

IGB Meeting Agenda and Discussion Topics  
March 22, 2018  
7:00pm-9:00pm

1. Roll- IGB delegates (7:00pm-7:05pm)

Present (14): Connor Stovall (Business), Nicole Allicock (CC), Dennis Zhao (GS), Allison Fricke (GSAPP), Andrew Hsu (GSAS, Chair), James Martin (GSAS), Nino Lucci (Public Health), Kuan-Ting Wu (SEAS G), Arvind Srinivasan (SEAS G), Jacob Nye (SEAS UG), Aaron Berger (Dental), Damonta Morgan (TC), Susan Palefsky (JTS), Krystal Cruz (Senate)

Absent (5) (Excused): Sarah Goddard (SIPA), Chris Maxwell (Arts), Caitlin Murray (SSW), Vera Smirnova (SEAS G), Rhea Nagpal (Barnard)

Absent (3) (Unexcused): Angelica Hill (Journalism), Theresa Droege (SPS), **Aja Johnson (CC)**

2. Senators' Requests, Updates from Student Affairs Committee (7:05pm-7:15pm)

a. March for Science NYC- Request for Funding

Delegates discussed that our peer institutions do not appear to be funding the March for Science in NYC via the students. If they were funding, it was the administration on behalf of the entire school. Given that this is money specifically coming from the Interschool Governing Board, we would want our logo on there, not just a simple "Columbia University". However, none of our peer institutions appear to have anything similar to this in terms of sponsorship. It was also noted that while this was a worthy cause, they did not feel that the money would be well spent because it was not being organized by Columbia students, organizations, etc. There might be tangential benefits for Columbia students, but they would be able to indirectly sign up anyhow, and IGB's funding would have no bearing on their participation. A vote was taken, 3 YES, 8 NO. The request was denied.

3. Press Pass Review (7:15pm-7:20pm) **[Majority Vote Required]**

Delegates were informed that the Chair has informed the Senate to consider a more substantial application process for reviewing press passes. The Senate has informed the Chair that it would need to be voted on by the Rules Committee first before such an application can be made. Given the lack of information, the delegates voted to approve all press passes, 11 YES, and 1 ABSTAIN.

4. New Club Recognition (7:20pm-8:35pm)

a. Columbia Korean-American Scientists and Engineers' Association (KSEA) (7:20pm-7:35pm)

The delegates acknowledged that this group has been actively programming, with success, through EGSC prior to seeking recognition from the IGB. They also acknowledge that there was a clear benefit to having this

group on campus, and they would benefit from having both undergraduate and graduate populations in their club. The delegates vote 9 YES, 1 NO, 2 ABSTAIN for the recognition of KSEA in the IGB.

- b. Columbia University Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) (7:35pm-7:50pm)

Delegates were concerned that SIAM was very much an academic department-based student group. While SIAM's main objective was to attend the student club tabling for undergraduates, it was noted that many who will end up majoring in this will actively seek out this group in the first place. It was determined that many of the leadership and membership will be undergraduates, and so they believed that there would not be much benefits to getting recognition from IGB. The delegates voted 9 NO, 4 ABSTAIN against recognizing this club.

- c. The Columbia University Society for the Philosophy of Tibetan Buddhism (CUSPTB) (7:50pm-8:05pm)

Delegates were concerned that they recognized a club like this last semester. Additionally, while they had 10 signatures, the delegates were skeptical that they had 10 active members, since they stated that they could easily meet in the library, and their "club" started from a class study group. It appeared obvious to the group that the presenters were the only active members of the student group (2 students). Based on this information, the delegates voted 3 YES, 5 NO, 2 ABSTAIN against recognizing this club.

- d. Columbia Raaga (8:05pm-8:20pm)

While delegates responded positively to Raaga, they were concerned about the makeup of the group. The delegates were also concerned that they were looking for funds that were less about funding events, but rather permanent equipment. CC/SEAS mentioned that if they were in ABC or SGB they could benefit from funding that funds specifically equipment and other permanent items. The delegates opted not to take a vote on this club, but to ask for more information about the breakdown of the membership.

- e. The Working Group on Race, Inequality, Solidarity and Economics (RISE) (8:20pm-8:35pm)

Delegates commented that while the sentiment was nice to have such a club on campus, it was clearly a module stemming from a department/topic at SIPA, and practically, recruitment and usage would be confined within SIPA. Based on this, delegates voted unanimously against the recognition of this club.

5. Discussion of New Clubs (8:35pm-8:50pm) **[Majority Vote Required]**

See above.

6. New Business from IGB Executive Board and Delegates (8:50pm-8:55pm)
  - a. The future of IGB (Update)

The Chair will meet with the deans of GSAS, SPS, Graduate SEAS, CC/SEAS, SIPA, and Teachers College to discuss the future of IGB. It is pending while the Chair meets with certain deans privately first.

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- b. University-wide Student Government Summit
- c. Website (now live: <https://igb.studentgroups.columbia.edu/>)
- d. Transition from GSAC to ASGC, orphaned student groups to IGB? **[Vote Required], 2/3 majority vote, generally** (Listed below are potential student groups)
  - i. Columbia Graduate Consulting Club
  - ii. Columbia University Science Policy Initiative (CUSP)
  - iii. Students of Color Alliance
  - iv. Indian Student Association at Columbia (ISAC)
  - v. Columbia University Amateur Radio Club

The delegates asked whether these clubs met all membership requirements, and the chair stated that they were. Many delegates expressed affirmation to the necessity and benefits of these clubs, and it was voted unanimously to invite these groups to the next meeting to discuss the transition to IGB.

- 7. Other Business (8:55pm-9:00pm)
  - a. Student Group Adjudication Board- Updates
  - b. Logo, Graphic Design
  - c. Calls for officer applications, we need a vice chair, treasurer, and secretary at the very least! Hopefully can serve the entire school year, turn over in the summer
  - d. Rotate meeting rooms, based on school, thanks to General Studies!
    - i. Next school?
      - 1. **Business School**

Meeting Adjourned, 9:10pm