

IGB Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2017  
Location: 327.2 Lehman Library

**Meeting Open: 11:10am**

1. Roll- IGB delegates

**Present:** Rhea Nagpal (Barnard), Nicole Allicock (CC), Aja Johnson (CC), Dennis Zhao (GS), Allison Fricke (GSAPP), Andrew Hsu (GSAS, Chair), James Martin (GSAS), Jade Le-Cascarino (GSAS), Michael Sutton (SEAS G), Tatiana Kopelman (SIPA), Kate Irwin (in place of Chris Maxwell, Arts), Angelica Hill (SOJ), Ezra Schwartz (in place of Anan Sivapalu, SPS), Krystal Cruz (SAC Senator, TC)

**Excused Absence:** Chris Mosher (SEAS G), Nino Lucci (MPH), Chris Maxwell (Arts), Anan Sivapalu (SPS)

**Unexcused Absence:** Connor Stovall (GSB), Eric Tang (Law), Iden Kurtaliaj (SEAS G), Jacob Nye (SEAS UG), Mistee Denson (SSW), Sara Yllescas (TC), Victoria Litman (UTS), Hannah Weiss (JTS)

2. New Club Recognition

a. CU PAREA (11:10am-11:25am)

**This vote was tabled until the next meeting. Comments on this club were that the name itself is very confusing and not at all obvious what it is about. Some commented that the club was too niche and may not attract a large audience. Others commented that this is a good way to connect with the classics and humanities in graduate level education. Questions to bring to CU PAREA include: What specific events are you proposing, and how will you be inclusive and get people interested in your club? What events have you done already, and what was the turnout like (# of people, which schools did they come from?)**

b. Moy Yee Kung Fu Club (11:25am-11:40am)

**This club has been around for many years under the Undergraduate Club Sports. Because their club is majority graduate students, they have been pushed out of Club Sports but they are still a very active group. The vote to approve this group was unanimous. This student group was approved.**

c. Psi Chi Honor Society (11:40am-11:55am)

**This honors society is unlike any other student group currently recognized by IGB. Comments here included the fact that this was a very exclusive club, while the IGB promotes inclusivity. Very psychology and psychiatry focused, doesn't reach a wide number of schools. The request for funding is very low, but their dues collected seem to be quite high and doesn't mainly go to the club itself. Appears that main problem is with rooms in which they can hold meetings, but it was brought up that the Psychology Department can easily recognize them as an official student group and is eligible to use Lerner Hall as well. Faculty support can also help to locate rooms of free or low charge on campus as well if they are flexible. The vote to approve was 0 for, 9 against, and 2 abstentions. This student group was denied.**

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## d. CU Buddhism, Psychology, and Neuroscience Club (11:55am-12:10pm)

This vote was tabled until the next meeting. This group was extremely unclear due to the poor speaking abilities of the representative of the group. One comment was that it seemed like this club would be a novel idea of combining the religion of Buddhism with Western science, and another commented that past events were well-attended, with about 60 in attendance. The representative was asked why the group could not be recognized by the Department of Religion, and the reason was because they did not want to advocate for any religion, rather just to study it and put it on equal footing as all others. Questions to ask the student group before the next IGB Meeting: Which departments in science have you reached out to? Neuroscience? Psychology? How well have past events been attended and what specific events do you guys plan to have? What types of collaborations do you intend to have with other departments and perhaps other campuses like in Manhattanville?

## e. Saudi Student Association (12:10pm-12:25pm)

This group basically wants to cater to Saudi international students, much like how CUCSSA is for Chinese international students as well. They want to help with the transition to the United States and are open to all students. The main concern was the fact that their aims were too broad, “helping everyone”, but another commented that the reason was probably due to Columbia policy where nobody is excluded from a student group. It was agreed that practically, no one would bar any student from joining the club, but the only people they would attract would be Saudis. This student group also is in direct collaboration with the Saudi government. The vote to approve was 8 YES, and 3 ABSTENTIONS. This student group was approved.

## 3. Discussion of New Clubs (12:25pm-12:45pm) [Vote Required]

YES, NO, ABSTAIN (see above)

## 4. Spring 2018 Budget Requests (12:45pm-12:50pm)

- a. Bridges International
- b. Consilience
- c. CONVICTVS
- d. *We won't have time to discuss this in person, please vote to give the chair power to delegate a proportionate amount of funding to these groups as we did over the summer to existing requests.*

YES (by a vote of 11 YES, 1 ABSTAIN), NO, ABSTAIN

## 5. Revisiting Constitutional Changes, Involvement in SAC [Vote Required] (12:45pm-12:50pm)

The idea of this Constitutional change was explained in last month's meeting, but basically the reason for this Constitutional amendment is so that Senators from the University Senate have a formal method of requesting or proposing that the IGB does a certain task or funds a certain event. This Constitutional change does not give the right to the Senators to change anything without the express consent of the IGB Board/ Delegates. Senators have the ability to propose whatever they would like within the confines of

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**University rules, but it will have to come through the IGB Board for a formal discussion and vote before it is approved.**

- a. Requests for Funding
- b. Requests for Room Reservations
- c. Requests for Changes in How We Operate, either as an exception or permanent
- d. Requires a majority vote for funding/ room reservations, 2/3 for changes in operation

**YES (by a vote of 11 YES, 1 ABSTAIN), NO, ABSTAIN**

6. Updates from SAC/ Office of University Life (12:50pm-12:55pm)
  - a. IGB is co-sponsoring a new tradition called “Winter Festival” for all students in January
    - i. **Stay tuned, funding request may come in next month to help fund this event**
  - b. UnitedCU
    - i. **This is mainly a branding campaign put out by the Office of University Life, the same office that administers the “rules” on campus and decides potential disciplinary action against students (like protestors)**
7. Other Business (12:55pm-1:00pm)
  - a. Student Group Adjudication Board- Updates
    - i. **Jacob Nye (SEAS UG) not present.**
  - b. 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
  - c. Rotate meeting rooms, based on school: SIPA
    - i. Next school? **TEACHERS COLLEGE**

**Meeting Close: 1:25pm**