

# Bylaws

## Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Assembly *as amended on April 25, 2022*

### **ARTICLE I: ESTABLISHMENT AND AUTHORITY**

#### **Section 1.01: Establishment**

- A. The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Bylaws are established in accordance with the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Charter Article VII.

#### **Section 1.02: Authority**

- A. The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Bylaws are granted authority in accordance with the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Charter Article VII.

### **ARTICLE II: DEFINITIONS**

#### **Section 2.01: GPSA Bylaws Document Definitions**

- A. The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly is hereafter referred to as the GPSA.  
B. The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Charter hereafter is referred to as the GPSA Charter.  
i. The GPSA Charter may also be referenced by citing the appropriate article, section, and subsection number.  
C. The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Bylaws hereafter are referred to as the GPSA Bylaws.  
i. The GPSA Bylaws may be referenced by citing the appropriate item, section, and subsection number.

### **ARTICLE III: GPSA STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Section 3.01: Responsibilities for All Committees**

- A. Submit a budget request outlining and justifying all planned expenditures to the Appropriations Committee Chair two weeks prior to the second GPSA meeting, and shall submit an update on the status of their budget by the end of February.

#### **Section 3.02: Executive Committee**

- A. Purpose  
i. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the GPSA.  
ii. The Executive Committee shall ensure the smooth operation of the GPSA in coordination with the standing committee chairs.

- 43 B. Chairperson  
44 i. The Executive Vice-President of the GPSA is the chairperson of the Executive Committee.  
45 C. Membership  
46 i. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the GPSA, of which there shall be at least  
47 four.  
48 D. Duties  
49 i. Represent the GPSA in University matters.  
50 ii. Speak for the GPSA on issues that must be addressed before the next regularly scheduled meeting.  
51 iii. Establish agendas for the meetings of the GPSA.  
52 iv. Make appointments to University committees, liaison positions, and all other external committees that  
53 become vacant prematurely.  
54 v. Conduct an orientation meeting with all the chairs of the GPSA's standing committees at the beginning of  
55 the current GPSA term.  
56 vi. Work closely with the Office of Assemblies to book rooms, contract equipment, follow through with  
57 other issues related to meeting logistics, and any other relevant tasks.  
58 vii. Provide executive updates at GPSA meetings.  
59 viii. Maintain open communication with GPSA members and the Office of Assemblies staff regarding  
60 meetings and other information relevant to the GPSA.  
61 ix. Receive and review documents to be sent to GPSA members or other members of the Cornell University  
62 community.  
63 x. Function as the Elections Committee during the current GPSA term.  
64 xi. Respond to e-mails addressed to GPSA email addresses.  
65 xii. Assist the Office of Assemblies staff in maintaining a functional and up-to-date website and listservs.  
66 xiii. Take on any additional responsibilities for the proper functioning of the GPSA.  
67 xiv. Present an update from the GPSA at the March Board of Trustees Meeting.  
68 xv. Select and coordinate representatives to attend the Ivy Summit.  
69 xvi. Complete the required registration process to ensure the GPSA is recognized as a student organization  
70 with the Student Activities Office (SAO).  
71 xvii. Distribute the semi-annual report of the GPSA to the members.  
72 E. Meetings  
73 i. The Executive Committee shall meet prior to GPSA meetings.  
74 ii. When consensus cannot be reached, simple majority votes shall be exercised.  
75 iii. The members may call additional meetings as deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the GPSA.  
76 iv. The Executive Committee meets regularly with deans of the Graduate School, deans of the Professional  
77 schools, University administrators, and executives of other assemblies.  
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### 79 **Section 3.03: Operations and Staffing Committee**

- 80  
81 A. Purpose  
82 i. The Operations and Staffing Committee is charged with appointing graduate and professional students to  
83 committees staffed by the GPSA, and with maintaining and updating the GPSA Charter, GPSA Bylaws,  
84 and relevant documents.  
85 B. Chairperson  
86 i. The chairperson for the Operations and Staffing Committee is the Vice President for Operations.  
87 C. Membership  
88 i. All standing committee chairs and GPSA delegates to the University Assembly are required to serve on  
89 the Operations and Staffing Committee.  
90 ii. The President and Counsel to the GPSA shall serve as ex-officio members.  
91 iii. The graduate and professional student University Assembly representatives shall be considered voting  
92 members for all appointments to University Assembly committees.  
93 D. Duties

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- 94 i. Work closely with the Office of Assemblies to communicate the appointment process to graduate and  
95 professional students, make committee appointments, update appointment lists, communicate  
96 appointments to relevant chairs and representatives, and any other relevant tasks.  
97 ii. In coordination with the entire body of the GPSA and interested individuals, ensure that the practices of  
98 the GPSA at its meetings and campus activities are environmentally sustainable.  
99 iii. In addition to advertising committee vacancies, reviewing applications, and acting as a liaison between  
100 committee representatives and the GPSA, the Committee also determines committee size and prepares  
101 relevant documents and application materials for the appointment process.  
102 iv. The Vice President for Operations shall present the process for committee appointments at the first  
103 meeting in the fall semester.  
104 a. External committee appointments shall be completed by the following meeting and presented to the  
105 GPSA at that meeting. Any remaining vacancies will be staffed on a rolling basis by the Executive  
106 Committee  
107 b. The appointments shall be subject to the review of the Executive Committee. In the case of premature  
108 vacancy, the Executive Committee may staff these external appointments by majority vote.  
109 v. The Chairperson is charged with requesting revisions to the GPSA Bylaws from standing committee  
110 chairs.  
111 vi. The revisions are to be incorporated into the GPSA Bylaws.  
112 vii. The revised GPSA Bylaws are to be presented as a resolution at the second meeting of the current GPSA  
113 term for approval.  
114 viii. The Chairperson shall serve as an administrator of the appropriate governing documents and Robert's  
115 Rules of Parliamentary Procedure during meetings.
- 116 E. Meetings  
117 i. All Committee meetings shall be open to the graduate and professional student community.  
118 ii. When a consensus cannot be reached, actions shall be determined by a majority vote of all Committee  
119 members present.  
120 iii. Minutes shall be taken at meetings, and upon review by the Committee Chair, shall be submitted to the  
121 Office of Assemblies for posting.
- 122 F. GPSA Standing Committee Appointments  
123 i. By the end of September, the Committee shall set the size of and appoint members to the Appropriations  
124 Committee, Communications Committee, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Finance  
125 Commission, Graduate and Professional Student Programming Board, Faculty Awards Committee,  
126 Diversity and International Students Committee, and Student Advocacy Committee. These appointments  
127 shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.  
128 ii. After initial committee appointments are made, vacancies may be filled by members appointed by the  
129 Executive Committee or appointed by committee chairs to their own committee.  
130 a. Any members appointed by committee chairs are non-voting members until the appointments are  
131 approved by the Executive Committee.
- 132 G. GPSA External Committee Appointments  
133 i. The Operations and Staffing Committee shall appoint the following:  
134 a. Eight graduate or professional students (two from Biological Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities  
135 and Physical Sciences of which one from each division will be appointed annually for a two-year  
136 term) to the Academic Integrity Hearing Board,  
137 b. One graduate or professional student to the Trustee Nominating Committee,  
138 c. One liaison officer (a current member of the GPSA) each to the Faculty Senate, the Employee  
139 Assembly and the Student Assembly as ex-officio, non-voting members,  
140 d. One graduate or professional student to each of the following Faculty Senate committees,  
141 1. Academic Freedom and Professional Status of the Faculty,  
142 2. Advisory Committee on Athletics and Physical Education,  
143 3. Educational Policy Committee,  
144 4. ROTC-University Relations Committee,  
145 5. University Faculty Library Board,

