

Meeting Minutes:

- **DRs need to be able to attend weekly general board meeting.**
 - o This is to ensure we have quorum for any voting
 - o Attendance will be recorded and
- Each DR, irrespective of department, need to volunteer/ participate for at least one event
- DR Committee assignment for Spring 2021 semester is unchanged from Fall 2020. If any DR would like to switch committee, please email Shreya (president@egsc.seas.columbia.edu)
- EGSC General Board Meeting structure:
 - o Potentially invite different departments (like facilities, etc.) to give a quick presentation
 - o At the end, dedicate 10 minutes open floor for anyone to raise any questions not on the agenda
- EGSC VP (Kristen) in the past was in charge of life survey, what are the potential replacements for this:
 - o Ask specific questions in the survey, so we don't get all COVID related mental/health issues
 - o We will always have an aspect of school virtual, there could some classes still having an online option. Maybe include questions how do we deal with this?
- EGSC Interschool Chair (Christine) wants to host atleast 2 events this semester. More
- EGSC Treasurer (Sylvie):
 - o Traditionally, in charge of PDL scholarship, budget management for events
 - o PDL Scholarship: a scholarship that can be used towards only professional events like seminars, exams
 - o This year also serve as a connection point between EGSC sponsored organizations and EGSC. Maybe invite them to general meetings to give a short presentation
 - o In 2020, spend significantly lower than 2019. The breakdown was approximately: \$20,000 on social event, then \$14,990 on EGSC Exec and DR events, \$ 6,500 on egsc sponsored student organization, \$1,500 on Career and Alumni events
- EGSC Communications Chair (Saritha):
 - o Increase egsc meeting participation – get non DR members to participate as well
 - o Monthly/ Bi-monthly Newsletter
 - o Currently the marketing is done through Instagram, egsc listserv, and linkedin for certain career and alumni events. Maybe add Facebook soon.
 - o Potential have a 2 minute marketing video for EGSC Website
 - o Take meeting minutes
 - o The EGSC Website is mostly updated. There are some departments that show no DR as they have not send information. If the DRs do not send the information, they will not be shown in the website
 - o Notes: Official Slack paid by GSA provided we have increased involvement. Follow up with CUIT on ambi.network
- Project Access, Campus Officer Aiko Gerra:
 - o Pair potential international applicants with mentors in their universities of their interest. These applicants could be for both undergraduate or graduate levels
 - o Website: <https://projectaccess.org/>
 - o Contact: alg2252@columbia.edu

- There are some campus officers who are
- Campus officers
- Q&A:
 - How much is the time commitment to be a mentor ?
3-4 hours per month. It could be a little more during. You fill in an application and get matched with mentees, you get to choose your mentee and set up meetings with them
 - How many universities are involved ?
More European than US universities currently. (Some universities are Stanford, Yale, UPenn, Columbia University, etc. listed on website)
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Campus officers are in charge of administrative tasks and getting more students involved
- EGSC Office Hours Fridays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
 - Open to anyone
 - Feedbacks like: odd time exams, professors nit recording lectures
- EGSC First Career and Alumni Event on Thursday (1/28) evening and Social Event on Friday (1/29) evening
- Next, week talk more about plans for Career and Alumni and Social Chair Committees
- Virtual Murder Mystery as a bonding event for EGSC general board members
 - potentially Thursday (2/4) evening.
 - Each person is assigned a character and put in one of the rooms.
 - We will send a google form for sign up

Open Floor Discussions:

- Some international students who joined in Spring 2021 only have 2 and half semesters as they are part of the GET program.
 - This allows to get around the minimum two semester requirement to do internship as an international student
 - However, the GET program adds 3 additional credits to the minimum course requirement, which is putting stress financially on students
 - Another requirement is that you need to complete 18 credits to be eligible for internship, so a lot of students take 3 credits in summer but will end up having to push back the internship start date
 - The students can drop GET program by end of February if they are unable to land an internship and do not want to get an extra 3 credit
 - Could we have Fall B options for Fall 2021 semester, so students can have a longer internship time ?