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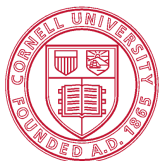
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Minutes of the August 28, 2017 Meeting

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

- I. Call to Order
 - a. E. Winarto called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
 - b. **Members Present:** K. Angierski, R. Boylan, C. Cannarozzo, A. Gagnon, J. Goldberg, R. Harrison, J. Hernandez, S. Hesse, M. Jodlowski, C. Little, A. Loiben, T. McCann, E. Michel, D. Moon, A. Schofield, C. Stambuk, E. Winarto.
 - c. **Members Absent:** None (two members not seated yet).
 - d. A motion was made to move several items around on the agenda, and to add the election of a GPCI representative under Nominations and Elections. The motion passed with unanimous consent.
- II. N. Rogers then made a presentation on the role, organization, scope and history of the GPSA.
- III. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
 - a. Executive: the executive committee is responsible for day to day operations of the GPSA and comprises the president, vice-presidents, and counsel. If you're going to be absent email M. Munasinghe (mam737). The Executive Vice-President makes the agenda. Anyone can ask to speak in front of the assembly. Members can sponsor resolutions (if you are interested in bringing a resolution to the floor, email M. Munasinghe by 5pm Saturday).
 - b. Operations: all of the committees are where the grunt work gets done. Committees write, research, plan things, meet with administrators, allocate funds, etc. All internal committees are open to all graduate and professional students and most external positions are open to all graduate and professional students. For internal committees apply on assembly.cornell.edu. For external committees there is a google form (link on facebook). Email A. Loiben (aml372) with questions.
 - c. Communications: the communications committee maintains strong communication between the GPSA, the various fields and the larger Cornell community. The committee has three goals this year: improve engagement with constituencies,



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increase GPSA transparency, and improve relationship and engagement with professional schools. Anyone can join, email A. Gagnon (amg458).

- d. Appropriations: the appropriations committee manages the annual student activity fee. Appropriations funds very large organizations (BRB, GPSA, Cornell Cinema, and the GPSAFC (which in turn funds smaller student organizations)). On a two year cycle of activity. Email T. McCann (tbn45) with questions.
- e. Finance: finance committee oversees funding of field organizations and clubs.
- f. Student Advocacy: the committee is thinking about organizing an international food festival. Email D. Moon (dm793).
- g. Diversity and International Students: DISC promotes diversity and inclusion within GPSA membership and the wider community. The committee organizes general outreach and education (bringing people together) and targeted initiatives (policy). Email E. Law (ep149) with questions.
- h. Programming: the programming board is a social platform for bridging different graduate and professional communities. PB sponsors mixers and co-sponsors events. Also hosts Grad Ball in May. Email C. Cannarozzo (cjc365) with questions.
- i. Faculty Awards: faculty awards rewards and recognizes faculty members that have done a really good job of supporting graduate and professional students. Faculty awards makes the submission forms and chooses the award winners.
- j. General Committee: the GC is an administrative, judicial and legislative body. It's very influential on graduate and professional student life. Email R. Harrison (rah288) with questions.
- k. Graduate School: the graduate school has received over 600 postcards of gratitude from orientation. Use "Ask a Dean" (on the Graduate School website).

IV. Open forum

- a. E. Winarto is stepping down as a voting member, which means there is a social sciences voting member seat open (an at large seat).

V. Breakout Session by Division

VI. New Business

- a. N. Stetson made a presentation on Robert's Rules of Order.
 - i. See the Robert's Rules cheat sheet in the meeting packet.

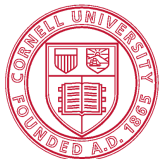


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- ii. N. Stetson emphasized that in the GPSA everybody gets an equal say, but you may have to wait to say what you want to say.
- iii. M. Munasinghe motioned to count N. Stetson's speech as an introduction to Resolution 1, there was no dissent.

b. Resolution 1

- i. M. Munasinghe asked members to read the standing rules before the next meeting.
- ii. E. Law asked for clarification between unanimous consent to make an amendment and a friendly amendment.
- iii. N. Stetson: the friendly amendment skips the chair.
- iv. E. Law: "friendly amendments" are generally frowned upon in parliamentary procedure. The GPSA can instead use unanimous consent to allow for the the unopposed amendment of motions. The difference in the two procedures is minor. Motions belong to the assembly not the individual.
- v. N. Stetson: the assembly can amend the friendly amendment rules in the standing rules back to the original language if it wants to.
- vi. M. Battaglia made a point "about the new procedure for raising a point of order or privilege where you would raise your placard inside out and it was a question of if the change complements or replaces the Roberts Rules provision that you can simply interject with a point of order, privilege, etc. The sponsor responded that they believed the intent was to complement and not abrogate Roberts Rules in this area." [quoted section from email clarification with M. Battaglia].
- vii. R. Boylan asked to take out the trap language.
- viii. A question was raised if, in section 3.02, "any member" refers to both field and voting members.
- ix. N. Stetson: our practice has been that voting, field, and ex-officio are members. The charter is confusing on this and doesn't clarify.
- x. T. McCann motioned to close QA, there was no dissent.
- xi. A. Loiben motioned to table discussion of Resolution 1 until the next meeting. The motion passed 10-0-7.



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- xii. N. Rogers **motioned** to establish the GPCI and SLS ad hoc committees. The motion **passed** 12-0-5.
- c. Nominations and Elections
 - i. J. Goldberg **motioned** to hold elections at the next meeting. There was no dissent and the elections were postponed.
 - ii. N. Rogers moved to adjourn, there was no dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew Ferraro
Clerk of the Assembly