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- 146                   6. University Lectures Committee,  
147           e. One graduate or professional student to each of the following Student Assembly committees,  
148               1. Dining Services,  
149               2. Inclusion and Diversity Initiatives Committee,  
150           f. Two graduate or professional students to the Gorge Safety Committee,  
151           g. One graduate or professional student to the Learning Technologies Governance Committee,  
152           h. One graduate or professional student to the President's Sustainable Campus Advisory Committee,  
153           i. One graduate or professional student to the Public Safety Advisory Committee,  
154           j. Two graduate or professional students to the Student Insurance Health Plan Advisory Committee,  
155           k. One graduate or professional student to the Student Library Advisory Council,  
156           l. Three graduate or professional students to the University Council on Mental Health and Welfare,  
157           m. One graduate or professional student to the University Diversity Council,  
158           n. One graduate or professional student to the University Neighborhood Council,  
159           o. Two representatives to the Family Life Advisory with one position reserved for a graduate or  
160               professional student with a child or children and the other reserved for the partner of a graduate  
161               student,  
162           p. Two graduate or professional students to the Campus Planning Committee,  
163           q. Two graduate or professional students to the Transportation Hearing and Appeals Board,  
164           r. One graduate or professional student to the Council on Hazing Prevention,  
165           s. Two graduate or professional students to the President's Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs,  
166           t. One graduate or professional student to the Orientation Planning Committee,  
167           u. Liaisons to the byline organizations funded by the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee;  
168               1. Two graduate or professional students to the Cornell Cinema Student Advisory Board,  
169               2. Three graduate or professional students to the Big Red Barn Advisory Board,  
170               3. Two graduate or professional students as liaison to the Cornell University Programming Board,  
171               4. Two graduate or professional students as liaison to the Cornell University Emergency Medical  
172               Service,  
173               5. Two graduate or professional students as liaison to the International Students Union,  
174               6. Two graduate or professional students as liaison to the Physical Education Department,  
175           v. One current GPSA member to each of the following University Assembly committees,  
176               1. Campus Infrastructure Committee,  
177               2. Campus Welfare Committee,  
178               3. Codes and Judicial Committee.  
179           ii. As requests for representatives come from other external committees, these positions will be staffed as  
180               necessary.  
181               a. Additional or temporary committees will be kept in the records of the Vice-President of Operations,  
182               to be added to the Bylaws as necessary  
183           iii. General Committee of the Graduate School  
184               a. Following the election of the GPSA officers each year, but preceding the election of the standing  
185               committee chairs, a representative for the General Committee of the Graduate School shall be elected.  
186               b. The elected representative shall serve a two-year term so that there are at any time no more than two  
187               elected representatives from the GPSA.  
188               c. Should either of these seats become vacant before the end of their term, the Vice President for  
189               Operations may appoint an interim representative until an election can be held for a new  
190               representative to complete the term.  
191               d. An interim representative to the General Committee, appointed by the Vice President for Operations  
192               is subject the approval of the Executive Committee.  
193               e. These seats are not transferable.  
194   H. University Assembly Committee appointments  
195           i. The Operations and Staffing Committee, in cooperation with the graduate and professional student  
196           representatives of the University Assembly, shall appoint graduate and professional student  
197           representatives and liaisons to all committees under the jurisdiction of the University Assembly.

- 198 I. Faculty Senate Committee Appointments  
199 i. The Operations and Staffing Committee shall appoint graduate and professional student representatives to  
200 the relevant committees under the jurisdiction of the Faculty Senate.  
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### 202 **Section 3.04: GPSA Elections Committee**

- 203  
204 A. Purpose  
205 i. The Elections Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the election of the GPSA Voting Members,  
206 officers, and committee chairs.  
207 B. Constitution  
208 i. The Executive Committee shall serve as the Elections Committee unless the ability of the Executive  
209 Committee to impartially conduct the elections is called into question by a one third vote of the seated  
210 Voting Members. Immediately following such a vote, the Voting Members and Field Representatives  
211 shall elect a Chairperson for the Elections Committee.  
212 C. Membership  
213 i. Chairperson may recruit other Voting Members of the GPSA as members of the Elections Committee.  
214 D. Duties  
215 i. Decide on the procedural rules for elections.  
216 ii. Be responsible for gathering and leading the caucuses for the Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences,  
217 Social Sciences and Humanities.  
218 iii. Be responsible for running the caucuses by asking for nominations, soliciting statements from nominees,  
219 moderating question and answer sessions, and counting ballots.  
220 iv. Announce the newly elected persons to the GPSA.  
221 E. Meetings  
222 i. The Elections Committee shall meet prior to the second to last regularly scheduled GPSA meeting of the  
223 current GPSA term.  
224 ii. All meetings of the Elections Committee shall be open to the graduate and professional student  
225 community.  
226 F. Election of the Officers  
227 i. The sitting President of the GPSA shall temporarily act as the Chairperson during the elections of the  
228 officers of the GPSA until a new President is elected, after which the new President shall preside over the  
229 election of officers and community chairs.  
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### 231 **Section 3.05: Appropriations Committee**

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233 A. Purpose  
234 i. The Appropriations Committee shall concern itself with all aspects of the Graduate and Professional  
235 Student (GPS) Activity Fee, including review of the GPSA Byline Allocation Procedures, the GPSA  
236 Eligibility Criteria and Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations, the GPSAFC Funding Guidelines,  
237 and the GPSA Internal Budget.  
238 B. Chairperson  
239 i. The Committee shall have a chairperson elected by the GPSA.  
240 C. Membership  
241 i. The Committee shall consist of members appointed by the GPSA Operations and Staffing Committee.  
242 ii. Members shall attend the meetings of the Committee.  
243 iii. Members shall serve until the end of the current GPSA term in which they are appointed, unless they are  
244 subject to removal.  
245 iv. Termination of a committee member is at the discretion of the Chair when a committee member is absent  
246 for more than two scheduled committee meetings. A replacement may be sought after consultation with  
247 the Operations and Staffing Committee.

