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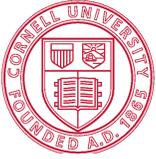
Agenda of the November 6th, 2017 Meeting

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call (3 minutes)
- III. Approval of the Minutes (2 Minutes)
 - a. Minutes from October 30th, 2017
- IV. Presentations (25 Minutes)
 - a. Christina Kim, Office of the Complainants' Advisors (15 Min)
 - b. Teja Pratap Bollu, GPSA Finance Commission Chair (10 Min)
- V. Division Breakouts (10 Minutes)
- VI. Committee Updates (5 Minutes) (30 Sec/Committee)
 - a. Executive Committee
 - b. Operations
 - c. Communications
 - d. Appropriations
 - e. Finance
 - f. Student Advocacy
 - g. Diversity and International Students
 - h. Programming
 - i. Faculty Awards
 - j. General Committee
 - k. Consensual Relationship Task Force
 - l. Graduate School
- VII. Open Forum (5 Minutes)
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Preliminary Vote on Appropriations Committee's Student Activity Fee Recommendations (40 Minutes)
 - i. Orientation - Graduate School
 - ii. Graduate and Professional Student Programming Board

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- iii. International Student Union
 - iv. Cornell Cinema
- IX. Adjournment

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Minutes of the October 30th, 2017 Meeting

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

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- I. Call to Order
 - a. E. Winarto called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
 - b. *Members Present:* R. Adityavarman, K. Angierski, R. Boylan, C. Cannarozzo, A. Gagnon, J. Goldberg, R. Harrison, S. Hesse, M. Jodlowski, C. Little, A. Loiben, T. McCann, E. Michel, D. Moon, A. Schofield, C. Stambuk, W. Zhang.
 - c. *Members Absent:* J. Hernandez.
 - d. *Also Present:* M. Pollack.
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the October 16th, 2017 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- III. Presentations
 - a. Cornell University President Martha Pollack then made her presentation.
 - b. M. Pollack addressed new initiatives in career services for graduate and professional students, the opening of the Maplewood development, and the expansion of the student child care grant.
 - c. M. Pollack then addressed how awful this semester has been with the various incidents of racism and bigotry. She noted that the Graduate School won an award for inclusion for My Voice My Story. She very much wanted to acknowledge the input of the GPSA as we address these issues of hatred. We need substantive, meaningful institutional change and we need the entire community involved. They are increasing counselors in CAPS.
 - i. There was overwhelming interest in joining the Presidential Task Force, which will be action oriented.
 - ii. The Task Force is dividing work into three areas: what we can do right away, what would take 6 to 12 months, and what are some aspirational changes.
 - d. M. Pollack then addressed sexual misconduct. The consensual relationships policy is outdated and vague which is completely unacceptable. We have to have a sound,



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rigorous policy at this university. President Pollack has decided to create a committee to address this issue, containing all stakeholders (because of previous failed efforts over the years). She has encouraged them to look at our peer institutions. The good news is that there has been an increase in knowledge of university resources, but the bad news is the number of assaults has stayed the same. This is number one on her agenda to discuss with the Faculty Senate as well.

- e. E. Law: asked why OISE didn't receive a response from the President.
- f. M. Pollack: she will always reply to the GPSA. There was no intent to slight the GPSA or anyone else. When the OISE letter came in they were bombarded by groups asking for comment.
- g. M. Battaglia: what can we do for helping professional schools lower tuition? Is there any matter we can help assist in?
- h. M. Pollack: diversity and cost of education keep her up at night. We need to drive down costs as much as we can and we need to raise more money. As far as what the GPSA can help with, let's go back to campus climate. We need everyone to pull together to help this; it can't all come from Day Hall. Reach out to people who are different from you, listen and learn from them and let them know they are welcome.
- i. N. Rogers: you're looking at institutional bias?
- j. M. Pollack: she very intentionally used the phrase "institutional change". We have to address institutional and implicit bias.
- k. D. Moon: how feasible do you think an international food festival is?
- l. M. Pollack: she thinks it's worth serious consideration.
- m. M. Munasinghe found it troubling that the GPSA heard back before OISE when our resolution was really crafted with them. She then asked if Maplewood spots would be reserved for incoming students.
 - i. K. Cunningham: they will be more flexible with timing to allow more new student spots.
- n. J. Kent-Dobias: what is your position on unionization?
- o. M. Pollack: it is distressing to me that the unionization effort here has been so fraught. Cannot comment further because of the pending referendum.
- p. N. Stetson: has your stance on hate speech changed since these incidents?



