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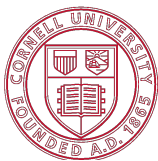
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Minutes of the February 10th, 2025 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

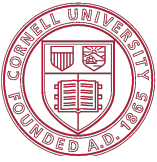
Room 401, Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. O. Karim called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.
 - i. *Members Present:* A. Basquiat, N. Brennan, D. Browne, C. Chappel, J. Chobirko, C. Douglas, A. Garcia-Ortiz, I. Gatimi, A. George, M. James, S. Karaikal, O. Karim, A. Koyyada, A. LaGressa, A. Lando, Z. Liu, Z. Lynch, C. Meffert, T. Nguyen, K. Patel, A. Puder, S. Raimondi, S. Sepp, Y. Wu I. Yaya
 - ii. *Members Absent:* D. Ghimire, S. Hampi, A. Kapoor, S. Matan, C. Wang H. Xiao
 - iii. *Also Present:* K. Boor, A. Vinson, J. Withers
- II. Approval of the January 27th Meeting Minutes
 - a. N. Brennan moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
- III. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. N. Brennan announced the resignation of Ayushi Kapoor, DISC Chair, and stated that the GPSA would fill the position during the meeting.
 - ii. N. Brennan introduced the TCAT presentation and the organization's representatives.
 - iii. N. Brennan announced that the Executive Committee sent Resolution 6 to Interim President Kotlikoff on January 27th, the day the resolution passed. The GPSA has not received a response yet, as of this meeting.
 - b. Operations and Staffing
 - i. Z. Lynch stated that the committee revised the GPSA's bylaws, to be discussed as Resolution 7 later, and encouraged members to read the revisions and give feedback.
 - c. Appropriations
 - i. None.
 - d. Communications
 - i. None.
 - e. Finance



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- i. None.
 - f. Student Advocacy
 - i. None.
 - g. Diversity and International Students
 - i. None.
 - h. Programming
 - i. A. LaGressa stated that the Board's advisor met with the committee and that the committee has solidified a May 8th Spring Gala date, with ticket releases to come on March 7, 14, and 28 for 500 total tickets.
 - i. Faculty Teaching, Advising, and Mentorship Award
 - i. J. Chobirko stated that nominations are out for faculty speaker at the graduate recognition ceremony, to close in about a month. Also to close then: nominations for faculty awards.
 - j. Graduate School
 - i. Dean Boor thanked members of the GPSA assisting with Graduate School job searches and announced that recruitment for the next cycle of new students is underway.
- IV. Presentation
 - a. Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit Inc.
 - i. Matthew Rosenbloom-Jones (General Manager), Trevor Jensen (Planning and Scheduling Manager), and Patty Poist (Communications and Marketing Manager) gave an overview of TCAT, including data on ridership and service reliability.
 - ii. TCAT representatives fielded questions from the GPSA on service, human capital shortages, fare collection, routes, winter weather service, and plans for the future.
- V. Legislation
 - a. Resolution 7: Revision of Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Bylaws (Sponsor: Z. Lynch)
 - i. Z. Lynch introduced Resolution 7, giving the GPSA an overview of revisions including streamlining committee definitions and responsibilities in section 3, updating procedures for governance, and election oversight changes to remove potential conflicts of interest.
 - ii. Z. Lynch took questions and comments from members on clerical issues, and committee structures within GPSA.
 - iii. A. Garcia-Ortiz moved to extend the meeting by five minutes, for a new end time of 6:35. The motion passed by unanimous consent.



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- iv. O. Karim took no vote but encouraged members again to read the revisions.
More discussion and a vote scheduled for next meeting, on February 24.

VI. New Business

- a. Diversity and International Students Committee Chair Election
 - i. O. Karim opened the floor to nominations for DISC Chair. N. Brennan nominated A. George. Motion to close nominations was seconded and carried.
 - ii. A. George was elected as DISC Chair by unanimous consent.

VII. Open Forum

- i. A. LaGressa announced that the University Assembly's Campus Welfare Committee is seeking members.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony Wang
Clerk of the Assembly