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- 248 v. At the discretion of the Chair, new applications received during the fall semester of fee-setting years may  
249 be placed on hold until the following semester.
- 250 D. Duties
- 251 i. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the operations of the Committee: The Chairperson shall oversee  
252 the Committee's actions and operating budget, as well as schedule and run the meetings of the  
253 Committee.
- 254 ii. The Chair of the Appropriations Committee will serve on the GPSA Finance Commission.
- 255 iii. The Committee shall review, maintain and adhere to the GPSA Byline Allocation Procedures and GPSA  
256 Eligibility Criteria and Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations.
- 257 iv. The Committee shall review the policies and procedures for setting the GPS Activity Fee.
- 258 a. In the Fall of fee-setting years:
- 259 1. The Committee shall make a recommendation to the GPSA regarding the amount and distribution  
260 of the GPS Activity Fee.
- 261 b. In the Fall of non-fee-setting years:
- 262 1. The Committee shall coordinate with the Student Assembly to determine deadlines for the  
263 preliminary byline applications in April and the final byline applications in September.
- 264 2. The Committee shall work with the Vice President of Operations to ensure liaison positions for  
265 each by-line funded organization are filled before the end of the Fall semester.
- 266 3. The Chair will arrange time at GPSA meetings for by-line funded organizations to speak and  
267 provide an update to their operations.
- 268 v. The Committee shall maintain the GPSAFC Funding Guidelines. If deemed necessary, it shall make  
269 suggestions for changes to the GPSA.
- 270 vi. The Committee shall oversee the internal funds of the GPSA and work with the Office of Assemblies to  
271 ensure adherence to the budget. The Committee shall provide budget updates to the Executive Committee,  
272 as requested.
- 273 vii. The Chairperson shall collect budget proposals from all standing committee chairs two weeks prior to the  
274 second regularly scheduled GPSA meeting. The Chairperson shall then propose the GPSA Internal  
275 Budget based on the collected budget proposals, which shall be presented as a resolution at the second  
276 regularly scheduled meeting in the Fall semester.
- 277 viii. At the end of their term, the Chairperson shall transfer access to historical documents and chairperson-  
278 specific information to the new Chairperson.
- 279 E. Meetings
- 280 i. The Committee shall hold meetings, as necessary, subject to the minimum requirements of Item 3.05.e.v.
- 281 ii. Meetings of the Committee shall generally be open to the graduate and professional student community.  
282 However, the Chairperson, in consultation with the Committee, may decide to close parts of the meetings  
283 in order protect sensitive information from being made public.
- 284 iii. The Committee is encouraged to consider town hall style meetings late in the Spring semester of non-  
285 funding years to provide information about the GPS Activity Fee and gather relevant input from the  
286 graduate and professional student body, in particular, with regard to the appeal of the applying byline  
287 funded organizations.
- 288 iv. Minutes shall be taken, and upon review by the Chairperson, shall be submitted to the Office of  
289 Assemblies for posting on the Committee's website, along with meeting agendas.
- 290 v. The minimum number of meetings to fulfill the Committee's mission is:
- 291 a. In non-GPSA Activity Fee setting years:
- 292 1. One meeting before winter break to explain the application process for byline funded groups to  
293 the members of the Committee,
- 294 2. One meeting in the spring semester with the GPSAFC to discuss the GPSAFC Funding  
295 Guidelines.
- 296 b. In GPSA Activity Fee setting years:
- 297 1. One meeting as soon as the Committee is staffed to review the GPSA Activity Fee process, as  
298 described in the GPSA Byline Allocation Procedures and GPSA Eligibility Criteria and  
299 Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations, and Article IX of the GPSA Charter,

- 300                   2. One meeting, as stipulated in the GPSA Byline Allocation Procedures, to discuss the byline  
301                   applications and the amounts of funding to be recommended,  
302                   3. One meeting to which applying byline organizations are invited and may state their cause if the  
303                   Committee recommends an allocation lower than the requested amount,  
304                   4. One meeting to reconsider the recommended funding amount if such reconsideration is requested  
305                   by the GPSA after a meeting.
- 306 F. Coordination with the Office of Assemblies
- 307     i. The Committee shall rely on the Office of the Assemblies to:
- 308         a. Help with the administrative aspects of coordinating with byline funded organizations,  
309         b. Provide organizations applying for byline funding with information,  
310         c. Provide institutional memory,  
311         d. Provide the Appropriations Committee Chairperson at least read-only access to the financial system  
312             that tracks the GPSA Internal Budget.  
313         e. Provide the current balance of any GPSA rollover funds upon request.
- 314 G. GPSA Internal Budget
- 315     i. The GPSA Internal Budget will be based upon budget proposals submitted by the standing committee  
316         chairs.
- 317     ii. Standing committee chairs shall present a budget proposal to the Appropriations Committee Chairperson  
318         two weeks prior to the second regularly scheduled GPSA meeting of the Fall Semester.
- 319     iii. Standing committee budgets may include line items for operational and food expenses. The food line item  
320         is specifically for food provided at committee meetings for committee members.
- 321     iv. The Appropriations Committee Chairperson will execute the process of setting the GPSA Internal Budget  
322         pursuant to Item 3.05.d.vii.
- 323     v. Upon approval of the GPSA Internal Budget by the GPSA, the Appropriations Committee Chairperson  
324         will operate in conjunction with the Office of Assemblies to establish enforcement guidelines for  
325         committee spending.
- 326 H. Ethical Responsibility
- 327     i. The GPSA Activity Fee is set by the GPSA and paid by every graduate and professional student, and thus  
328         is not only set apart from other fees and tuition by the way it is determined, but also by its source. The  
329         Chairperson, the Committee, and the GPSA have a responsibility in ensuring that the money is well spent,  
330         and supporting organizations providing valuable services and events to the graduate and professional  
331         student community.
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### 333 **Section 3.06: Communications Committee**