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- q. M. Pollack: it is her strong opinion that free speech be allowed on campus. Free speech doesn't mean all speech. Where the lines are between harassment and incitement of violence can be tricky, and hate speech codes at other institutions seem to backfire. She wants to have these discussions on where the lines are.
 - r. M. Pollack: two upcoming events: Nov. 20th the dean of the Berkeley law school is coming to discuss free speech on campus, and on April 10th there will be a debate on campus between two prominent legal speakers. The administration is trying to address this by thoughtfully thinking through this and not having a knee jerk reaction.
 - s. J. Goldberg: will you be binding yourself to the Task Force's recommendations?
 - t. M. Pollack: she can't bind herself to the recommendations; cannot a priori adopt them (she has a fiduciary duty to the university). She does commit to considering the recommendations extremely seriously.
 - u. J. Goldberg: could you talk about using financial resources of the university to host speakers on campus?
 - v. M. Pollack: we have a commitment to recognize minority voices. In regards to safety, if the campus police say this event can't be safe then it's over, we're not having it.
 - w. E. Law: would you support a university commitment to upholding the 2011 and 2014 Obama administration recommendations?
 - x. M. Pollack: we are currently reviewing the new recommendations. There are some complicated regulations in this new guidance letter and some would prevent us from doing more than the bare minimum.
 - y. N. Rogers: the university assembly is tasked with the Campus Code of Conduct. Shared governance is slow and complicated, could you talk to your commitment to shared governance?
 - z. M. Pollack firmly believes in shared governance. That doesn't mean every time an assembly does something the administration will take the same action. We'll take the time to get this right.
- IV. Division Breakouts
- V. Committee Updates



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- a. Executive: five delegates went to the Ivy+ Summit. If you're interested in knowing about the summit come talk to M. Munasinghe. Exec is actively looking for a liaison to Cornell Graduate Students United. Exec will be co-hosting a listening session this Friday (11/3), in G76 Goldwin Smith Hall.
- b. Operations: the committee had a long discussion about the current structure of the GPSA and will continue this discussion in the future. The bylaws and standing rules updates will come back on the agenda for next week. There are still lots of opportunities to get involved on internal/external committees.
- c. Communications: the committee is trying to be more involved with professional student organizations, starting to utilize graduate school announcements, and considering being more physically present on campus with posters and such.
- d. Appropriations: has a meeting next Friday (11/3).
- e. Finance: nothing to report.
- f. Student Advocacy: working on an international food fest. Please join the committee.
- g. Diversity and International Students: tomorrow (10/31) at 11:45am in G10 Biotech people can meet and talk with two associate deans of the graduate school. Wednesday (11/1) in G10 biotech there will be a breaking bread dinner for the entire campus community at 5pm. Saturday (11/4) at 7pm is renaissance ball (also in G10 biotech). Please join DISC.
- h. Programming: PB is doing a lot of co-sponsorships (just had a Halloween event). If you did not receive an email about a PB meeting contact C. Cannarozzo (cjc365).
- i. Faculty Awards: the committee has met once; they are trying to implement a new online voting platform for awards. If any of you are tech savvy feel free to email A. de Micheli (ad689).
- j. General Committee: nothing to report.
- k. Graduate School: nothing to report.

VI. Open Forum

- a. R. Boylan: do committee chairs have to attend GPSA meetings?
- b. M. Munasinghe: it's not a requirement. We could request them on the speaker's list.
- c. M. Munasinghe: ask treasurers of your groups if you've had problems with reimbursements.
- d. A. Waymack raised the idea of holding shared governance office hours.



