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Minutes of the May 1st, 2017 Meeting

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

- I. Call to Order
 - a. N. Rogers called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
 - b. *Members Present:* R. Boylan, E. Case, C. Franklin, J. Goldberg, S. Hesse, M. Jodlowski, A. Loiben, J. Maynard, E. Michel, M. Milano, M. Munasinghe, L. Munguia, I. Smythe, A. Waymack, E. Winarto.
 - c. *Members Absent:* T. Bollu, J. Hernandez, T. Snider.
 - d. *Also Present:* M. Pollack and C. Van Loan.
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. A motion was made to approve the minutes for April 17th, no dissent, the minutes were approved.
 - b. M. Munasinghe motioned to amend the agenda to include Officers and Committee Updates after Presentations but before Elections, no dissent, the motion was approved.
- III. Old Business
 - a. A. Waymack motioned to amend by adding “graduate women in science” at the end.
 - i. The amendment was approved 14-0-4.
 - b. A. Waymack motioned to amend by adding a clause clarifying that the Dean of Faculty has compiled a website of relevant information.
 - i. The amendment was approved 14-0-4.
 - c. A. Loiben motioned to amend line 61, the amendment was typed in.
 - i. The amendment was approved 14-0-4.
 - d. A motion was made to amend line 183 by removing “or access to research equipment.”
 - i. The amendment was approved 8-2-8 (amendment carried because 15 voting members were present at the vote)
 - e. Discussion continued (see [audio](#)).
 - f. R. Walroth motioned to table until after Committee Updates, there was no dissent.
- IV. Presentations



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- a. Martha Pollack, University President, then made her presentation. For details, please see the [audio](#) of the meeting (M. Pollack's presentation starts about 30 minutes into the meeting).
 - b. Ekarina Winarto and Charlie Van Loan then made their presentation on the findings of the Academic Calendar Committee.
 - i. Voting members will be asked to vote on the three calendar options.
- V. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
- a. Executive: N. Stetson has been voted chair of Student Legal Services Committee.
 - b. Appropriations: at their next meeting they will discuss preliminary applications and student activity fee promotional materials.
 - c. Communications: all five division break out sheets are being sent out while we're talking, not a separate session.
 - d. Finance: last week a they held workshop on how to do new forms, it went well, there was a big turn out. Reviewed groups' tiers.
 - e. Student Advocacy: had their last meeting Thursday (4/27).
 - f. Diversity and International students: Having community lunches this week.
 - g. Programming: Grad Ball is this Saturday (5/6) at the Johnson Museum.
 - h. Faculty Awards: they have received 125 nominations. Picking winners this week. Awards ceremony will be next week in the Memorial Room in Willard Straight.
 - i. Student Legal Services: meeting as a working group over the summer. Starting to think about what they want this program to look like. Email N. Stetson at ns96@cornell.edu with questions.
 - j. General Committee: please go through the Code of Legislation.
 - k. N. Rogers, M. Munasinghe and S. Hesse are collecting information to write a report about the GPSA's year to be sent to other assemblies and President Pollack. If you have anything you think should be included in the report, reach out to them.
 - l. Graduate School: nothing to report.
- VI. Old Business Continued
- a. **Resolution 14**
 - i. E. Michel: what would we do if they write a policy we don't like?
 - ii. A. Waymack: This way they have to respond to every point we present.



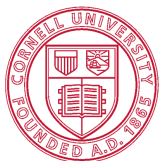
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- iii. R. Walroth motioned to **amend** by striking lines 152-154 and the first resolved clause.
 1. M. Munasinghe understands where that comes from, but if this is truly how we feel we should keep this. The GPSA shouldn't write a resolution to appease someone else.
 2. J. Goldberg: the first resolved clause is important because it points to a problem, this affects us and the faculty have power to change this.
 3. R. Walroth: first resolved clause isn't needed because we already ask SAC to present this to the Faculty Senate in September.
 4. L. Munguia: agrees with J. Goldberg about the first resolved clause. She **motioned to split** the question. Splitting the question **approved** 13-0-5.
 - a. Discussion of whereas clause:
 - i. N. Stetson: motioned to **amend the amendment**.
 1. The amendment to the amendment was **approved** 15-0-3.
 - ii. A motion was made to call the question on R. Walroth's amendment (first Whereas clause). R. Walroth's amendment was **approved** 15-0-3.
 - b. Discussion of the second part of the split amendment (first Be it Therefore Resolved clause):
 - i. L. Munguia motioned to **amend the amendment** (to make the language less combative).
 1. A motion was made to extend the meeting until 7:15pm.
 2. A. Natarajan motioned to **amend the amendment to the amendment**.
 - a. R. Walroth motioned to withdraw A. Natarajan's amendment.
 - b. A. Natarajan's amendment **withdrawn** 14-0-4.



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3. A motion was made to call the question on L. Munguia's amendment. The motion failed 8-1-10.
 4. X. Schofeld: saying that we get to take an action or that they must take an action is fine.
 5. A. Loiben motioned to extend the meeting until 7:30pm
 6. E. Womack: this is an important issue, there is a reason we have six Title IX investigations. We need strong language.
 7. A. Natarajan: is it important to make a statement or reach an end goal?
 8. E. Case: will this really yield a Faculty Senate resolution?
 9. R. Walroth motioned to call the question on the amendment to the amendment, there was no dissent.
 10. L. Munguia's amendment to the amendment was approved 10-3-5.
5. R. Walroth motioned to cap the speaker's list.
 6. M. Munasinghe: we could form a working group to come back with language in the fall that we agree with. We would have so much more time to work on this.
 7. Motion to close the speaker's list failed 7-1-10.
 8. A. Waymack: strongly disagrees with M. Munasinghe, we have not passed resolutions with any close votes this year, it's a complicated topic, it's a compromise. Worried that if we drop this, the Faculty Senate will see this as a lack of caring.
 9. M. Munasinghe: she read the transcript from the original Faculty Senate meeting and she is not convinced that the Faculty Senate is against us, they were confused.