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- 335 A. Purpose
- 336     i. The Communications Committee is charged with maintaining a strong communication link between the  
337         GPSA and all graduate fields, professional schools, and the Cornell community.
- 338 B. Chairperson
- 339     i. The Vice President for Communications shall serve as the chairperson of the Communications  
340         Committee.
- 341 C. Membership
- 342     i. The Committee shall consist of the Division Chiefs for each of the caucuses. Additional members may be  
343         appointed by the GPSA Operations and Staffing Committee.
- 344     ii. Termination of a committee member is at the discretion of the Chair when a committee member is absent  
345         for more than two scheduled committee meetings.
- 346 D. Duties
- 347     i. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the operations of the Committee: The Chairperson shall oversee  
348         the Committee's actions and operating budget, as well as schedule and run the meetings of the  
349         Committee.
- 350     ii. The Chairperson is charged with contacting all appropriate administrative offices so that they and the

- 351 Committee are in regular contact throughout the year.  
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353 iii. The Committee will maintain the GPSAINFO listserv and is in charge of the creation of the GPSAINFO  
354 newsletter. Distribution will be coordinated by the Committee in cooperation with the Graduate School to  
355 reach all students registered through the Graduate School, and with the Johnson Graduate School of  
356 Management, the Cornell Law School, and the College of Veterinary Medicine to reach the registered  
357 professional students.  
358 iv. The Chairperson will work closely with the Executive Committee, the Executive Vice President, and the  
359 Graduate School to coordinate the involvement of the GPSA in the new student orientation.  
360 v. The committee will designate one committee member to contact all GPSA committees and focus groups  
361 throughout the year to assist them in publicizing meetings and committee-related events. These events  
362 will be announced in the GPSAINFO, any GPSA web sites, and the Graduate School Calendar.  
363 vi. Division Chiefs  
364 a. Each division caucus will elect from amongst themselves a Division Chief.  
365 b. A Chief will be a Voting Member that is not a member of the Executive Committee.  
366 c. If a Division Chief is elected to a position on the Executive Committee or the position is otherwise  
367 vacated, then a new Division Chief will be elected by the division caucus as soon as arrangements can  
368 be reasonably made.  
369 d. The Vice President for Communications may appoint interim Chiefs as necessary. These  
370 appointments are subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.  
371 e. Each Division Chief is a member of the Communications Committee.  
372 f. Each Division Chief is the primary person responsible for transmitting information between the  
373 GPSA and the Field Representatives, Field Organizations, Deans, students, and other members of  
374 their respective division.  
375 g. Each Division Chief is encouraged to make themselves known to, and meet periodically with the  
376 Field Representatives, Field Organizations, and other members whom they are responsible to.  
377 h. Division Chiefs are to assist the Vice President for Communications in any other way as needed.  
378 i. Division Chiefs can be removed from their position by a majority vote of their division caucus.  
379 E. Meetings  
380 i. The Committee will meet at least once a month. All committee meetings shall be open to the graduate and  
381 professional student community.  
382 ii. When a consensus cannot be reached, actions shall be determined by a majority vote of all committee  
383 members present.  
384 iii. Minutes shall be taken at meetings and, upon review by the Committee Chair, shall be submitted to the  
385 Office of Assemblies for posting.

### 386 **Section 3.07: GPSA Finance Commission**

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388 A. Purpose  
389 i. The GPSA Finance Commission (GPSAFC) is charged with allocating funds to registered graduate and  
390 professional student organizations on the Ithaca and Geneva campuses of Cornell University.  
391 B. Chairperson  
392 i. The Commission shall have a chairperson, elected by the GPSA.  
393 C. Membership  
394 i. The Commission shall consist of at least six and no more than fifteen members, hereafter referred to as  
395 finance commissioners, appointed by the GPSA Operations and Staffing Committee.  
396 ii. When possible, the finance commissioners should represent each of the professional schools and each of  
397 the Divisions of the Graduate School.  
398 iii. Finance commissioners have exclusive voting privileges for allocating funds according to the rules set  
399 forth in the GPSAFC Funding Guidelines.  
400 iv. Finance commissioners shall attend the meetings of the Commission.  
401 v. If a finance commissioner is absent from two or more consecutive meetings of the Commission, without



- 402 providing prior notice to the Chairperson, the Chairperson may ask the GPSA Operations and Staffing  
403 Committee to replace that commissioner.
- 404 vi. Finance commissioners shall serve until the end of current GPSA term in which they are appointed,  
405 unless they are subject to removal as stated in Item 3.07.c.v.
- 406 D. Duties
- 407 i. The Commission is responsible for distributing funds to student groups according to the rules as set forth  
408 in the GPSAFC Funding Guidelines.
- 409 ii. The Chairperson is responsible for the operations of the Commission: The Chairperson oversees the  
410 Commission's actions and operating budget, and schedules and runs the meetings of the Commission.
- 411 iii. The Chairperson, in cooperation with the Office of the Assemblies staff, sets the schedule for the annual  
412 budget application process.
- 413 iv. The Chairperson may appoint a Vice-Chair and delegate any of the Chairperson's responsibilities to the  
414 Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair shall be responsible to the Chairperson, and the Chairperson can terminate  
415 the Vice-Chair's duties at any time.
- 416 v. The Chairperson shall submit a budget request outlining and justifying all planned expenditures internal  
417 to the Commission to the Appropriations Committee Chairperson two weeks prior to the second GPSA  
418 meeting.
- 419 vi. The Chairperson may additionally delegate specific duties to other GPSAFC members, as necessary.  
420 These duties may include, but are not limited to: preparing materials for meetings, keeping the minutes,  
421 making updates to the GPSAFC website, and reviewing the GPSAFC Funding Guidelines and suggesting  
422 beneficial changes to the Chairperson of the GPSA Appropriations Committee.
- 423 vii. The Chairperson shall submit a written update to the Appropriations Committee Chairperson on the status  
424 of the internal budget by the end of February.
- 425 E. Meetings
- 426 i. The Commission shall meet at least three times each semester to deliberate on matters set forth in the  
427 GPSAFC Funding Guidelines.
- 428 ii. The GPSAFC Chairperson also has the responsibility of organizing one meeting during the latter part of  
429 the spring semester, prior to the annual budget request deadline, where student organizations may come to  
430 learn about the regulations and procedures of the Commission.
- 431 iii. The Chairperson shall notify the Office of the Assemblies of the Commission's meeting times and  
432 locations.
- 433 iv. Meetings shall be open to the public. However, the Chairperson or any of the commissioners may call for  
434 a vote to be taken by secret ballot.
- 435 v. Any representative of a student organization wishing to present his or her organization's case at a meeting  
436 must notify the Chairperson at least three days in advance of the meeting.
- 437 vi. When the GPSAFC cannot reach a consensus, a simple majority vote will suffice for decision-making  
438 within the Commission.
- 439 vii. Minutes shall be taken at meetings and, upon review by the Chairperson, shall be submitted to the Office  
440 of Assemblies for posting.
- 441 F. Deadlines for Funding Applications
- 442 i. The deadline for current-year budget applications shall be in late April, with the specific date set by the  
443 Commission each year.
- 444 ii. The last date for summer funding shall be in late March.
- 445 G. Unallocated Funds
- 446 i. If funds remain for allocation in the current-year budget, those funds will remain in the Commission's  
447 account for allocations in future GPSA terms.
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### 449 **Section 3.08: Student Advocacy Committee**