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VII. Old Business

a. Resolution 3

- i. T. McCann: the rollover amount has been updated. Expenses for the current year went up. Travel and Ivy+ summit numbers have changed. Under the Travel category, money will now only be spent on transportation to/from Cornell Tech.
- ii. It was raised that the Travel category might need to be expanded.
- iii. M. Munasinghe made a **motion to amend** "Travel" to add "Geneva, and"
 1. A. Poon friendly amended the amendment to "Geneva," "and other satellite campuses under the GPSA's purview."
 2. The amendment **passed** 16-0-2.
- iv. A motion was made to **call the question** on the resolution, there was no dissent. The resolution **passed** 16-0-2.

b. Preliminary vote on Appropriations Committee's Student Activity Fee Recommendations

- i. T. McCann went over the process of the preliminary vote: the assembly will go through each individual organization and vote on their funding. If passed, the recommendation goes into the final SAF Resolution. If it does not pass, the assembly can either strip funding completely, or the recommendation goes back to the Appropriations Committee for reconsideration.
 1. Cornell Concert Commission: \$5.76/student.
 - a. A motion was made to call the question, there was no dissent. The recommendation **passed** 15-0-3.
 2. CUEMS: \$1.80/student.
 - a. A motion was made to call the question, there was no dissent. The recommendation **passed** 15-0-3.
 3. GPSA: \$4.90/student.
 - a. A motion was made to call the question, there was no dissent. The recommendation **passed** 17-0-1.
 4. Risk Management: Club Insurance: \$5.50/student.
 - a. D. Moon why isn't there a change from last cycle?



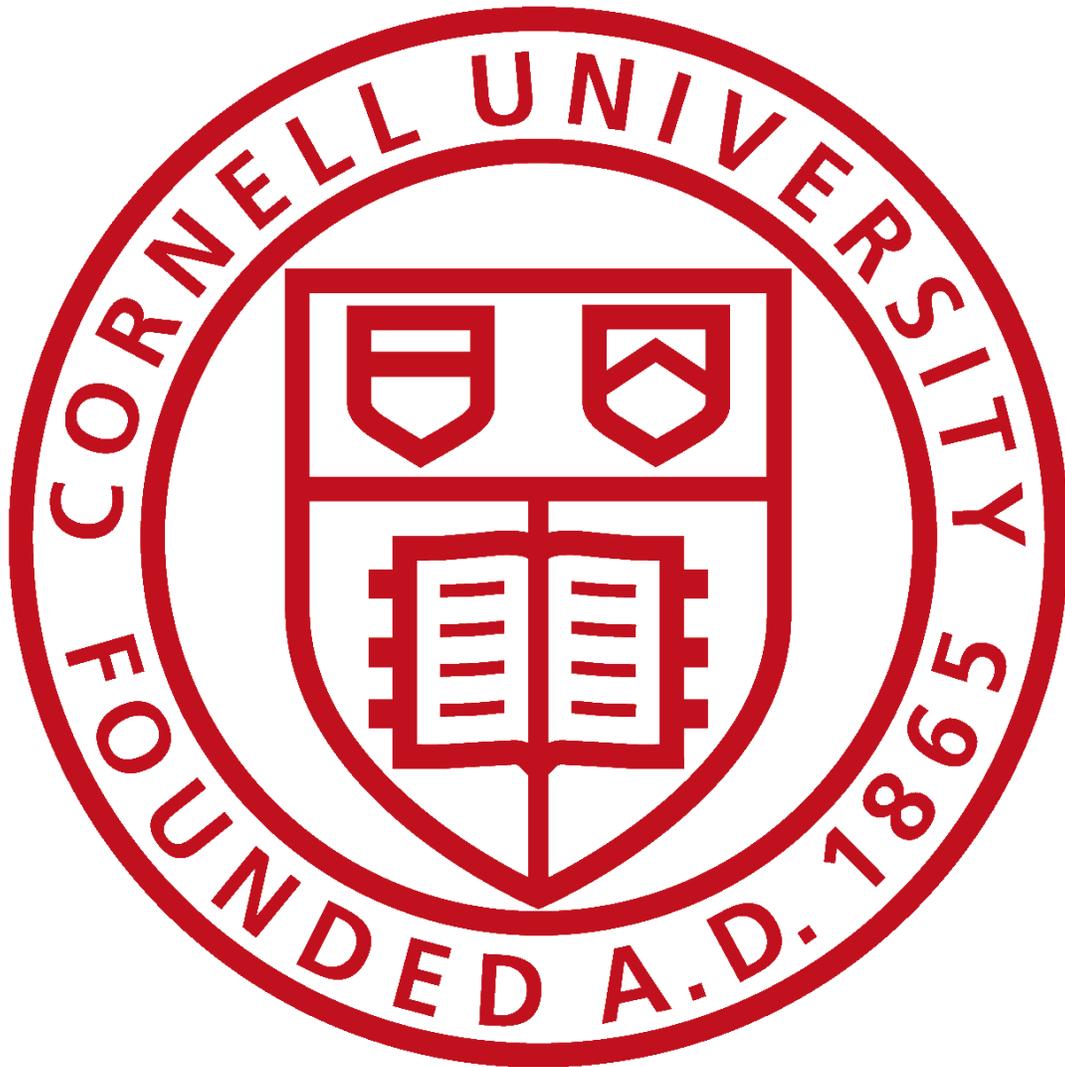
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- b. It's what they need to supply insurance, the premium hasn't gone up.
 - c. A motion was made to call the question, there was no dissent. The recommendation passed 15-0-3.
5. Athletics and PE: \$7.64/student.
- a. A motion was made to call the question, there was no dissent. The recommendation passed 17-0-1.
6. CU Programming Board: \$2.46/student.
- a. A. Loiben: this group didn't attend its hearing can you expand on that?
 - b. T. McCann: they missed it but the Appropriations Committee held a make up hearing.
 - c. M. Munasinghe: they're being cut, will they be adversely affected?
 - d. T. McCann: they did not discuss being adversely affected.
 - e. A motion was made to call the question, there was no dissent. The recommendation passed 15-0-3.
7. Big Red Barn: \$11.44/student
- a. A motion was made to call the question, there was no dissent. The recommendation passed 17-0-1.
 - c. A motion was made to adjourn, there was no dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

