

Cornell University
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Cornell Graduate and Professional Student University Assembly

Minutes of the February 5th, 2024 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Room 401, Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. M. Heeney called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
 - i. *Members Present:* F. Aclan, S. Bluhm, N. Brennan, T. Dixon, K. Farrell, E. Forcier, E. Gatz, D. Ghimire, K. Glinski, B. Hayes, M. Heeney, K. Jaffry, S. Karaikal, O. Karim, A. Lagressa, J. Lopez, Z. Lynch, S. Matan, A. McGraw, O. Perkins, S. Sepp, G. Smits, R. Thakore, V. Yeh
 - ii. *Members Absent:* D. Browne, A. Garcia-Ortiz, A. Koyyada, D. Parekh, B. Patel, B. Sarmah, M. Matthews
 - iii. *Also Present:* K. Boor, J. Withers
- II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. None.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved minutes from the January 20th meeting by unanimous consent.
- IV. Introduction of the Business of the Day
 - a. Z. Lynch introduced his amendment to Resolution 5. Vote tabled because amendment to resolution introduced today.
 - b. M. Heeney updated the GPSA on updates on the Cornell Cinema's funding request.
- V. Breakout Session by Field
 - a. The GPSA divided into breakout sessions by field and discussed the business of the day.
- VI. Business of the Day
 - a. GPSAFC Exemption Guideline for Field Groups
 - i. The GPSA discussed current funding rules.
- VII. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. M. Heeney reported on the transportation survey results.
 - b. Operations

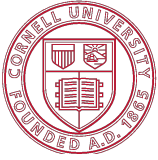


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- i. A. McGraw stated that they would continue to work on the Byline and Charter Revision Project.
 - ii. A. McGraw also announced an upcoming presentation on Robert's Rules.
 - c. Appropriations
 - i. None
 - d. Communications
 - i. A. Garcia-Ortiz stated that anyone wishing to add announcements to GPSA communications should send them to her before Fridays.
 - e. Finance
 - i. None
 - f. Student Advocacy
 - i. None
 - g. Diversity and International Students
 - i. K. Ghodke reported that the DIS would meet soon and that DIS plans to reach out on funding questions.
 - h. Programming
 - i. M. Liqa announced that there will be a masquerade themed gala at Barton Hall. The Programming Committee is working on security for the event.
 - i. Graduate School
 - i. None

VIII. Open Forum

- a. G. Dunn-Hindle asked the GPSA about sending GPSA representatives to the undergraduate Student Assembly's ESG Committee or forming a sister committee in the GPSA.
 - i. O. Karim volunteered to go to the meeting. G. Dunn-Hindle volunteered to reach out to the committee and learn more about potential GPSA involvement.
- b. A. McGraw asked the GPSA to weigh in on removing Zoom as an option for GPSA meeting attendance in the future, excepting those seeking accommodations.
 - i. McGraw proposed the removal to encourage more participation in meetings and more use of Open Forums.
 - ii. The GPSA discussed rules for field members, accommodations for members on different campuses.
 - iii. Attendees, both in-person and on Zoom, entered a lively debate on the merits and drawbacks of using Zoom.
 - iv. O. Karim moved to extend the meeting by 8 minutes, to end at 6:38 p.m.



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- v. Discussion continued. K. Callan brought up the idea of changing the Zoom breakout format to increase engagement among Zoom attendees
- vi. O. Karim moved to extend the meeting by 5 minutes, to end at 6:43 p.m.
- vii. J. Withers announced meetings by the University Assembly on interim policies on expressive activity and anti-doxxing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony Wang
Clerk of the Assembly