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#### 451 A. Purpose

- 452 i. The GPSA Student Advocacy Committee works on issues of diversity, finances, stipend levels, mental

- 453 and physical health, accessibility, child care and the general well-being of all graduate and professional  
454 students. The Student Advocacy Committee works in consultation with other relevant student and  
455 University committees and interested parties.
- 456 B. Chairperson
- 457 i. The Committee shall have a chairperson, elected by the GPSA.
- 458 C. Members
- 459 i. Any graduate or professional student is eligible to apply to become a member of the Committee.  
460 Applicants will be reviewed and staffed by the Operations and Staffing Committee.
- 461 ii. Termination of a committee member is at the discretion of the Chairperson when a committee member is  
462 absent for more than half of the scheduled committee meetings.
- 463 D. Duties
- 464 i. The Committee is required to update the Graduate and Professional Student Resource List posted on the  
465 Student Advocacy Committee Website at least once each GPSA term.
- 466 ii. In order to be more fully aware of the issues faced by the graduate and professional student community,  
467 the Committee will hold an open town hall meeting, at least one per year. Funding will come from the  
468 Committee budget. The meeting will have two goals: To provide a brief overview of current and past  
469 Committee activities and to gather information and anecdotes on current problems facing the community.  
470 Following these town hall meetings, the Committee will report their results to the GPSA and any relevant  
471 Cornell administrators.
- 472 iii. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the operations of the Committee: The Chairperson shall oversee  
473 the Committee's actions and operating budget, as well as schedule and run the meetings of the  
474 Committee.
- 475 iv. The Chairperson is charged with contacting all appropriate administrative offices so that they and the  
476 committee are in regular contact throughout the year.
- 477 E. Meetings
- 478 i. The Committee will meet once per month during the months of September, October, November,  
479 December, February, March, and April, and additionally as necessary. All committee members are  
480 expected to attend these meetings unless informed otherwise.
- 481 ii. All Committee meetings shall be open to the graduate and professional student community. When a  
482 consensus cannot be reached, actions shall be determined by a majority vote of all committee members  
483 present.
- 484 iii. Minutes shall be taken at meetings and, upon review by the Chairperson, shall be submitted to the Office  
485 of Assemblies for posting.
- 486 iv. All meeting agendas and minutes shall be posted to the Committee's website.
- 487 v. It is the responsibility of the Committee to post and advertise any advocacy related material on its website  
488 and ensure that the website is kept current.

### 489 **Section 3.09: Graduate and Professional Student Programming Board**

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- 491 A. Purpose
- 492 i. The Graduate and Professional Student Programming Board (GPSPB) organizes events for graduate and  
493 professional students sponsored by the GPSA, such as receptions, speakers, socials, Grad Ball, Grads'  
494 Nights Out and other events that may arise as stated in Article 6.04.h of the GPSA Charter.
- 495 B. Chairperson
- 496 i. The Board shall have a chairperson, elected by the GPSA, as described in Article 6.02 of the GPSA  
497 Charter.
- 498 C. Membership
- 499 i. Any graduate or professional student is eligible to apply to become a member of the Committee.  
500 Applicants will be reviewed and staffed by the Operations and Staffing Committee.
- 501 ii. One member of the Committee will serve on the Slope Day Steering Committee.
- 502 iii. Termination of a committee member is at the discretion of the Chairperson when a committee member is  
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504 absent for more than half of the scheduled committee meetings.

505 D. Duties

- 506 i. The GPSPB's primary purpose is to plan, seek funding for, and carry out the annual Grad Ball.
- 507 ii. The Chair shall submit a budget request outlining and justifying all planned expenditures internal to the
- 508 Programming Board to the Appropriations Chair by two weeks prior to the second regularly scheduled
- 509 GPSA meeting.
- 510 iii. At the fourth regularly scheduled meeting of the fall semester and first regularly scheduled meeting of the
- 511 spring semester, the Chair shall propose a schedule of events for the upcoming term.
- 512 iv. The Programming Board shall work closely with the Office of Assemblies to contract entertainment, book
- 513 rooms, and other issues as necessary.
- 514 v. The Programming Board shall work with the Student Advocacy Committee to plan town hall event(s).
- 515 vi. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the operations of the Programming Board: The Chairperson shall
- 516 oversee the Programming Board's actions and operating budget, as well as schedule and run the meetings
- 517 of the Committee.
- 518 vii. The Chairperson is charged with contacting all appropriate administrative offices so that they and the
- 519 Programming Board are in regular contact throughout the year.

520 E. Meetings

- 521 i. The Programming Board will meet at least once every six weeks during the current GPSA term. The
- 522 Chair will schedule additional meetings as necessary. All committee members are expected to attend
- 523 these meetings unless informed otherwise.
- 524 ii. All Programming Board meetings shall be open to the graduate and professional student community.
- 525 iii. When a consensus cannot be reached, actions shall be determined by a majority vote of all committee
- 526 members present.
- 527 iv. Minutes shall be taken at meetings and, upon review by the Programming Board Chair, shall be submitted
- 528 to the Office of Assemblies for posting.

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530 **Section 3.10: Faculty Teaching, Advising, and Mentorship Award Committee**

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532 A. Purpose

- 533 i. The primary purpose of the Faculty Teaching, Advising, and Mentorship Award Committee ("Award
- 534 Committee") is to solicit nominations for and administer one or more annual Awards to recognize faculty
- 535 who exhibit excellence in the teaching, advising, and mentorship of graduate and professional students.

536 B. Chairperson

- 537 i. The Award Committee shall have a chairperson, elected by the GPSA, as described in Article 6.02 of the
- 538 GPSA Charter.