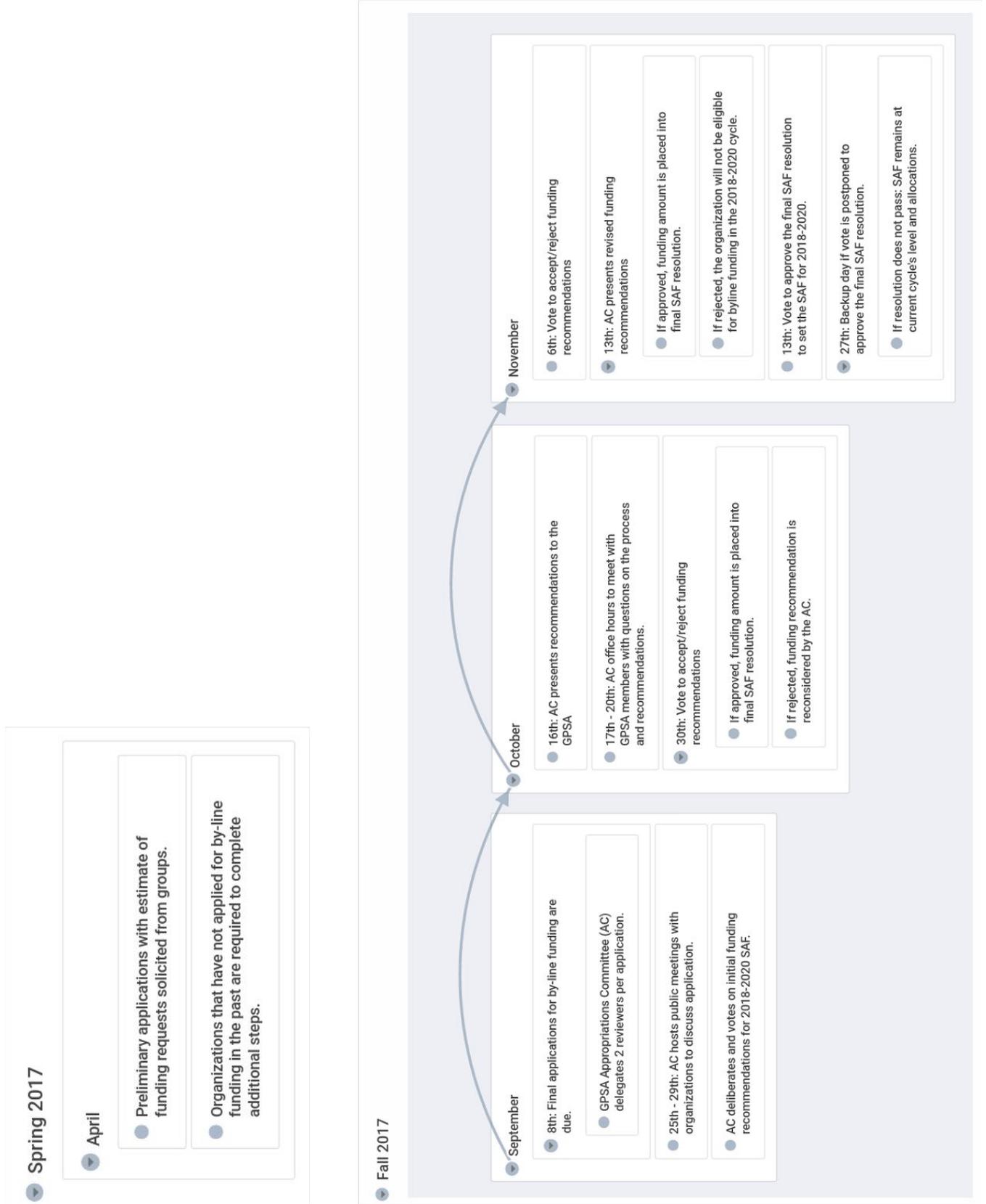
Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew Ferraro
Clerk of the Assembly

