

# Cornell University

## Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

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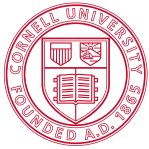
Agenda for 12 September 2016

Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call: 5 minutes
- III. Approval of the Minutes: 1 minute
  - a. Minutes for 29 August 2016
- IV. Presentations: 25 minutes
  - a. Gina Giambattista, Director, Office of the Assemblies: 20 minutes
- V. Breakout Session by Division: 5 minutes
  - a. Humanities
  - b. Social Sciences
  - c. Physical Sciences
  - d. Biological Sciences
  - e. Professional Schools
- VI. New Business: 20 minutes
  - a. Call for Nominations: 2 minutes
    - i. Liaison to University Assembly
    - ii. Liaison to Student Assembly
    - iii. Liaison to Employee Assembly
    - iv. Liaison to Faculty Senate
  - b. GPCI Ad Hoc Group: 5 minutes
  - c. Additional GPSA Meeting: 10 minutes
  - d. Resolutions: 30 minutes
    - i. Resolution 1: Approving the GPSA Bylaws for the 2016-2017 Term
    - ii. Resolution 2: Approving the GPSA Internal Budget for the 2016-2017 Term
- VII. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates: 10 minutes
  - a. Executive Committee
  - b. Operations
  - c. Appropriations
  - d. Communications
  - e. Finance
  - f. Student Advocacy
  - g. Diversity and International Students
  - h. Programming
- VIII. Open Forum: 4 minutes
- IX. Adjournment



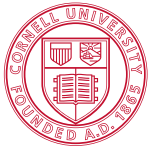


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**Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Meeting Minutes**

Monday, August 29, 2016 5:30pm-7:00pm  
Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

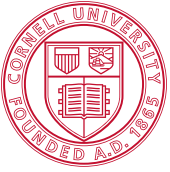
- I. **Call to Order**
  - a. The meeting was called to order by N. Rogers at 5:30pm
  - b. In place of a roll call, each voting and ex-officio member introduced themselves.
- II. **Approval from the May 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes**
  - a. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- III. **Cornell Graduate Students United – J. Goldberg and J. Frost**
  - a. J. Goldberg and J. Frost said that the National Labor Relations Board announced that graduate students at private universities have the option to form a union and seek collective bargaining. All graduate students who do any kind of paid work for the University – teaching or research – can be part of a collective bargaining unit.
  - b. CSGU is working to organize graduate students to work with the Administration. The CSGU would represent graduate students in the event of a vote in favor of unionization on matters like pay, benefits, etc.
  - c. This semester holds plans for a campaign for an election.
  - d. The GPSA and the CGSU are different entities and would cover different domains – the GPSA would not go away should graduate students choose to unionize.
- IV. **Introduction to the GPSA – R. Walroth**
  - a. Cornell has five campuses in four cities and two countries, the GPSA is directly concerned with graduate and professional students on the Ithaca, Geneva, and NYC Tech campuses. The GPSA does not cover graduate or professional students on the NYC Weill or Qatar campuses.
  - b. Membership:
    - i. 88+ Field Representatives (1 from each field, 2 for fields with more than 100 students) – they elect the voting members, officers, and committee chairs
    - ii. 19 Voting Members
    - iii. 4 Officers: President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Operations, Vice President for Communications
  - c. There are 9 committees: executive, communications, operations and staffing, appropriations, finance commission, advocacy, faculty awards, diversity and international, and the programming board
  - d. R. Walroth covered the basics of parliamentary procedure.
  - e. The GPSA has authority to examine University policies that impact graduate and professional students, make recommendations to the appropriate bodies concerning these matters, and to review modifications and developments of academic policies. In addition, the GPSA is responsible for proposing the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee to the President and Board of Trustees.
- V. **Office of the Assemblies – B. Murphy**
  - a. The Office of the Assemblies provides administrative support, financial oversight, and general assistance to the four Assemblies (Student Assembly, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, Employee Assembly, University Assembly).



