



# Cornell University

## Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

### Cornell Graduate and Professional Student University Assembly

Minutes of the January 22nd, 2024 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Room 701, Clark Hall | Zoom

#### I. Call to Order

- a. M. Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
  - i. *Members Present:* N. Brennan, T. Dixon, E. Forcier, A. Garcia-Ortiz, K. Glinski, B. Hayes, O. Karim, Z. Lynch, S. Matan, A. McGraw, O. Perkins, B. Sarmah, S. Sepp, R. Thakore
  - ii. *Members Absent:* D. Browne, K. Farrell, D. Ghimire, M. Heeney, K. Jaffry, S. Karaikal, A. Koyyada, A. Lagressa, M. Liqa, J. Lopez, D. Parekh, B. Patel, G. Smits, V. Yeh
  - iii. *Also Present:* K. Boor, J. Withers

#### II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. M. Matthews tabled discussion of Resolution 5 because of the sponsor's absence
- b. M. Matthews added discussion about potential GPSA funding of a Big Red Barn yoga class to the agenda
- c. M. Matthews added the election of a new Student Advocacy Chair to the agenda
- d. Z. Lynch added discussion about an amendment to GPSAFC guidelines

#### III. Introduction of the Business of the Day

#### IV. Breakout Session by Field

- a. The GPSA divided into breakout sessions by field and discussed the business of the day

#### V. Business of the Day

- a. Discussion: Funding of Cornell Cinema
  - i. Cornell Cinema budget request increased from \$10,000 to \$17,000
  - ii. M. Matthews stated that she is writing a resolution to make some events free to graduate and professional students and waiting on an itemized budget from the Cornell Cinema
- b. Fitness Class in the Big Red Barn Free to Graduate Students
  - i. M. Matthews proposes yoga class free to graduate and professional students taught by instructor from Cornell's Physical Education department for \$100 per session



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- ii. After discussion, representatives expressed interest in the idea and funding a pilot program
  - c. GPSAFC Exemption Guideline for Field Groups
    - i. The GPSA discussed current funding rules
    - ii. Z. Lynch agreed to write a resolution and asked members interested in collaborating to contact him
  - d. Call to Fill Vacant Student Advocacy Committee Chair Position
    - i. S. Hampi nominated herself and won unanimously
- VI. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
  - a. Executive Committee
    - i. M. Matthews stated that more information about upcoming elections to the Executive Committee would come out soon
  - b. Operations
    - i. A. McGraw stated that they would continue to work on the Byline and Charter Revision Project
  - 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. Representative stated that the committee plans for upcoming socials
  - h. Programming
    - i. None
  - i. Graduate School
    - i. None
- VII. Open Forum
  - a. Z. Lynch asked about GPSA attendance policies and removing chronically absent members from quorum totals

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



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Respectfully Submitted,  
Anthony Wang  
Clerk of the Assembly