**Graduate and Professional Student
Activity Fee (GPSAF) Initial
Recommendation for 2018-2020**



**Graduate & Professional Student Assembly
Appropriations Committee**

Process Overview



Committee Composition

- Mariko Alexander, Graduate Student in Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology, immediate past Chairperson of Appropriations, 3rd term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Matthew Battaglia, Professional Student in the Law School and Johnson Business School, 1st term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Jon Cicoski, Graduate Student in Performance and Media Art, 1st term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Tyler McCann, Graduate Student in Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology, Chairperson, 2nd term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Elena Michel, Graduate Student in Plant Biology, 2nd term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Manisha Munasinghe, Graduate Student in Computational Biology, 2nd term Appropriations, non-voting ex-officio member.
- Kriszta Pozsonyi, Graduate Student in Performance and Media Art, 2nd term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Jack Satterlee, Graduate Student in Plant Biology, 1st term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Cassandra Stambuk, Graduate Student in Animal Science , 2nd term Appropriations, Voting Member.

Application

Applications were developed in conjunction with the Office of Assemblies and the Student Assembly. They inquired about funding request, mission, governing documents, summary of officers and events for the past two academic years, and detailed financial statements for the past and projected future.

Application Review Process

Pairs of Appropriations Committee voting members were delegated the responsibility to familiarize and critique by-line organization applications. Applications and supplemental material was available to all members of the Appropriations Committee to provide additional opportunities for inquiry beyond the designated pair of reviewers.

Each pair of reviewers was also responsible for leading the public hearing for their respective by-line organizations. These reviewers then led the discussion when initial recommendations were deliberated and voted on by members of the committee. Due to the confidential, financial information contained within these applications, and references to sensitive information throughout these materials, the following packet does not contain the application materials used by the Appropriations Committee to develop its funding recommendations.

Athletics and Physical Education

Primary Reviewer – Jon Cicoski

Secondary Reviewer – Jack Satterlee

Group Profile

Cornell Athletics offers access for all graduate students to a wide array of sporting events on campus. Through the Big Red Sports Pass (part of the Cornell Student ID Card) graduate and professional students and their immediate families gain free admission to all home athletic events, except for men's ice hockey games and postseason contests. The by-line funding arrangement does provide a \$5 discount on men's ice hockey tickets (\$13 instead of \$18). This discount is available for individual game tickets as well as season tickets for graduate students and their family members. 250 men's ice hockey tickets are reserved in prime seats for graduate and professional students.