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- b. The Assemblies Dashboard is the web platform for all data/information/documents related to the Assemblies. [www.assembly.cornell.edu/dash](http://www.assembly.cornell.edu/dash) has all information on committees, resolutions, meetings, and members.
  - c. The Office of the Assemblies also manages funds related to the Graduate and Professional Student Activity fee, especially as it relates to the GPSA. Contact the Office if you need to spend money on behalf of the GPSA.
- VI. **Breakout Session by Division**
- VII. **Jan Allen, Associate Dean of the Graduate School**
- a. There is currently a need for two social sciences graduate students for a grievance review board. There are also two positions on the Academic Integrity Hearing Board. Members interested in these positions should contact Sarah Hesse. Contact Jan Allen at [jan.allen@cornell.edu](mailto:jan.allen@cornell.edu).
- VIII. **Election of the Masters Students**
- a. Engineering Student – There was one candidate present: Johnathan Maynard (jam945). J. Maynard was elected by unanimous consent.
  - b. Non-Engineering Student – There was one candidate present: Rachel (Yadi) Tang (yt472). R. Tang was elected by unanimous consent.
- IX. **Committee Reports**
- a. Executive Committee – N. Stetson
    - i. Working to establish strategic vision for the year and looking at some resolutions from the last academic year. Also working to ensure membership lists are up to date. Looking to partner more with the other Assemblies.
  - b. Operations Committee – S. Hesse
    - i. Looking to staff all internal and external committee seats next week.
  - c. Appropriations Committee – M. Alexander
    - i. Responsible for distributing the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee. The sub-committee on reforming the funding guidelines has finished its draft on the new funding guidelines.
  - d. Communications Committee – M. Munasinghe
  - e. Student Advocacy Committee – A. Loiben
    - i. Getting ready to schedule first meeting. Topics include the Graduate Student Union among others.
  - f. Diversity and International Students Committee – M. Srivastava
    - i. Working on membership and meeting times.
  - g. Programming Board – A. Molitarus
    - i. Responsible for planning social events and programming for the graduate and professional community.
    - ii. Looking for more information about what type of events
  - h. Dara Brown, Graduate and Professional Student Trustee, introduced herself and briefly discussed her role.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.



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1                                    Resolution 2: A Resolution Approving the GPSA  
2    Internal Budget for the 2016-2017 Term

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4    Sponsored by: Mariko Alexander

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6    **WHEREAS**, The GPSA Bylaws require that the Appropriations Committee recommend an internal  
7 budget in the form of a resolution (3.05(d)(vii));

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9    **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the GPSA adopts the “Recommended Allocation” in the  
10 attached budget spreadsheet.

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12    **Respectfully submitted,**  
13    **Mariko Alexander**  
14    *GPSA Appropriations Chair*

**FY 2017 Graduate & Professional Student Assembly Operating Budget  
G943704**

**Income/Expense**

<b>Summary</b>	
Total Income	\$59,403.26
Total Expenses	\$9,827.71
<b>Income/Expense</b>	<b>\$49,575.55</b>

**Income Categories**

Beginning Cash Balance (rollover)	\$23,430.26
Transfers	
Income from GPSAF	\$35,973.00
<b>TOTAL Income</b>	<b>\$59,403.26</b>

**FY 2017**

<b>Expense Categories</b>	<b>2016 -17Budget</b>	<b>% of Total Budget</b>
10000 Administrative	\$7,100.00	20.08%
10001 Executive	\$150.00	0.42%
10002 Communications	\$500.00	1.41%
10003 Operations & Staffing	\$150.00	0.42%
10004 Appropriations	\$250.00	0.71%
10005 Finance Commission	\$1,200.00	3.39%
20001 Student Advocacy	\$1,500.00	4.24%
30001 Ivy Summit	\$1,000.00	2.83%
30002 NAGPS	\$1,500.00	4.24%
30003 Faculty Awards	\$300.00	0.85%
30004 Diversity Committee	\$1,700.00	4.81%
Anabel's Grocery (\$2.50/student)*	\$19,985.00	56.53%
Anabel's Grocery (from rollover)*	\$15.00	0.04%
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>	<b>\$35,350.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\*Funds for Anabel's Grocery are to be returned to the GPSA if support for the Grocery is discontinued