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10. N. Stetson: we had opportunities to change the language at SAC meetings. You all had many opportunities to change this language before now.
 11. A motion was made to cap the speaker's list, there was no dissent, the speaker's list was capped.
 12. A. Molitoris: motioned to move elections to right now, and table this discussion until afterwards. The motion was approved 9-4-5.
 13. C. Franklin: she does not think we're going to get universal consent on this. This is a really important resolution.
 14. A motion was made to call the question on R. Walroth's amendment
 15. R. Walroth's Amendment (the second part of the split) failed 4-8-6, the original language stayed.
- iv. On the resolution again:
 - v. J. Maynard motioned to amend the second be it therefore resolved clause (section 4), language typed in: "in all possible confidentiality"
 1. J. Maynard's amendment was approved 12-0-6.
 - vi. R. Walroth motioned to table the resolution indefinitely.
 1. The motion failed 0-11-7.
 - vii. A motion was made to extend the meeting to 8:00pm, no dissent.
 - viii. A motion was made to call the question on the resolution, there was no dissent.
 - ix. Resolution 14 was approved 10-0-8.
 - x. A. Waymack: we could have dealt with harder discussions this year. We need to incorporate field representatives more. We can do more.

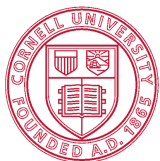
VII. Elections

- a. A. Waymack: stressed that the GPSA needs to do a better job of helping people understand the different roles of members. The GPSA needs adequate staffing so people aren't in too many roles.
- b. R. Walroth explained the elections process.
- c. Election of the President
 - i. Nominated: E. Winarto and S. Hesse.
 - ii. E. Case motioned to extend the meeting to 7:45pm, no dissent.



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- iii. E. Winarto was elected the new President.
- d. Election of the Executive Vice President
 - i. Nominated: M. Munasinghe.
 - ii. M. Munasinghe was elected the new Executive Vice President.
- e. Election of the Vice President for Operations.
 - i. Nominated: A. Loiben.
 - ii. A. Loiben was elected the new Vice President for Operations.
- f. Election of the Vice President for Communications.
 - i. Nominated: A. Gagnon.
 - ii. A. Gagnon was elected the new Vice President for Communications.
- g. Election of the Counsel.
 - i. Nominated: N. Rogers.
 - ii. N. Rogers was elected the new Counsel.
- h. Election of General Committee Representative.
 - i. Nominated: R. Harrison.
 - ii. R. Harrison was elected the new General Committee Representative.
- i. Election of Student Advocacy Committee Chair.
 - i. Nominated: D. Moon.
 - ii. D. Moon was elected the new SAC Chair.
- j. Election of the Programming Board Chair.
 - i. Nominated: C. Cannarozzo.
 - ii. C. Cannarozzo was elected GPSAPB Chair.
- k. Election of Faculty Awards Committee Chair.
 - i. Nominated: A. de Micheli.
 - ii. A. de Micheli was elected new FTAMA Chair.
 - iii. A motion was made to extend the meeting until 7:55pm, no dissent.
- l. Election of Diversity and International Students Committee Chair.
 - i. Nominated: E. Law.
 - ii. E. Law was elected the new DISC Chair.
- m. Election of University Assembly Representatives (4 spots).
 - i. Nominated: K. Quinn, M. Battaglia, E. Michel, and A. Waymack.



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- ii. K. Quinn, M. Battaglia, E. Michel, and A. Waymack were elected the new GPSA representatives to the University Assembly.
- VIII. Old Business Continued (continued for a second time).
- a. The discussion of **Resolution 14** was continued in this part of the meeting, but for the clarity of the Minutes, the discussion was added to the section above entitled “Old Business Continued”.
- IX. Open Forum
- a. E. Case: attend Faculty Senate meetings. We need to be more involved with these committees.
 - b. J. Maynard: maybe the masters students representative elections should be delayed because they are currently elected at the first meeting in August, which is really early.
 - c. M. Munasinghe: we get to appoint people to outside committees. If you are interested in serving on one talk to A. Loiben.
 - d. I. Smythe: made a remark about Cornell Cinema.
 - e. R. Walroth: it’s been a pleasure serving here.
 - f. A. Waymack: thank you J. Maynard.
 - g. M. Munasinghe: apologized for the Cornell Cinema survey.
 - h. A. Loiben: in the summer we are thinking about crafting a graduate student survey. Please reach out to A. Loiben if you’d like input.
 - i. S. Hesse: thanked N. Rogers.
 - j. I. Pendleton: we need to look into email system, the dashboard.
 - k. K. Angierski: field representative attendance is abominable, asked if we could make attendance better/more meaningful.
 - l. M. Munasinghe: would like to work with FC to work on withholding field representative funding if they aren’t coming to GPSA meetings.
 - m. T. McCann: we should also incentivize people to come.
 - n. N. Rogers: thanked the executive committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Ferraro

Clerk of the Assembly