Meeting Minutes

- Introducing new VP – Raisa Flor
- We will be monitoring attendance for EGSC General meetings starting from week of March 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 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 18\textsuperscript{th} at 8PM ET (Registration Link: https://columbiauniversity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJApOCqsrjMqG93nB4F4oudXmF Md8ORoAxt)
  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/1FAIpQLScMJFbi0sKQayzt8dq9d_o_uWes7BM5j1TwkKvSNqyDszRA/viewform)
  o Weekly Instagram Event: share story or post with #hashtag of the week. Opportunity to win some prizes (EGSC Instagram Account : columbiaegsc)
  o Bingo night on Thursday, March 25\textsuperscript{th} (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/