I. Open Forum
A. Beggs told people to check the website for winter parking restrictions and the application to have the police check apartments over the break.

A. Geltzer asked for a clarification for her role as a COR representative. A. Beggs explained that the field representatives are there to give advisory input from all of the fields for the Assembly, and also to serve as informatory liaisons between the students in their fields and the information that is made available to the members of the Council and Assembly.

G. Curtis had an objection of moving forward with submitting the GPSAF Letter of Recommendation written by A. Fatale before the business meeting because she did not know what was in the letter.

A straw-poll vote inquiring as to the proposed submission of the GPSA’s GPSAF Letter of Recommendation: 11 members of the Council objected, 9 were in favor and 3 abstained from having the Activity Fee Letter of Recommendation be sent to President Hunter Rawlings before the end of the semester.

II. External Committee Reports
J. Vertesi talked about the University Assembly Open Forum about sustainable parking. She also reported that there is a plan to revise the Campus Code of Conduct and the UA will be involved.

III. Internal Committee Reports
J. Vertesi reported that the Ball will tentatively be held on April 22.

Z. Wang said that the Pay & Benefits Committee needs people to get involved in the spring.

IV. Update: Student Activity Fee Vote (Al Fatale)
A. Fatale went over what the Student Activity Fee vote was and how much money was allocated via by-lines to each activity/association.

A. Fatale said to go to GPSA website to look up information on this.

V. Update: Slope Day funding request (Mike Walsh)
M. Walsh reported from the Student Assembly meeting: the SA indicated that if graduate students did not give an equitable amount to fund Slope Day, then there will be graduate student restrictions for the event. M. Walsh said that he doesn’t really know what is really equitable for GPSA.

VI. Q & A session: Doug Mitarotonda, Student Trustee; grad rep, Presidential Search Committee
A Council member said that she likes the childcare policy, and that she is saddened that the Procurement-card business from was transferred from the Tompkins County bank to US Bank. This might effect local businesses and jobs. Y. Yu said that the fitness facilities were lacking and could be improved. Other comments and suggestions were made by attendees.

A. Beggs inquired as to whether the Presidential Search Committee is considering the president’s relationship between his/her constituents and the Board of Trustees, and whether the possibility of future conflicts of interest between the university constituents and the Board are being considered when interviewing potential presidential candidates. D. Mitarotonda slightly talked about the candidates and what type of questions were asked.
VII. Election: GPSA At-Large seat for Spring 2006
A. Beggs read part of the charter that explains what to do concerning voting for an At-Large member of the Assembly.

Michael Walsh (BEE), Huhnkie Lee (Computer Science), and Eunice Omole (Real Estate) were nominated. There were no objections to closing the floor for nominations.

There was a Q&A for the 3 nominees.

M. Walsh was elected with the majority vote.

VIII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned by A. Beggs at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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