539 C. Membership

- 540 i. Any graduate or professional student is eligible to apply to become a member of the Committee.
- 541 Applicants will be reviewed and staffed by the Operations and Staffing Committee as specified in Section
- 542 3.03.f.
- 543 ii. Termination of a committee member is at the discretion of the Chairperson when a committee member is
- 544 absent for more than half of the scheduled committee meetings.

545 D. Duties

- 546 i. Articulate and disseminate selection criteria for the Award(s).
- 547 ii. Establish a process for soliciting nominations and/or applications for the annual Award(s).
- 548 iii. Select Award recipient(s) before the end of the last day of classes in the Spring semester.
- 549 iv. Seek funding for and host an Award Ceremony to celebrate and recognize the Award recipient(s) each
- 550 academic year before the end of May.
- 551 v. Coordinate with the GPSA Communications Committee to publicize both the solicitation of nominations
- 552 and the administration of the Award(s), once selections have been made.
- 553 vi. The Chairperson shall submit a budget request outlining and justifying all planned expenditures internal
- 554 to the Award Committee to the Appropriations Chair by two weeks prior to the second regularly

555 scheduled GPSA meeting. The budget shall include funds to publicize both the solicitation of nominations  
556 and the administration of the Award(s).

557 vii. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the operations of the Award Committee: The Chairperson shall  
558 oversee the Award Committee's actions and operating budget, as well as schedule and run the meetings of  
559 the Committee.

560 E. Meetings

561 i. The Award Committee will meet at least once per year during the current GPSA term to select Award  
562 recipient(s). The Chair will schedule additional meetings as necessary.

563 ii. When a consensus cannot be reached, actions shall be determined by a majority vote of all committee  
564 members present.

565 iii. Minutes shall be taken at meetings and, upon review by the Award Committee Chairperson, shall be  
566 submitted to the Office of Assemblies for posting. Respect will be paid to the privacy of nominators and  
567 nominated faculty members.

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569 **Section 3.11: Diversity & International Students Committee**

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571 A. Purpose

572 i. The primary purpose of the Diversity & International Students Committee ("Diversity Committee") is to  
573 promote diversity and inclusion in all its forms within the GPSA membership and within the broader  
574 graduate and professional student community at Cornell University.

575 B. Chairperson

576 i. The Diversity Committee shall have a chairperson, elected by the GPSA, as described in Article 6.02 of  
577 the GPSA Charter.

578 C. Membership

579 i. Any graduate or professional student is eligible to apply to become a member of the Committee.  
580 Applicants will be reviewed and staffed by the Operations and Staffing Committee as specified in Section  
581 3.03(f).

582 ii. Termination of a committee member is at the discretion of the Chairperson when a committee member is  
583 absent for more than half of the scheduled committee meetings.

584 D. Duties

585 i. Communicate with groups engaged with diversity and international student issues in order to involve and  
586 engage diverse students with the work of the GPSA.

587 ii. Provide a forum to discuss diversity and inclusion within the graduate and professional student  
588 community.

589 iii. Host an annual meeting for groups representing diversity and international students.

590 iv. Engage Cornell administration in issues affecting diversity and international students.

591 v. Bring before the GPSA resolutions on issues related to diversity and international students.

592 vi. Present to the GPSA annually during the second to last meeting of the GPSA term on its work supporting  
593 international students, Students of Color, gender equality, LGBTQI students, students with disabilities,  
594 and related issues.

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596 **Section 3.12: University Assembly Representation**

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598 A. The President of the GPSA shall serve as a member of the University Assembly.

599 B. The members of the GPSA will elect representatives to the University Assembly, the number and composition  
600 of which shall be in accordance with the University Assembly Charter.

601 i. If they are not already GPSA Voting Members or Field Representatives, these delegates shall be  
602 considered ex officio members of the GPSA.

603 ii. These delegates are required to report on University Assembly activities at meetings at the request of the  
604 Executive Committee.

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606 **Section 3.13: Committee Delegates**

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- 608 A. The Operations and Staffing Committee will appoint graduate and professional students to University  
609 committees which it staffs, GPSA committees and liaison positions, hereafter referred to as committee  
610 designees.  
611 B. Committee designees may serve as many one-year terms as they like, but must be appointed annually.  
612 C. All committee designees must be matriculated graduate or professional students of Cornell University.  
613 D. Exceptions to this rule may be made by a majority vote of the seated Voting Members at the request of the  
614 Vice President for Operations.

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616 **Section 3.14: Committee and Committee Designee Reporting**

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- 618 A. To ensure accountability and responsibility to the student body, each standing committee shall present a  
619 written report to the GPSA at least once a semester in addition to oral reports at meetings.  
620 B. To ensure accountability and responsibility to the student body, each ad hoc committee shall present a written  
621 report to the GPSA at least once a semester.  
622 C. Prior to meetings of the GPSA, committee designees shall submit to the GPSA Vice President for Operations  
623 a report to be shared with the GPSA.  
624 i. Reports shall include, but are not limited to, notification of whether the committee has met the  
625 committee's agenda and a short summary of the meeting.  
626 ii. The Executive Committee may remove committee designees for failing to submit a report for two  
627 consecutive meetings and shall appoint a new designee accordingly.

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629 **Section 3.15: GPSA Ad-Hoc Committees**

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- 631 A. Purpose  
632 i. The GPSA may form an ad-hoc committee when a need cannot be fulfilled through existing standing  
633 committees or through committees in the other Assemblies or in the University, or when the GPSA feels  
634 additional consideration is required.  
635 ii. To increase efficiency and decrease duplication, every effort will be made to address perceived needs of  
636 graduate and professional school students through existing University Committees and other appropriate  
637 bodies first.  
638 B. Chairperson  
639 i. The Committee shall have a chairperson, elected by the members of the ad-hoc committee.  
640 ii. The chairperson shall schedule and chair the meetings of the committee.  
641 iii. The chairperson is responsible for providing committee updates to the GPSA.  
642 C. Membership  
643 i. Any graduate or professional student is eligible to apply to become a member of the committee.  
644 Applicants will be reviewed and staffed by the GPSA Operations & Staffing committee.  
645 ii. Shall consist of at least three members approved by the GPSA Operations & Staffing Committee.  
646 iii. Shall have at least one GPSA Voting Member.  
647 iv. Additional committee membership may be recommended by the GPSA Operations and Staffing  
648 Committee.  
649 D. Meetings  
650 i. The Committee will meet as necessary during the current GPSA term. All committee members are  
651 expected to attend these meetings unless informed otherwise.  
652 ii. All Committee meetings shall be open to the graduate and professional student community. When a  
653 consensus cannot be reached, actions shall be determined by a majority vote of all committee members  
654 present.

