

Weekly Meeting 03/12

12 March 2021 / 2:30 PM / ZOOM

ATTENDEES

Program Council: Alina Abouelenin, Caitlyn Campbell, Elie Zeinoun, Elliott Strutevant, Elaine Hsieh, Farah Al Khoury, Isabella Libassi, Joel McCullough, Kaeli Streeter, Madeleine Sung, Max Golder, Reed Gordon, Rebecca Faris, Tianyu Yang

Administration: Danielle Smoller

Guests: Ben Goldie, Mark Taylor, Steven Corsello

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

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New Business

- **GSAPP Graduation**
 - Lyla Catelier: Please read the FAQ on the commencement page for Graduates here: arch.columbia.edu/commencement/2021
 - Graduation timing conflicts with most of Europe, Africa & West Asia
 - LC: We have changed the ceremony airing time to 10:00 a.m. as requested, the video will be immediately available to accommodate all timezones
 - Transparency on Graduation cost, based on student feedback
 - How to rent/buy a cap and gown? On the bookstore website, it's only for buying a 700\$ gown. Commencement package information, does it include a cap/gown?
 - LC: The cost to purchase a Master's cap and gown with mortar board (hat) is only \$68, local shipping is \$11 rush shipping

is \$28 int'l is \$60 - the maximum cost for a cap and gown for a GSAPP graduate is approximately \$128 - There is a \$500 deposit on doctoral gowns, there is nothing GSAPP can do about this but it will not impact GSAPP students. The link is

<https://columbia.shopoakhalli.com/purchasewizard/Welcome> - attached is a sample cart for check out for a cap/gown

- Status update on to-go picnics as mentioned by Lyla.
 - LC: There has been no change to the number of people who can gather on campus (it is currently 10 people). We are considering all possible options for celebrations within health and safety guidelines and this will continue to be evaluated throughout the next 5 weeks
- For our personal slides, how can we begin working on these?
 - LC: You may already complete the form located <https://www.arch.columbia.edu/commencement/2021> (as mentioned in an email to all graduates on Monday). Graduates who would like to submit additional images or videos to be included in the pre-ceremony slideshow can do so by emailing them to events@arch.columbia.edu.
- **What are the costs for graduation?**

- **Career Fair**

- Only one day instead of the usual two days due to low recruitment turnout. Will there be another career event for graduates later in the summer/fall when more companies might be hiring?
- Scheduling of the career fair? It's on a Friday when most of us have classes...?
 - Leah Cohen: The career fair has in the past been held on a Saturday, but in this year it is a challenge to get employers to participate on the weekend (as indicated by their reluctance to come on the Saturday). For clarity - over the past two years - the career fair was one day. In 2017, we had 2 separate fairs (internships and full-time).

There are currently 90 students signed up for the career fair.

We will continue to host a series of events open to

graduating students throughout the summer. We offer firms the opportunity to do individual recruiting events if positions are available.

Firms are working on completely new recruitment cycles. Whereas in past years, the spring recruiting would be strong and summer quiet, employers have indicated that their hiring will be constant as projects are approved and move forward.

- **Summer 2021**

- When will we know about Summer Workshops?
 - DS: Hoping to organize the information/ pitch session for Thursday March 18 at 6 p.m., application to open that day, applications due March 26, results posted by April 1. Awaiting confirmations from faculty.
- Will the graduating class have the opportunity to apply?
 - DS (answered live): Open to 2nd year MArchs, UD, RED, and AAD.

GSAPP's plan to accommodate MSRED's incoming class, specifically additional lounge area.

- DS: Spoke with MSRED class earlier. There will be space.

- **Fall 2021**

- Will classes still be hybrid in the fall?
 - DS: No official information from University yet. Hoping for more in-person.
- Will students who don't feel comfortable yet coming to the US in-person still be allowed to take classes online?
 - DS: No official information from University yet. Must have approval from NYSED and Homeland Security to allow fully remote study.

- **GSAPP Academics**

- Will current first years (alongside next year 1st year students) go through orientation again in person?
 - DS: To discuss: Which orientation? To facilities? Yes, will be broadcast online.

- Individual studio 24/7 Zoom rooms (Where are they? If not, can PC member's zoom accounts be allowed to create 24 hour zoom rooms like TAs.)
 - Ben Goldie:

<https://www.arch.columbia.edu/hybrid-pedagogy/virtual-studio>

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- When are the Paris Buell prizes being announced?
 - DS: Jacob Moore had said the week after spring break.
- Do we have a schedule for final reviews? (At least what day is each studio going.)
 - DS: Yes, in the calendar shared with students. Will share again. Website similar to mid reviews to be posted on intranet site with Zoom links.
- **GSAPP Finance**
 - Was tuition adjusted accordingly when one week was removed from the semester (i.e. one fewer week of instructable hours)? If not, why not?
 - DS: Unclear. Tuition may not be calculated on a week-by-week basis.
- **Printing Quota**
 - Would it be possible to lift the printing quota this semester for the students that are printing, since there are just a few students taking advantage of the printers at GSAPP this semester?
 - Ben Goldie: Will be lifted, but need to make sure everyone knows that this is not precedent setting.
- **Email on Mental Health**
 - Possibility to send email out to students for mental health resources/checking in on students.
 - DS: Will send Health + Wellness email in the morning.

ACTION ITEMS

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NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA