, never explicitly addressing this miscommunication, lack of transparency by moving companies that Columbia referred students to
- b. I am sending an email to Scott Wright (any other questions for him?)
 - i. Follow up on timeline for housing/dining refunds
 - ii. Dining Dollars / Flex reimbursements for seniors?
 - iii. Whether students on financial aid would indeed get the money from the dining plans or if it would just be 'returned' to financial aid
- c. Questions for the Deans; on Tuition
 - i. Addressing line items rather than tuition as a whole
 - ii. Student Life Fee (Sophia and Alina) and Lab Fees
- d. Updated Constitution (effective Fall 2020)
- e. Days Off Campus Idea
 - i. Work with Ariana who works for Spec
3. VP Student Life: Bret Silverstein
 - a. Working on virtual events
 - i. Netflix party
 - ii. Trivia night
 - b. Any suggestions are welcome
4. VP Finance: Sophia Sagandyk
 - a. Donated remaining metrocards to food pantry
5. VP Communications: Adheli Gonzalez
 - a. Please fill out the [Spring 2020 Semester Report](#) by next week's meeting **4/13**
 - i. It has the information you included last semester. This was done to maintain format. Simply replace old information with your newest updates.
 - ii. @Juliet and @Ashley, please send me your headshots by email (for the semester report and website).
 - b. Updated website information on our Facebook and Instagram page.
(<https://esc.studentgroups.columbia.edu/>)
6. University Senator: Joe Hier
 - a. Senate plenary
 - i. As of now, the Senate cannot act as an official body until its first meeting in person.
 - ii. Update from director of the Center for Infectious Disease Epidemiologic Research at Columbia Mailman School of Public Health
 - iii. Update on the situation of CUIMC faculty
 - b. Joint meeting between Education Committee and IT Committee coming up on April 24th to discuss response to Covid-19.
 - i. Collecting concerns from students
7. Class of 2020: Sambhav Jain, Lal Uncu, Youngjae Ryu, Will Fesjian
 - a. Working with different departments to plan virtual major socials and getting them to commit to an in-person celebration in future

- b. Apparel for seniors w Kotis
 - c. Will be shipping individual attendance awards to seniors
 - d. Movie night on Netflix party
 - e. Game night this week
- 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: Avi Gupta, Angel Mancera, Kennedy Salamat, Ariana Novo
 - a.
- 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.
- 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. Reached out to USL about continuing Jed Social Connectedness meetings; there will be 1 or 2 more this semester
 - b. Reached out to Environmental Stewardship about progress on the Sustainability Plan; its continuing on schedule, they are still adjusting to online, will reach out to student committee members soon
- 19. Professional Development Representative: Sebastian Sanchez
 - a.
- 20. Campus Affairs Representative: Alison Selman
 - a.
- 21. International Students Representative: Katherine Liu
 - a. Any ESC members have contacts of doctors in NYC needing masks? My friends and I are looking for a contact but couldn't find a sustained connection. Thank you!! (300-400 masks)
 - i. Contact with Kalisa, Sambhav, and Jackie (Joe's contact)
- 22. Combined Plan 3-2 Representative: Josh Guggenheim
 - a.
- 23. Student Health and Wellness Representative: Juliet Sampson
 - a.

