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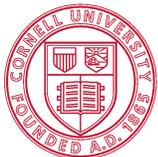
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Minutes of the February 12th, 2018 Meeting

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, C. Cannarozzo, A. Gagnon, J. Goldberg, R. Harrison, S. Hesse, M. Jodlowski, C. Little, A. Loiben, T. McCann, E. Michel, A. Schofield, C. Stambuk, A. Viarruel, W. Zhang.
  - c. *Members Absent:* J. Hernandez.
  - d. Note on attendance: D. Moon was unseated as a voting member by the Executive Committee prior to the meeting.
- II. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. The minutes from the January 29th meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- III. Presentations
  - a. Gaeun Seo, Career Development Specialist: Graduate and International Advisor, then made her presentation. She stated that she is there to support graduate and international students and highlighted some upcoming workshops. There is also a peer advisor for graduate/international student career services.
    - i. M. Battaglia: what does your office do to work with professional schools or are they completely separate?
    - ii. G. Seo: this is for the Graduate School, the professional schools have their own career services.
    - iii. C. Little asked for clarification on the date of the humanities program (it's April 5, application deadline Feb. 16).
    - iv. G. Seo: to get in touch you can call career services or email [gs643@cornell.edu](mailto:gs643@cornell.edu). The office is in Barnes Hall. Any feedback for her or the office would be great.
  - b. Nate Rogers then made his presentation on the Graduate and Professional Community Initiative (GPCI).



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- i. N. Rogers: the GPCI is a needs assessment and a strategic plan on all aspects of student life. It started in 2007 and it is supposed to be revised every five years. It's a collaborative effort with wide community input. The GPCI is a way for Cornell's administration to get a pulse on graduate students. When's the next one coming out? No one knows, the ad hoc committee hasn't met yet. Most students don't know what it is, and the GPSA hasn't stepped up to participate. What the GPSA needs to do is decide if the GPCI is worth doing (please read the current GPCI). If so, commit to participate. Email [ngr27@cornell.edu](mailto:ngr27@cornell.edu) with questions.
      - ii. M. Battaglia: what is the time commitment?
      - iii. N. Rogers: it's variable. If you wanna learn more please email. They can be flexible on the role you take on.
      - iv. M. Munasinghe: the committee still needs a chair.
      - v. A. Natarajan: emphasized again the need for a strong GPCI. He suggested having committees take a month long pause in their normal business to work on this because it's so important.
      - vi. It's open to everyone within the graduate and professional student community.
    - c. A. Schofield then made her presentation on SLACK.
      - i. A SLACK has been created that keeps people updated on GPSA happenings. It is: [cornellgpsa.slack.com](https://cornellgpsa.slack.com) , you can join with any Cornell email account.
- IV. Division Breakouts
- V. Committee Updates
  - a. A motion was made to move the Executive Committee update to the end, there was no dissent.
  - b. Operations: the committee is still looking for someone to fill the Vice President for Communications role.
  - c. Communications: nothing to report.
  - d. Appropriations: nothing to report.
  - e. Finance: the FC currently has \$97,000 left. They are working to plan a series of town hall events geared to professional schools. Email B. Yarze with questions (by243).



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- f. Student Advocacy: if you would like to join, email [bmk76](#) or [nyc22](#). The next meeting is Monday 2-3:30pm room TBD. Email them to join the listserv.
- g. Diversity and International Students: the next meeting is Feb. 21. Email E. Law ([epl49](#)) with questions.
- h. Programming Board: they still have money left for co-sponsorships, please reach out if your club wants to co-sponsor something. Email C. Cannarozzo ([cjc365](#)) with questions.
- i. Faculty Awards: they are recruiting people for the committee. Email A. de Micheli ([ad689](#)) with questions.
- j. General Committee: please think about applying to the General Committee.
- k. Consensual Relationship Policy Committee: they would greatly appreciate feedback. Email A. Waymack ([afw47](#)) with questions.
- l. Graduate School: you can always email questions to [jan.allen@cornell.edu](mailto:jan.allen@cornell.edu)
- m. Executive: they continue to have conversations regarding mental health with administration (SAC is now spear heading that). In reference to the last meeting's motion regarding the complaint about a GPSA appointee, the circumstances have changed and they have decided not to make that motion. If you have questions reach out to M. Munasinghe ([mam737](#)).

### VI. New Business

#### a. Resolution 9

- i. E. Michel: this resolution is a response to the response from the administration to Employee Assembly Resolution 8, which was about the directive where the LGBT Resource Center was told to only support students (not faculty and staff anymore). The President responded and said the administration wants to keep the student services separate from the staff and faculty services, and that the LGBT Resource Center won't get more resources. We don't think it's useful for faculty and staff to go through HR who then consult the LGBT Resource Center anyway.
- ii. M. Battaglia: the Dean of Students is under the Student Assembly's legislative authority, so is this working through that process?
  - 1. E. Michel: yes, we aim to have resolutions work through all the assemblies.



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- iii. M. Munasinghe: the LGBT Resource Center was founded as a hub for the LGBT+ community on campus, and they don't support the fracturing of the community.
- iv. T. McCann: any idea why this directive was made?
  - 1. E. Michel: we believe it's a resource allocation issue.
  - 2. J. Kent-Dobias added that HR also wants to make sure things are done according to regulations and laws.
  - 3. N. Rogers: this also had to do with students funding students, and not wanting to mix budgets.

VII. Open Forum

- a. T. McCann asked how did the process work where they motioned to email the voting members that might be removed for truancy.
  - i. M. Munasinghe: only one person had more than 3 absences, and they have been unseated. People who have 2 absences have been notified via email that they need to be present.
  - ii. C. Cannarozzo noted that some professional school students have different breaks.
  - iii. M. Munasinghe: the Executive Committee takes that into account.
- b. A motion was made to adjourn, there was no dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew Ferraro  
Clerk of the Assembly