R. 6 — A Resolution Recommending the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee for 2012–2014

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) Charter provides for the biennial setting of the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee (GPSAF); and

WHEREAS, Preliminary applications from byline-funded organizations were submitted on April 25, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Final applications from byline-funded organizations were due on September 9, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The GPSA’s Appropriations Committee met throughout Fall 2011 to consider these applications in order to prepare a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, The Committee’s recommendation was presented to the GPSA on October 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The recommended funding levels were adopted for inclusion in this resolution on November 14, 2011; therefore, be it

RESOLVED--

(a) That the GPSAF for 2012–2014 is set at $81.

(b) That the GPSAF for 2012–2014 is allocated to--

(1) Athletics — $7.00

(2) Big Red Barn — $8.00

(3) Cornell Cinema — $11.05

(4) Cornell Concert Commission — $5.75

(5) Cornell EMS — $1.80

(6) Cornell University Program Board — $3.55

(7) GPSA — $1.84

(8) Graduate and Professional Student Programming Board — $2.00

(9) International Student Board — $1.55

(10) Graduate and Professional Student Orientation — $1.00

(11) Cornell Risk Management — $5.50

(12) Slope Day Program Board — $3.50

(13) GPSA Finance Commission — $28.46
That the aforementioned byline-funded organizations are bound by the GPSA Eligibility Criteria and Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations, most especially Item V and Appendix A.

That if a byline-funded organization chooses to forego funding--

(1) Said organization will no longer be classified as a byline-funded group, thereby setting that organization's allocation to $0.00;

(2) Said organization shall be classified as a new organization should they choose to apply for byline funding in a future cycle;

(3) If the funding is declined before this recommendation is accepted by the Board of Trustees--

(A) The GPSAF shall be decreased by the amount allocated to said organization;

(B) The GPSAF shall be increased to the nearest whole dollar amount, with the difference allocated to the GPSAFC. If this fails to satisfy the 35% statutory minimum for the GPSAFC, the GPSAFC allocation shall be increased in $1 increments until this condition is met.

(4) If the funding is declined after this recommendation is accepted by the Board of Trustees--

(A) The amount originally allocated to said organization shall be reallocated to the GPSAFC.

That this resolution be sent to David Skorton, President of Cornell University; Susan Murphy, Vice President of Student and Academic Services; Kent Hubbell, Dean of Students; and Barbara Knuth, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School.

Respectfully submitted,

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