

# Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

Agenda of the March 20, 2017 Meeting 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Meeting Minutes
  - a. Minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting
- IV. Presentations
  - a. Janna Lamey, Associate Dean for Graduate Student Life
  - b. Jason Kahabka, Associate Dean for Administration, Graduate School
  - c. Tyler McCann, Liaison to the GPSA, Cornell Graduate Students United
  - d. Nathaniel Stetson, Executive Vice President
- V. Breakout Session by Division
  - a. Attendance
- VI. Business
- VII. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
  - a. Executive Committee
  - b. Operations
  - c. Appropriations
  - d. Communications
  - e. Finance
  - f. Student Advocacy
  - g. Diversity and International Students
  - h. Programming
  - i. Faculty Awards
  - i. General Committee
  - k. Graduate School
- VIII. Open Forum
  - IX. Adjournment



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Minutes of the March 6, 2017 Meeting 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

#### I. Call to Order

- a. N. Stetson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
- b. *Members Present:* R. Boylan, E. Case, C. Franklin, J. Goldberg, J. Hernandez, S. Hesse, A. Loiben, J. Maynard, E. Michel, M. Milano, M. Munasinghe, L. Munguia, I. Smythe, T. Snider, A. Waymack, E. Winarto.
- c. Members Absent: T. Bollu, M. Jodlowski, Y. Tang.
- d. Also Present: O. Corn, D. Liu, K. Bullis, L. Falkson, C. Walcott, J. Kahabka.

## II. Approval of the Minutes

a. The minutes from the February 13, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

#### III. Presentations

- a. Olivia Corn, a candidate for Student-Elected Undergraduate Trustee, then made her presentation.
- b. Dustin Liu, a candidate for Student-Elected Undergraduate Trustee, then made his presentation.
- c. Kent Bullis, M.D., Interim Executive Director, Gannett Health Services, then made his presentation. <u>Please see Appendix</u> for details (at assembly.cornell.edu).
- d. Linda Falkson and Charlie Walcott, Director and Ombudsman, respectively, from the University Ombudsman's Office then made their presentation. <u>Please see Appendix</u> for details.
- e. Jason Kahabka, Associate Dean for Administration, the Graduate School, then made his presentation on workers' compensation. <u>Please see Appendix</u> for details.
  - i. Three motions were made to extend the meeting during J. Kahabka's presentation. They were all approved unanimously.

### IV. Breakout Session by Division

a. Not held, members signed in while arriving or leaving the meeting.

### V. Old Business

a. Resolution 12: In Support of the March for Science

- i. T. McCann reminded the assembly that this resolution is to fund buses for ASAP to take people to Washington D.C. for the March for Science.
- ii. M. Munasinghe motioned to amend the resolution to look like the new resolution that was distributed in the meeting packet. The motion was approved 14-0-5.
- iii. T. Snider stated that in general he supports the idea, but asked if there is anything ASAP has done to prevent people from skipping if the GPSA pays for 3 buses.
- iv. Everyone who reserves a seat pays \$25 dollars.
- v. S. Solouki stated that the money hasn't been collected yet, but it will be when the resolution is passed.
- vi. R. Walroth asked what is the dollar amount being spent and what is that as a percentage of the GPSA's roll over.
- vii. T. McCann responded that currently they have \$23,000 in the rollover account. Giving a maximum of \$5,600 to ASAP.
- viii. R. Boylan asked if the \$25 fee was the only thing riders had to pay.
- ix. S. Solouki responded that ASAP is hoping to fund transportation, but lodging will be the responsibility of the participant.
- x. T. McCann made a friendly amendment to change "XXX" to "4".
- xi. E. Case stated that she fully supports the March for Science, but asked what if anyone comes to the GPSA wanting to go to a march in D.C, she asked what would the GPSA do then.
- xii. A motion was made to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.
- xiii. E. Case asked where the \$900 that isn't accounted for in the Resolution is going to come from.
- xiv. S. Solouki responded that if ASAP can't raise more money, they will increase the \$25 fee. They are really looking at funding to make this as cheap as possible for students.
- xv. T. Snider motioned to call the question. Calling the question was approved 12-0-7.
- xvi. Resolution 12 was approved 13-0-6.
- VI. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates

- a. Executive: if anyone has follow up questions about the presenters, email N. Stetson.
- b. Operations: nothing to report.
- c. Appropriations: if anyone has any ideas on how to build outreach on what the GPSA does talk to T. McCann.
- d. Communications: if you're not getting emails from the GPSA, talk to M. Munasinghe.
- e. Finance: nothing to report.
- f. Student Advocacy: there is a meeting on Thursday, they will talk about workers' compensation and a food security task force. They want to investigate the survey findings that 20% of students were food insecure.
- g. Diversity and International Students: they need an interim chair of DISC, if you're interested please step forward. DISC also needs more members. Email <a href="mailto:an393@cornell.edu">an393@cornell.edu</a> with questions.
- h. Programming: Grad Ball is Kentucky Derby Day, Saturday May 6 at the Johnson Museum. Trying to organize a wine tour; it's going to be a week day. Also hoping to have an outdoor event.
- i. Faculty Awards: faculty awards are open, please nominate somebody who's made a difference in your life.
- j. General Committee: nothing to report.
- k. Graduate School: nothing to report.

## VII. Open Forum

- a. T. McCann can accept CGSU surveys.
- b. It was asked if the GPSA or programming board was planning on holding an event to encourage voting in the unionization election, N. Stetson replied yes.
- c. J. Goldberg clarified that the Board of Trustees cannot overrule the unionization vote, no matter which way it goes.
- d. A motion was made to close business, it was approved by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Matthew Ferraro Clerk of the Assembly