- 655       iii. Minutes shall be taken at meetings and, upon request, shall be presented to the GPSA.  
656 E. Formation, Termination, and Re-Establishment  
657       i. Formation of an ad hoc committee is to be presented as a motion.  
658       ii. The ad-hoc committee will be dissolved when either the work of the committee has been completed or at  
659       the end of the term of office, whichever comes first.  
660       iii. An ad-hoc committee can be re-established by a resolution to continue its function in the next GPSA term  
661       by the GPSA.

### 662 **Section 3.16: Internal Budget**

- 663 A. GPSA Committees will track their own expenses.  
664 B. GPSA Committees will not commit to actions that could incur expenses that exceed the total amount  
665 budgeted for their operations without first obtaining the approval of the GPSA Appropriations Committee  
666 Chairperson.  
667 C. In the event that a GPSA Committee overruns their budgeted allocation, the Committee committing the  
668 overrun will collaborate with the Appropriations Committee to draft a resolution revising the GPSA Internal  
669 Budget so the expenses may be accounted.  
670 D. All queries regarding the GPSA Internal Budget and the current state of GPSA funds are to be directed to the  
671 Appropriations Committee Chairperson (Item 3.05.b).  
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## 675 **ARTICLE IV: PROCEDURES**

### 676 **Section 4.01: Term of Office**

- 677 A. The term of office of the GPSA shall be from June 1 to May 31, except for the positions of Appropriations  
678 Committee Chair and Finance Commission Chair, which will be from January 1 to December 31.  
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### 682 **Section 4.02: Meeting Schedule**

- 683 A. Meetings shall be scheduled throughout the GPSA term, totaling seven (7) meetings per semester.  
684 B. Meetings defined in Section 4.02.a shall be referred to as “regularly scheduled meetings”.  
685 C. The GPSA will adopt a schedule of regularly scheduled meetings for the next term at the last meeting of the  
686 current GPSA term.  
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### 689 **Section 4.03: Regularly Scheduled Meetings**

- 690 A. Regularly scheduled meetings are open to all constituents and to the public.  
691 B. The GPSA Executive Committee shall determine appropriate discussion and business items.  
692 C. The presiding officer shall only vote on resolutions or subsidiary motions when the vote will affect the result.  
693 Examples include when a tie exists (for actions requiring majority approval) and when actions requiring two-  
694 thirds approval fall one vote short.  
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### 697 **Section 4.04: Agendas and Resolutions**

- 698 A. Agendas  
699       i. Agenda items will be compiled by the GPSA President in consultation with the Executive Committee.  
700       ii. Agendas must be sent to the members at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.  
701 B. Resolutions  
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- 703 i. Upon signing of a petition by 100 Cornell graduate and professional students, any Graduate and  
704 Professional Student may present a resolution to the GPSA for consideration.  
705 a. Within two regularly scheduled meetings after the presentation of the petition, the GPSA Voting  
706 Members will discuss and vote on the resolution.  
707 b. The form and wording of the resolution, as voted upon by the GPSA, shall be identical in form and  
708 wording to that of the petition.  
709 ii. Any GPSA member may present a resolution to the GPSA for consideration.  
710 iii. Procedure  
711 a. The primary sponsoring GPSA member explains the purpose of the resolution to the Assembly.  
712 b. The sponsor answers questions directly pertaining to the resolution. The sponsor may defer to other  
713 people in attendance for answering questions.  
714 c. For votes on resolutions, majority and two-thirds majority vote shall be determined based on total  
715 number of Voting Members participating in the vote, with the following exceptions:  
716 1. Motions to amend or rescind a previously adopted motion shall require either (1) prior notice and  
717 a two-thirds majority of those participating in the vote, or (2) a majority of the entire Voting  
718 Membership without prior notice.  
719 2. Amendments to the Bylaws and the Charter shall adhere to majority requirements stated in the  
720 Charter §10.01  
721 d. If the Assembly adopts a resolution, the President must convey the resolution to the President of the  
722 University within two weeks following the meeting in which the resolution is adopted. The wording  
723 of the resolution must be identical to that of the adopted resolution. If the President is unwilling or  
724 unable to perform this responsibility, the Officer of highest precedence shall have the responsibility to  
725 do so. If no Officer is willing or able to perform this responsibility, the sponsor of the resolution shall  
726 have the responsibility to do so.

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#### 728 **Section 4.05: Additional Meetings**

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- 730 A. Additional meetings may be scheduled at least one week in advance by the Executive Committee, with  
731 written approval from at least two-thirds of the seated Voting Members.  
732 B. Only one additional meeting may be called per semester.

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#### 734 **Section 4.06: Division Summits**

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- 736 A. For each Division of the Graduate School and jointly for the Professional Schools, at least one Division  
737 Summit shall be scheduled each GPSA term by the Division Chiefs for the Division.  
738 B. The Voting Members will compile an agenda of discussion topics, focusing on issues pertaining specifically  
739 to the Division.  
740 C. The exact date is to be determined at the Voting Members' discretion. Voting Members must notify Field  
741 Representatives sufficiently in advance of the time and location of the summit.  
742 D. GPSA members from other Divisions may be invited at the discretion of the Voting Members of the Divisions  
743 sponsoring the summit.

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#### 745 **Section 4.07: Executive Session**

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- 747 A. Meetings may be closed for special executive session when deemed necessary to protect the rights of  
748 members of the Cornell community by majority vote of the Voting Members present.  
749 B. Field Representatives may be excluded from these sessions in addition to constituents and the public.  
750 C. No binding actions will take place while in executive session.

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752 **Section 4.08: Parliamentary Procedure**

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754 A. The GPSA will use Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) as the basis for determining procedures for formal  
755 debate and legislative action.

756 i. As stated in Robert's Rules of Order, basic motions require the approval of the majority of cast votes to  
757 take effect; abstentions are not considered cast votes.

758 B. The GPSA is not constrained to use parliamentary procedure for all discussions.

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760 **Section 4.09: Quorum**

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762 A. A quorum of GPSA Voting Members is required before business items may be voted on at regularly  
763 scheduled meetings.

764 B. A quorum of the Voting Members shall consist of a majority of the seated Voting Members of the GPSA.

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766 **Section 4.10: Absences**

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768 A. Voting members

769 i. Must notify the Executive Vice-President in advance of any absence.

