



Cornell University
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Agenda of the March 4, 2019 Meeting

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Klarman Auditorium, Klarman Hall

I. Call to Order

- a. E. Winarto called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

II. Roll Call

- a. Present: K. Angierski, A. Barrientos-Gomez, A. Cohn, K. Krishnan, C. Mittan, D. Arora, D. Giesler, N. London, W. Anderson, A. Belen Ruival, M. Jodlowski, E. Winarto, W. Zhang, V. Kasonde, K. Palumbo, D. Parker
- b. Absent: R. Harrison, J. Kent-Dobias, S. Theobald, E. Lavin, A. Woods, K. Esannanson, J. Bogdanowicz, M. Kalaji, S. Chin, N. Carre

III. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2019

- a. Motion to postpone to next meeting
 - i. No dissent
 - ii. **Approved**

IV. Presentations

- a. Michael Fontaine and Marin Clarkberg, Co-chairs of the Middle States Accreditation, Input and Update on Accreditation (20 Minutes)
 - i. M. Fontaine: I am here to announce that we are approaching our next accreditation cycle 2021, use a peer lead group called the Middle States for accreditation and the reason we care about being accredited is because of federal funding. There are seven standards for accreditation we must meet and each standard has its own chair and committee. We are looking

for members of the GPSA to join our steering committee, the position is for 2 years. Additionally, we are part of the group that is moving Cornell from Blackboard to Canvas. There will also be an open forum with a Middle State rep. on March 21, 11am-noon in Statler Tower

- ii. A Representative: Who are you looking for to join the Steering committee, Is it any graduate student or a member of GPSA?
 - iii. M. Fontaine: That is up to you the GPSA.
 - iv. A Representative: Is it a single member for the length of the two year?
 - v. M. Fontaine: Ideally it would be the same person for the two years, the meeting is monthly. But if we can't get it, we can't get it.
- b. Mary Beth Grant, Senior Associate Dean of Students, Changes to the Event Management Planning Process
- i. M. Grant: The CCE website under activities, is the best place to find the changes we have made to help make student life easier. Our goal was to make event management and planning stricter and more transparent. We met with students and found that our rules should not be one size fits all. In regards to security fees we do not have the answer yet, but we also do not want that to be one size fits all. We will have an update on security fees around May. Time restraints have also been a concern; we have split the event registration timeline into 3 depending of type of events. Some events requiring no prior notice, 2 weeks, or 4 weeks.
 - ii. A Representative: If there is an event that is not approved and is held anyway what happens?
 - iii. M. Grant: We take it seriously for safety reasons, it is our hope that people will follow the rules. If the police happen to come across the event they may be shut down or have consequences through other organizations
 - iv. A Representative: Do these rules mirror that of an other institution
 - v. A Representative: What is the definition of approved caterer?
 - vi. M. Grant: We have a list on the website
 - vii. A Representative: If they're events are the Big Red Barn what is that process of having events there?

- viii. M. Grant: Even a monthly group registers the event, so it follows the rules like any other event
- ix. A Representative: If something is not listed on the website how do we determine what timeline the event has?
- x. M. Grant: Always try to meet the rules on the website but if you have any questions always calls.
- xi. A Representative: Who counts as Non-Cornell community members, do partners or kids count?
- xii. M. Grant: No they usually count as Cornell community members
- xiii. A Representative: Do any events on campus need to register or is it just main campus?
- xiv. M. Grant: Yes, if they fall under anything on the site they need to be registered.

V. Division Breakout

- a. Discussing Sense of Community

VI. Committee Q&A

- a. Exec: none
- b. Operations: If you are thinking of running for leadership position please contact us.
- c. Communications: none
- d. Appropriations: We have a meeting coming, getting ready for byline, waiting for GPSAFC updates
- e. Finance: We are accepting recommendations for updated GPSAFC guidelines
- f. Student: none
- g. Diversity: We have a dinner with a dean on March 28th 4:30-6pm
- h. Programming: We had a successful mixer in February and we have another mixer on March 21st, and Grad Ball date is almost finalized. We will have an email

RSVP

- i. Faculty awards: We have a call on Facebook and email for nominations
- j. General: none
- k. Grad School: We have started planning new graduate student orientation, if you want take a position email me (jan.allen@cornell.edu).
- l. GPCI: The first draft will be due soon and we will be presenting the draft. We also have a google form for comments.

VII. Open Forum

- a. If you have a bad land lord dispute we are look for stories please email me mam747@cornell.edu
- b. There is an upcoming election for student trustee we are looking for candidates to serve on the nominating committee
- c. On March 25th an off-campus housing representative will be speaking

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn early
 - i. No dissent

ii. Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashlynn Lee
Clerk of the Assembly