Graduate and Professional Student Assembly  
Emergency Business Meeting  
Big Red Barn  
March 13, 2006  
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order  
T. McConnochie called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Proposed Referendum  
M. Walsh made a motion to approve the draft survey, A. Beggs second it.

The assembly had a discussion about the survey.

J. Vertesi said she wants to make an amendment to question 39, to be changed so people have a third option to say “decrease subsidy.” There were no objections to voting. All were in favor, so the amendment passed.

A. Beggs made a motion: to make a recommendation to have a save-and-finish-later option. M. Walsh seconded it. It was a unanimous vote in favor of it.

J. Vertesi wanted to make a recommendation that we add a box to question 30 “I do not have a parking permit.” K. Nagel second it. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the recommendation.

T. McConnochie proposed an amendment recommending an edit to question 45 to improve clarity and to reduce judgment in the last 3 choices. J. Vertesi seconded the amendment.

A. Beggs moved to amend the motion for the amendment that it be changed to “on the condition that question 45 proposed answers be edited for clarity and change the “is worth more” phrase to a less judgmental question framework.” M. Bhadauria second it. There was a unanimous vote in favor of amending the motion to a condition.

There was no discussion on the floor of A. Beggs’s condition. There was 1 abstention and a majority vote in favor of A. Beggs’s condition.

D. Shawhan made a suggestion for question 30. D. Shawhan made a recommendation to change the wording of question 30 to what would convince u to not buy a parking permit in the future. Y. Yu presented the recommendation as a motion and M. Walsh seconded it. There was one abstention, majority vote passed the recommendation.

There were no objections to extending the meeting by 5 minutes.

J. Vertesi moved to vote on the draft.

D. Shawhan requested somebody to object. Objection raised.

The motion to close the debate failed.

J. Vertesi made a motion to add “Other, please specify” in question 30 as an option. A. Beggs second it.

M. Berthoud made a motion to amend J. Vertesi’s motion and put “Please specify” and “Better walking/biking routes.” There were 3 abstentions with a majority vote in favor which passed the amendment.

There was a unanimous vote in favor of J. Vertesi’s motion.
M. Walsh made a motion to extend the meeting. A majority vote was in favor of extending the meeting, the meeting was extended 5 minutes.

J. Vertesi made a motion to end the debate. There were no objections.

The final motion is:

“The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) approves the submitted 03/11/06 Draft of the Cornell University t-GEIS/ Transportation Survey Questionnaire, with the

RECOMMENDATION that there be a “save and return to finish” option for the participants;

and the RECOMMENDATION that question #30 be re-worded to “What would be required for you not to buy a parking permit?”;

and the RECOMMENDATION that on question #30, the option “I do not have a parking permit” be added;

and the RECOMMENDATION that on question #30, the options “Better walking/biking routes” and “Other (please specify) ______________” be added;

and on the CONDITION that question #39 be amended to include response boxes for “The parking subsidy should be decreased”;

and on the CONDITION that the final three response options for question #45 be edited for clarity and that the phrase “is worth more than” be changed to a less judgmental tone.”

This motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

III. Adjournment
    T. McConnochie adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Office of the Assemblies

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