

GPSA Resolution # 7

Improving Outdoor Space at the Big Red Barn

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3 **WHEREAS**, the Preamble to the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (the “Assembly”)
4 Charter states: “The purpose of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly is to ensure a
5 direct focus for the continued involvement of graduate and professional school students in the
6 governance of non-academic affairs and in the life of the University, as well as to foster an
7 increased sense of community among all constituencies through shared responsibilities.”; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, by its nature, the Assembly is charged with representing the unique and shared
10 needs of both graduate as well as professional students; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Big Red Barn (“BRB”) is the Graduate and Professional Student Center, a
13 multipurpose space used extensively by graduate and professional students for a variety of
14 purposes, including social and intellectual events, studying, and so forth; and

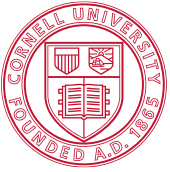
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16 **WHEREAS**, the outdoor seating facilities offered by the Big Red Barn are used extensively by
17 graduate and professional students during warmer weather; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the present state of the outdoor seating is decrepit and worn down; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the management of the Big Red Barn recognizes this as an issue and has expressed
22 interest in installing new picnic tables over Summer 2019; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, a replacement project would include the installation of 11 new picnic tables, 1 of
25 which would be an ADA accessible table; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, BRB management estimates the cost of this project to be approximately \$10,000;
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30 **WHEREAS**, each table will cost \$735 dollars (with the exception of the ADA table, which costs
31 \$715) with total assembly and installation costs of approximately \$1,800; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, Cornell Dining has pledged \$5,000 towards the cost of the project; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, the BRB has requested the Assembly fund the remainder of the improvement costs;
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38 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly believes this is a reasonable contribution amount and provides
39 considerable benefits to the graduate and professional community; therefore

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41 **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Assembly tasks the Appropriations Committee with evaluating the
42 request and verifying the availability of sufficient surplus funds in the Assembly's budget; and

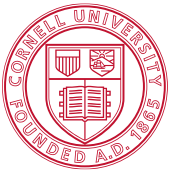
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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Assembly tasks the Appropriations Committee with
45 verifying that the proposed expenditure is not excessive in proportion to the work being done;
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48 **RESOLVED**, that the Assembly authorizes the Appropriations Committee to release up to
49 \$5,000 to fund the purchase and installation of picnic tables in the Big Red Barn's refurbished
50 outdoor seating area; and

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52 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, upon the completion of the project, the management of the Big
53 Red Barn will present an update to the Assembly on the work completed and its expected
54 benefits to students.

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56 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**,

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58 **MOTASEM KALAJI**
59 GPSA Social Science Division Chief



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APPENDIX A: ILLUSTRATION OF REPLACEMENT TABLES