Request and Recommendation

Current Funding	Request	Recommendation
\$7.82	\$8.03	\$7.64

Committee Analysis

Cornell Athletics requested \$8.03 in order to account for inflation since the last byline cycle. This was also in acknowledgement of the previous cycle's appropriations committee request that Athletics request increases in smaller increments. The committee believes in the services Athletics provides to the graduate student body, and our members did not find any objections to their request for more financial support on that basis. Additionally, when the committee expressed reservations that Athletics has never provided the committee with graduate student attendance data, they responded that they have new software that will allow them to accumulate and distribute the information the committee requested as early as the coming year, and certainly by next funding cycle. This will allow the committee to see how many reserved hockey tickets are purchased and used, the number of family members attending events with graduate/professional students, etc.

However, the committee also learned from their application that the amount requested was based on a graduate student projected population of 6,500 students. Budgetary information was not provided in-depth by this group due to the expansive network of activities this group takes on, but a breakdown of past GPSAF expenses was illustrated. Given that the population is actually slightly more than 7,300 graduate students, and based on the SAF illustration provided by Athletics the committee adjusted the fee in order to provide the group with the total dollar amount they requested while more accurately accounting for the cost per student.

Big Red Barn (BRB)

Primary Reviewer – Cassandra Stambuk

Secondary Reviewer – Mariko Alexander

Group Profile

The Big Red Barn Graduate and Professional Student Center (BRB) is the only centrally located gathering place for graduate and professional students at Cornell University. The Big Red Barn staff (comprised of an 11-month professional Manager, two graduate student Assistant Managers, 20-22 graduate student staff and five BRB Fellows) are tasked with providing programming aimed to increase social, cultural, and intellectual exchange among students. The weekly "Tell Grads It's Friday" (TGIF) is an extremely well-attended event by the graduate and professional student population. Other events have included various dance parties, trivia night, special event nights, and family-orientated programming. The BRB serves as the hub for graduate student life on campus. In addition to TGIF events, which are historically very well-attended, the BRB hosts regular trivia nights, student mixers, coffee hours, write-ins, and other events specifically geared toward graduate and professional students. Other organizations around campus and those outside of the Cornell Community can send in a request to rent BRB at a cost.

Request and Recommendation

Current Funding	Request	Recommendation
\$10.42	\$15.00	\$11.44

Committee Analysis

The BRB has consistently surpassed obligations set forth by the Committee and demonstrates a clear commitment to serving the graduate and professional student community. The committee believes the BRB provides a tremendous value to the graduate/professional community.

Recently, many equipment updates have been taken up by BRB, including a new sound system, a new wood pellet stove, and a new kegerator. Additionally, with financial support from GPSA, the studio piano was rebuilt and new bike rack is going to be installed. The Graduate School has also granted financial support for three large ceiling fans to be installed. Looking ahead, the next area for improvement will be outdoor picnic tables co-owned by Cornell Dining.

The large increase in the requested amount is mostly due to increasing the hourly wage of workers gradually to \$15 as mandated by New York state law. Consideration was also made to the retirement of the current director of the BRB in 2019, and the unexpected expenses that could arise during the transition of new leadership. Some questions were raised about the financial support provided by the Graduate School to this group, and how support is negotiated. The committee was pleased by the estimates provided by the BRB director for major renovation

projects financed by the Graduate School. The committee hopes professional schools may also contribute moving forward.

The original request was determined with a significantly smaller number of graduate and professional students than actually enrolled. During the public hearing the BRB's director informed the committee of the lump sum needed by the BRB to accomplish its goals. The committee's recommendation of \$11.44 / student will supply the group with the requested lump sum.

