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University Senate

Office of Student Engagement

Interschool Governing Board (IGB)

Student Group Recognition Application

The mission of the Interschool Governing Board (IGB) is to represent and serve the needs of Columbia University student interschool organizations whose membership and mission is interschool in nature and includes a combination of graduate and undergraduate professional schools, groups and students who do not fall under the immediate jurisdiction of other governing boards or individual school councils. IGB is dedicated to overseeing and supporting such student organizations in their efforts to bridge the gaps between various students and academic disciplines on the Columbia University campus.

To apply for recognition, this form and all necessary materials must be completed and submitted electronically to the following email address: igb@columbia.edu. The IGB Budget Committee will determine if everything has been submitted and forward a recommendation to the IGB General Body for official voting. Student Club leadership may be required to follow up with the Budget Committee or attend an IGB meeting to clarify budget details and justifications.

To be considered for recognition, clubs:

- ✓ Must complete and submit the Student Group Recognition Application
- ✓ Can have a faculty/staff **mentor** (a logistics **advisor** will be assigned to you from the Office of Student Group Advising after IGB recognition)
- ✓ Must have a designated President/Chair and Treasurer
- ✓ Must submit a written constitution, and if available, a set of bylaws

Student groups must submit the Student Group Recognition Application and all relevant materials by:

For FALL SEMESTER recognition:

March 1 of the previous school year

For SPRING SEMESTER recognition:

November 1 of the previous calendar year

* No applications will be accepted over the summer.

Date of Application: 2/28/2018

Application for: (circle one) **FALL** SPRING (year) 2018

Applicant's Name: Lindsay Horne Columbia Email (UNI): Lh2861

Phone Number: (516)849-5344 Relationship to Club: Treasurer

Club Info:

Club Name: The Working Group on Race, Inequality, Solidarity and Economics

Number of Members: 60

Breakdown by School (approximate %'s): 70% SIPA 15% School of Social Work 15% Teachers College

Club Mentor: Professor Suresh Naidu Columbia Email (UNI): Sn2430

Mentor's Relationship to Columbia: Associate Professor at SIPA

Club President: Blanca Arismendi Columbia Email (UNI): bna2110

Club President: Andrew Chang Columbia Email (UNI): ac4253

Club Treasurer: Lindsay Horne Columbia Email (UNI): Lh2861

Please provide a brief summary of the club's goals, why you feel IGB recognition is important, and how students may benefit from your club.

Our mission is to build a **safe** environment for students to work toward **solutions** that address problems of social inequality, such as wealth and income inequality, poverty, racial, economic and gender disparities.

We do this by...

1. Fostering knowledge-sharing by bringing together students, scholars and activists who are researching and working on all dimensions of inequality
2. Advocating for greater inclusion of income disparity, poverty, racial divides and other dimensions of inequality in public policy and social science curriculum.
3. Promoting community-building and enhancing organizational efforts for social, economic and racial justice through active partnership with other student organizations
4. Stimulating civic and political engagement by seeking volunteer and political action opportunities

As a new organization, RISE plans to focus our efforts on building awareness and forging partnerships with other organizations throughout the Columbia University network, both at the graduate and undergraduate level. We believe by becoming a member of the Interschool Governing Board, RISE will be able to expand its reach and capacity to collaborate with more

organizations in efforts to explore the intersectionality of economic and social injustice. Furthermore, through hosting events like our RISE Inequality Speaker Series--bringing together prominent and interdisciplinary speakers, to discuss diverse issues of inequality--we hope to both further scholarship in this field and to engage students in constructive conversations that will equip them with the sensibility and self-awareness necessary to navigate diverse spaces and divergent opinions in their future careers.

Finally, in addition to working with students and faculty at SIPA and the School of Social Work—with opportunity of expansion to other departments such as Sociology and Political Science--we intend to collaborate with other departments and Institutes at Columbia on this inherently interdisciplinary subject. This may include: the Institute for Social and Economic Policy Research, the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race, the Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality, the Institute for Research in African-American Studies and the Center for the Study of Social Difference, among others.