

Meeting Minutes

- Introducing new VP – Raisa Flor
- We will be monitoring attendance for EGSC General meetings starting from week of March 22nd, 2021 week. According to the EGSC constitution, DRs are only allowed to have 2 unexcused absences. The a
- Feedback on why PDL has low attendance even though students are still in search of internships:
 - o Too specific sessions
 - o Lack of opportunity to interact one on one with company’s recruiters through zoom
 - o Lack of flexibility for PFL session times
- Update on Union:
 - o Student workers need to indicate if they are striking or not to see if they will continue to receive stipends
- Upcoming EGSC Events:
 - o Interview Secrets for Robotics and Automation on Thursday March 18th at 8PM ET (Registration Link: <https://columbiauniversity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJApcOqsrijMqG93nB4F4oudXmFMd8OROsAxt>)
 - o Office Hours with CEYA: “Off the Record: - opportunity to ask unconventional questions in a one-on-one setting with Alumni
 - o Call for Abstract (Submissions: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMJFbi0sKDQayzst8dq9d_o_uWes7BM5j1TwKKvSNqyDszRA/viewform)
 - o Weekly Instagram Event: share story or post with #hastag of the week. Opportunity to win some prizes (EGSC Instagram Account : columbiaegsc)
 - o Bingo night on Thursday, March 25th (Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/egsc-movie-bingo-tickets-146824848073>)
- DEI Commission:
 - o 2 graduate students elected from EGSC to be part of the committee
 - o Committee met every week in Fall 2020 and presented findings to leadership of the University
 - o Townhall will be conducted to address findings of the commission
 - o 4 priority areas: Faculty Recruiting and Pipeline, Student Recruiting and Pipeline, Environment/Culture/Climate, Integration into Education, Research, Innovation
 - o Increase racial diversity of Columbia University Graduate Program
 - o At Masters level, students find it hard to afford living in NYC and paying for graduate school, which is usually self-funded
 - o At PhD level, need better preparation for the program/ mentors
 - o There was two types of goals established: short term and long term (3 years)
 - o Contact: Sai Mali (sai.mali@columbia.edu)
- Pre-applications program: Opportunity for increased involvement for DRs
- Columbia Entrepreneurship Engineering Group
 - o Design Challenge
 - o Columbia Venture Competition
 - o Fast Pitch (Fall Semester)

- Website: <https://entrepreneurship.engineering.columbia.edu/>