Cornell University Emergency Medical Services (CUEMS)

Primary Reviewer – Cassandra Stambuk

Secondary Reviewer – Kriszta Pozsonyi

Group Profile

The Cornell University Emergency Medical Service (CUEMS) is a certified, student-run Emergency Medical Service (EMS). Its mission is to provide professional, efficient, and effective First Response Basic Life Support care to the entire Cornell community. The Cornell University Undergraduate Student Assembly and Graduate and Professional Student Assembly partially fund CUEMS. The squad provides emergency response to medical emergencies on Cornell University campus and surrounding university-owned properties. It also provides stand-by service for university events and provides CPR, First Aid and other training seminars to the Cornell community, as well as providing services completely free of charge to patients. For medical emergencies, CUEMS is dispatched via radio by the University Police Department.

Request and Recommendation

Current Funding	Request	Recommendation
\$1.80	\$1.80	\$1.80

Committee Analysis

CUEMS does important, life-saving work, which makes Cornell a better place to study, work, and live. The group accepts new members each semester to be trained weekly in life-saving techniques for shift work as EMTs or paramedics. The services provided by this group are available to all members of the Cornell community, and the graduate and professional community's support through the SAF sustains this work.

The CUEMS administrators have been open and detailed with the committee about their building renovations, the level of staffing they require, and their training and readiness activities. The committee is impressed with the number of additional Cornell events CUEMS has been able to send at least one full service crew to without additional cost in addition to normal services. The committee is also impressed with CUEMS's push to expand their public outreach programs, such as first aid and bystander training, alcohol awareness events, and public health campaigns.

Cornell Cinema (CC)

Primary Reviewer – Kriszta Pozsonyi

Secondary Reviewer – Tyler McCann

Group Profile

Cornell Cinema offers educational and popular film programming for a diverse student audience on the Cornell campus. Cornell Cinema's primary mission is educational in scope, providing access both to a wide array of films not typically available to the Cornell and local communities—such as international, independent, classic, or documentary film—and to popular films in a more affordable way than other local venues. In addition to screenings, the Cinema organizes introductions by film scholars, panels with faculty and other experts from the field, and filmmakers to engage in post-screening discussions. Other popular special events include movies on the Willard Straight Terrace in the summer, student film showcases, children's film festival, and live musical events (e.g., accompanying silent films screening). The Cinema often partners with student groups or courses to cosponsor showings. Currently, the Cinema charges a \$6 graduate student admission to a typical screening, but does offer occasional events at a lower rate and sells multi-event discount cards. Cornell Cinema has a Student Advisory Board that works with the staff to set the programmatic goals of the organization, plan events and coordinate outreach. There are several graduate and professional students involved on this board, including one appointed by the GPSA.

Request and Recommendation

Current Funding	Request	Recommendation
\$10.54	\$11.00	\$11.00

Committee Analysis

Cornell Cinema (CC) serves a diverse graduate and professional student population while promoting cultural awareness. In terms of CC's attendance data and budget, the requested GPSAF amount (and the requested sum's relation to their whole budget) is in proportion to the ratio of their GPS attendees. It should also be noted that CC is currently undergoing a significant reduction in its funding from the Student Assembly SAF. Cornell Cinema has voiced a strong commitment during this funding process to developing a long-term strategy of decreasing its overall dependence on student activity fees (both from the SA and the GPSA); for the funding cycle 2018-2020, CC is requesting from the GPSA a slight increase in funding compared to their current/previous amount in order to decrease the impact of the SA's cut to their funding, and provide room to transition away from the SAF.

The committee applauds CC for fulfilling its obligations that the GPSA has posed in previous recommendations, resolutions, and other communications, including the implementation of a successful system for attendance tracking. In this sense, CC is currently one of our most well-prepared by-line organizations when it comes to presenting data on attendance and GPS

involvement. Overall, CC turned in one of the most comprehensive sets of application materials and, throughout this period, in their public hearing, additional meetings with committee members, and follow-up emails, CC has maintained outstanding, informative, and transparent communication with the AC.

At the same time, many of our members see CC as an educational unit within Cornell and therefore believe that it should be funded at the institutional level by Cornell University for the function it serves to the campus community.

Therefore, the committee recommends, in addition to funding CC to the full amount requested (\$11) that CC and the GPSA develop an agreed-upon system to ensure a sustainable decrease in SAF funding starting with the next (2020-2022) funding cycle, while also providing CC with our assembly's endorsement and assistance of CC's diversification of funding strategy.

