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Minutes of the January 28, 2019 Meeting 5:30

PM – 7:00 PM

Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

I. Call to Order

- a. E. Winarto called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
- b. Members Present: K. Angierski, A. Barrientos-Gomez, A. Cohn, K. Krishnan, C. Mittan, D. Arora, D. Geisler, J. Kent-Dobias, A. Viarruel (Replaced by W. Anderson), A. Belen Ruival, J. Bogdanowicz, M. Jodlowski, M. Kalaji, V. Kasonde, W. Zhang, D. Parker, K. Palumbo, N. London, E. Winarto, E. Lavin
- c. Members Absent: B. Harrison, S. Theobald, N. Carre
- d. A representative motions to add Davis to members' present
 - i. A representative seconds the motion
 - ii. The motion Passes

II. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Motioned to approve the Minutes from November 26h, 2018. There was no dissent. The minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

III. New Business

- a. Resolution #3: In Appreciation of Kris Corda's Leadership and Dedication to the Graduate and Professional Student Community at Cornell University and in Celebration of Her Retirement as Manager of the Big Red Barn
- b. A. Barrientos-Gomez presents GPSA R3 to the assembly
 - i. A. Barrientos-Gomez explains that the resolution is to honor of Kris Corda's dedication while working at the Big Red Barn
 - ii. Kris Corda was present and gave a thank you speech acknowledging her successor with support
- c. A representative motioned to vote on full resolution
 - i. passes 17-0-7
- d. A representative motioned to vote resolution as presented
 - i. Another representative seconded the motion
 - ii. The resolution passes 8-0-6

IV. Committee Q&A

- a. Executive: Asks people who are new or not receiving emails to come talk them
- b. Operations: Announces upcoming meeting regarding Cornell's accreditation
- c. Communication: No updates
- d. Appropriation: Asks if anyone wants to get involved to contact them
- e. Finance: no report
- f. Student Advocacy: no report
- g. Diversity: Reminder that they have bi-weekly meetings on Fridays
- h. Grad school: TGIF Friday at 4:30
- i. GPCI: Asks area chairs to send blurbs for website

V. Voting on a New Meeting Date

- a. Possible Dates for Third Meeting
 - i. February 18, 2019
 - ii. February 25, 2019
 - iii. March 4, 2019
 - b. Motion for informal Vote has March 4, 2019 as most popular vote
 - c. Motion to move meeting to March 4, 2019 **Passes** without dissent
- VI. Open Forum
 - a. E. Winarto: states that Martha Pollack is coming on 4/8/19 and asked for suggestion of topics
 - b. Advisory Board announcement
 - c. J. Kent- Dobias: Discusses 1098-T taxes and how it affects graduate students
- VII. Division Breakout
 - a. A. Barrientos-Gomez and E. Winarto circulated between divisions during Division Breakouts to answer questions and hear concerns over next speaker.
- VIII. Presentations
 - a. Mary G. Opperman, Vice President and Chief Human Resource Manager and Dr. Vijay Pendakur, Dean of Students, Core Values Statement
 - b. M. Opperman: Core values do not change, and involve how we interact with each other. They guide all aspects of life personal and work, and need no external justification. They are not business strategies. University Texas at Austin, Southwest Airlines, Starbucks are all examples. Our next steps are to have a discussion with all assemblies, create draft, draft on website for campus and community consent.
 - c. Dr. V Pendakur: Opens the discussion to the assembly to hear proposed core value statements, with M. Opperman taking notes.
 - i. A. Loiben: to me any person, any study I think of equal opportunity and that anyone who wants to be here is able to come and study
 - ii. A. Barrientos-Gomez: Is there a currently system of feedback currently.
 - iii. M. Opperman: The university does not currently have a core value statement.
 - iv. J. Bogdanowicz: In our breakout group we talked about the idea of cultivating a whole person
 - v. A Representative: Is Cornell specifically looking for something?
 - vi. M. Opperman: This came as a recommendation from the presidential task force, and the core values will be used for guiding decisions and actions. They have many uses.
 - vii. Dr. V Pendakur: From other institutions they are usually multiple statements
 - viii. Nate: Our status as a land grant institution fill in some values for us such as ROTC
 - ix. Dr. V Pendakur: Our land grant status is framed more of a legal status than as a value.
- IX. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm

Respectfully Submitted, Ashlynn Lee
Clerk of the Assembly