770 ii. Absences will be determined to be excused or unexcused by two-thirds majority vote of the Executive  
771 Committee.

772 iii. May be unseated by a simple majority of the Executive Committee if they have more than two absences  
773 from GPSA meetings during the current GPSA term. Unseated members do not count as part of the total  
774 vote when calculating quorum, majority votes, or two-thirds votes.

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776 **Section 4.11: Removal**

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778 A. Voting members

779 i. An unseated member may be removed from the GPSA Voting Members following a vote by two-thirds of  
780 the Executive Committee.

781 ii. The Executive Committee may not vote to remove an unseated Voting Member until one regularly  
782 scheduled GPSA meeting has elapsed since the Voting Member was informed that they were unseated.

783 B. Field Representatives

784 i. Must notify the Executive Vice-President in advance of any absence.

785 a. A Field Representative who will miss a meeting may send an alternate from their field, who will  
786 satisfy their attendance requirement for that meeting.

787 ii. Absences will be determined to be excused or unexcused, and alternates approved, by two-thirds majority  
788 vote of the Executive Committee.

789 C. Committee Chairs and University Assembly Representatives

790 i. A GPSA standing committee chair, ad hoc committee chair, or University Assembly representative may  
791 be removed from their position by a two-thirds vote of the seated Voting Members but may retain their  
792 seat as a Voting Member.

793 D. GPSA Officers

794 i. GPSA officers may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the seated Voting Members but may  
795 retain their Voting Membership.

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797 **ARTICLE V: GPSA Election Rules**

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799 **Section 5.01: Voter Eligibility**



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- A. To vote in any GPSA election, a person must be a registered student in a graduate or professional degree program.

### **Section 5.02: Definitions**

- A. The following words throughout the Election Rules are defined as such:
- i. Classroom: is any space in which a professor, teaching assistant, or any other instructor holds prescribed class times. “Classroom” includes in person, hybrid, and online courses.
  - ii. Cyber Bullying: is the act of bullying in any online space. These election rules follow the same definition of bullying as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and applicable university policies or governmental laws.
  - iii. Individual or self-promoting publicity: is any outreach events, office hours, postings, or public facing events, whether in-person or virtual, in which interaction with, or promotion of, the candidate is a substantial reason for the act.
  - iv. Social Media: is any online service that allows users to share, create, or post content for social networking purposes. Social media services include, but are not limited to: Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, Reddit, MySpace, Pinterest, YouTube, and CampusGroups. However, email, GroupMe, WhatsApp, Signal, SMS texting, and private messaging features on other applications are not social media.

### **Section 5.03: Compliance with University Policies and Student Code of Conduct**

- A. Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf must be aware of and comply with all applicable policies and provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, including but not limited to:
- i. Use of Cornell Name, Logo & Artwork policy
  - ii. Event Registration policies
  - iii. Facilities Reservation policies
  - iv. University Postering and Chalking policies
  - v. Intimidation tactics and cyberbullying activities are strictly prohibited
- B. A violation of any University policy is a violation of these rules and therefore grounds for a challenge if it compromises the fairness of the election. It is the candidate’s responsibility to read the referenced documents and be familiar with the rules and regulations established within them. The Elections Committee may also refer any reported violations to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (OSCCS) or any other appropriate office, which may impose disciplinary remedies and penalties according to its own rules and procedures.

### **Section 5.04: Electronic Communications**

- A. Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf:
- i. Cannot receive campaign support through a Cornell Administered list-serv.
  - ii. Must comply with Cornell University IT policies

### **Section 5.05: Campaign Finance**

- A. Candidates or supporters acting on their behalf must submit all receipts and/or proof of fair market value with the signed expense report to the Office of the Assemblies by the last regularly scheduled GPSA meeting. Candidates who do not submit receipts and/or proof of fair market value will be presumed to have spent \$0 on their campaign.

- 849 i. Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf may not exceed the limit for out-of-pocket expenses and  
850 fair market value of donations of materials, professional services, and/or money.  
851 ii. Fair market value is the value at which something is to be obtained normally if documentation of its dollar  
852 value is not provided. If there is a supporting receipt for goods used in a candidate's campaign, then the  
853 value of that good is the dollar value on the supporting receipt as long as the transaction was conducted at  
854 arm's length.  
855 iii. For donated materials, professional services, or other goods for which no official receipt is provided,  
856 candidates must seek the most plausible assessment of the fair market value of the goods. Professional  
857 services will be defined as any work for which the given individual/donor is typically compensated.  
858 Volunteer time donated by full-time students, who are not professionals (have received payment for  
859 service) in the area of their volunteer effort, will not be considered professional services.  
860 iv. Paid advertisements and related costs on social networking sites or other websites must also be accounted  
861 for at fair market value.  
862 v. Candidates may use any platforms at their disposal, granted they are free. If these platforms require  
863 purchasing, candidates are required to report this in their expense report form.  
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### 865 **Section 5.06: Endorsements**

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- 867 A. All registered student organizations receiving funds from the GPSA are encouraged to endorse candidates. If  
868 an organization chooses to endorse a candidate, it is expected to abide by the guidelines below.  
869 i. Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC) funded and Student Activity Fee (SAF) byline funded  
870 organizations may endorse candidates. All groups must act in a way that is fair and balanced when  
871 deciding on the endorsement of candidates.  
872 ii. The Elections Committee may recommend that the GPSAFC impose fines on or revoke allocated funds  
873 from organizations failing to comply.  
874 iii. If a member of the Elections Committee sits on the Executive Board or governing body of an  
875 organization, that organization is prohibited from endorsing candidates  
876 iv. All registered graduate and professional students are encouraged to individually endorse candidates.  
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### 878 **Section 5.07: Campaign Ethics**

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- 880 A. Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf:  
881 i. May not, at any time before, during or after the elections, harass, threaten, or coerce others.  
882 ii. May not provide anything of material value to a member of the Cornell community to further themselves  
883 in the election or to promote their candidacy.  
884 iii. May not compel any person to endorse their candidacy, assist their campaign, or act as supporter as an  
885 explicit or implicit condition for initiation to, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in  
886 a group or organization.  
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## 888 **ARTICLE VI: SUSPENSION OF THE GPSA BYLAWS**

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- 890 A. A GPSA Voting Member may make a motion to suspend an Article of the GPSA Bylaws for the duration of a  
891 meeting.  
892 B. The Article of the GPSA Bylaws is suspended with two-thirds of the seated Voting Members in favor.  
893 C. Article V, in its entirety, may not be suspended.