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GPSA Student Advocacy Committee Meeting Agenda

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Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Weill 121

### **Agenda**

#### **1) Administrative Business (3 minutes)**

- a) Meeting began at 5:10 PM
- b) Attendance
  - i) Anna
  - ii) Nate
  - iii) Jesse
  - iv) Iian
  - v) Manisha
  - vi) Alex
- c) Approval of Minutes from 09.22.2016
  - i) Minutes approved by unanimous consent

#### **2) New Business (60 minutes)**

- a) Dine and Discuss (15 minutes)
  - i) Need to pick a date for this year
    - (1) Sometime in March or April 2017
    - (2) Avoid conflict with Let's Talk Diversity Dinner (03.23.2017)
    - (3) Avoid Spring Break and preceding/following week
    - (4) Aim for W 04.12.2017 or R 04.13.2017
  - ii) Need to pick a location for 50 ± 10 people
    - (1) Big Red Barn can be reserved without charge, but requires Cornell Catering
    - (2) Biotech G10 is expensive
    - (3) Klarman atrium is too exposed
    - (4) Best options are Stocking Hall G01 or Willard Straight Hall
  - iii) Need to pick a discussion topic by 02.10.2017
    - (1) Grad Student Surveys won't have results by then
    - (2) Possible option: field, community, and workplace environment
      - (a) Synergy with current efforts in engineering concerning professional behavior
      - (b) Can ask Sarah Hernandez (Office of Inclusion and Student Engagement) to present
      - (c) Can ask OISE groups for sponsorship
- b) Advocacy Role in Grievances (10 minutes)
  - i) Only moral support and accompaniment is being offered
  - ii) Will NOT give advice regarding specific actions to take

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- (1) Will redirect questions to appropriate channels
- iii) Composed an email to be sent to the graduate field assistants
  - (1) Janna Lamey will send out the email and compile a list of GFAs for our purposes
- c) SAC Town Hall (10 minutes)
  - i) Decided by unanimous consent to forgo the town hall event for this semester
    - (1) No need for an open forum event when Dine and Discuss already exists
  - ii) Look to establish an online submission form for complaints and questions
    - (1) Provide a space to anonymously express concerns to the committee
      - (a) Must anonymize data
      - (b) Must be moderated and reviewed
      - (c) Committee will publicly address common concerns as needed
    - (2) Talk to SA and Office of Assemblies concerning technical logistics
- d) Updates (20 minutes)
  - i) A new email address for the SAC chair has been established: [gpsa\\_sac@cornell.edu](mailto:gpsa_sac@cornell.edu)
  - ii) University Assembly meeting
    - (1) UA supporting our Cornell Botanic Gardens resolution
    - (2) Public safety concerns in wake of recent stabbing events
      - (a) Potentially get Kathy Zoner to speak at GPSA meeting regarding public safety/alerts
      - (b) Would like an alternative perspective to be present as well at this presentation
    - (3) Ivy+ Summit was a success
    - (4) Maplewood Development
      - (a) Nate and Alex will write an Op-Ed for the Ithaca Journal regarding housing
      - (b) Zoning board meeting on 10.18.2016, 5-7 PM, Ithaca City Hall
    - (5) Academic Calendar Draft Committee
      - (a) Nate is looking for a replacement representative for this purpose
    - (6) Codes and Judicial Committee is considering transcript annotation guidelines
      - (a) GPSA needs to fill its representative slots ASAP for UA committees
    - (7) Student Assembly personal hygiene product resolution
      - (a) Invite SA to talk about logistics and plans at a future GPSA meeting
- e) Policy 6.4 Discussion Update (2 minutes)
  - i) Tabled indefinitely
- f) Future Agenda (5 minutes)
  - i) Online submission form for complaints and questions
  - ii) Update resource list
  - iii) Pick a Dine and Discuss location and date
  - iv) Policy 6.4 Discussion
  - v) Survey content
  - vi) Kathy Zoner presentation about public safety
  - vii) SA presentation about their resolution
- 3) **Open Forum (2 minutes)**
  - a) Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM