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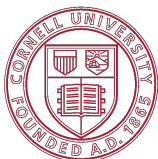
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Minutes of the November 4th, 2024 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Room 401, Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

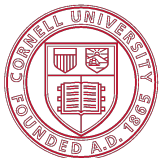
- I. Call to Order
 - a. O. Karim called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.
 - i. *Members Present:* F. Aclan, S. Bluhm, N. Brennan, C. Chappel, J. Chobirko, A. Garcia-Ortiz, I. Gatimi, E. Gatz, A. George, D. Ghimire, S. Hampi, M. James, S.K. Karaikal, O. Karim, A. Koyyada, A. LaGressa, A. Lando, Z. Liu, Z. Lynch, S. Matan, T. Nguyen, K. Patel, A. Puder, S. Sepp, C. Wang, Y. Wu
 - ii. *Members Absent:* D.A. Browne, C. Douglas, A. Kapoor, C. Meffert, I. Yaya
 - iii. *Also Present:* B. Brady, M. Buckley, I. Kashyap, J. Withers
- II. Approval of the October 21st 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 reported on upcoming presentations and stated that the Student Advocacy Committee would handle the GPSA's response to the draft Expressive Activity Policy after a moderated caucus later this meeting.
 - b. Operations and Staffing
 - i. Z. Lynch stated that he is still trying to fill remaining external committee vacancies. He highlighted the Big Red Barn Steering Committee, in particular.
 - c. Appropriations
 - i. None.
 - d. Communications
 - i. A. Garcia-Ortiz reported on updates to GPSA social media platforms.
 - e. Finance
 - i. None.
 - f. Student Advocacy
 - i. S. Hampi stated that the committee is meeting with the LGBTQ Resource Center and will also meet to discuss the draft Expressive Activity Policy. She encouraged people to attend both meetings.
 - g. Diversity and International Students



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- i. I. Kashyap reported on a recent meeting with the Office of Global Learning and progress on a document covering international students' issues.
 - h. Programming
 - i. None.
 - i. Faculty Teaching, Advising, and Mentorship Award
 - i. None.
 - j. Graduate School
 - i. None.
 - k. Other
 - i. I. Gatimi reported on a recent external committee meeting, also attended by O. Karim.
- IV. Presentation
 - a. B. Brady, Senior Director of Transportation and Delivery Services, gave a presentation on a recent transportation survey, transit updates, and transportation priorities and fielded questions from members.
- V. Moderated Caucus
 - a. The GPSA discussed the draft Expressive Activity Policy, released on October 30th. Members voiced their concerns with the policy and its language and discussed potential improvements.
 - b. S. Hampi reiterated that she will continue to collect feedback before drafting the GPSA's response and in advance of upcoming meetings with Dean Colleen Barry and President Kotlikoff.
 - c. Amid discussion, N. Brennan moved to extend the meeting by five minutes. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
 - d. Z. Lynch moved to extend the meeting by five minutes. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
- VI. New Business
 - a. None.
- VII. Open Forum
 - a. N. Brennan brought attention to an upcoming day of dialogue event on political polarization. Y. Wu, the event's organizer, shared more information on the event and asked for a small amount of financial support from the GPSA.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



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Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony Wang
Clerk of the Assembly