Risk Management: Club Insurance

Primary Reviewer – Kriszta Pozsonyi

Secondary Reviewer – Jon Cicoski

Group Profile

All independent registered graduate and undergraduate student clubs are covered by the student club insurance policy, which is purchased via a nominal portion of the Student Activity fee. The program:

- protects club officers from lawsuits (and enables students to pursue leadership positions without worrying about personal liability as a result);
- enables clubs to use off-campus facilities;
- allows clubs a more liberal use of the Cornell name;
- allows clubs to avoid filing for their own insurance policies which would usually be not as strong;
- lowers the cost per student, and obviates insurance on a per-club basis;
- meets national league organization requirements for insurance coverage;
- provides host liquor legal liability coverage for graduate student events that follow guidelines for responsible use of alcohol.

The program is currently made of two insurance policies. The current program provides \$1,000,000 of general liability coverage, \$1,000,000 of catastrophic medical coverage and \$3,000,000 catastrophic injury cash.

Request and Recommendation

Current Funding	Request	Recommendation
\$5.50	\$5.50	\$5.50

Committee Analysis

Club Insurance is essential to the functioning of most independent clubs on campus. Therefore, it would be unwise to eliminate funding for Club Insurance. This program allows all independent clubs on campus to run without having to purchase their own insurance plans and provides personal liability protection to the individual leaders of clubs. Due to the necessity of this service for independent clubs, the Committee recommends approving Club Insurance at the requested rate.

Cornell Concert Commission (CCC)

Primary Reviewer – Mariko Alexander

Secondary Reviewer – Matt Battaglia

Group Profile

The Cornell Concert Commission seeks to “provide the student body with popular and diverse musical entertainment”. To do so, the CCC selects and produces 3-5 large, on-campus performances each academic year. Past performers have included Modest Mouse, Janelle Monae, Bob Dylan, and a number of other popular and eminent artists. Graduate and professional students benefit from subsidized ticket prices and the ability to purchase tickets at least one day prior to the general public. To increase the number of students that benefit from their programming, the CCC aims to host one free concert per year, although historically this has not always been possible. Additionally, the CCC aims to dedicate 3-5% of its total operating budget to co-sponsoring musical events with other student organizations.

Request and Recommendation

Current Funding	Request	Recommendation
\$5.76	\$5.76	\$5.76

Committee Analysis

The CCC has a long history of providing high quality musical entertainment to the Cornell campus and Ithaca community. Performers often include acts which many students would not otherwise have the opportunity to see, both due to limited performances and ticket prices. CCC also makes an effort to host one free show per year, and supports student organizations by co-sponsoring events. Additionally, graduate and professional students need attend only one show every 1-2 years to recoup their fee in ticket price savings. It is the opinion of the Committee that graduate and professional students receive excellent value for their investment in the CCC.

Cornell University Programming Board (CUPB)

Primary Reviewer – Mariko Alexander

Secondary Reviewer – Cassandra Stambuk

Group Profile

The Cornell University Programming Board sponsors and organizes approximately six major shows per year, highlighting famous comedians, lecturers, and other non-musical acts. Past shows have included Humans of New York, Nick Offerman, and John Mulaney. Graduate and professional students have the opportunity to purchase tickets at least one day prior to the general public, and pay reduced ticket prices. Additionally, CUPB aims to dedicate approximately 5% of its budget toward co-sponsored events with other student organizations.

Request and Recommendation

Current Funding	Request	Recommendation
\$3.56	\$4.05	\$2.46

Committee Analysis

The CUPB offers graduate and professional students the ability to see high caliber talent that they may never have had the opportunity to see otherwise. CUPB has a strong history of quality programming and solid ticket sales. However, events are not well-advertised to the graduate and professional student community, resulting in low attendance. CUPB has also fallen short of its co-sponsorship goals recently. The data received by the Committee indicates that graduate and professional students have been sponsoring the CUPB at a rate significantly greater than our utilization of their programming. The funding recommendation reflects a closer alignment of graduate and professional student attendance with our subsidy.

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Programming Board (GPSPB)

Primary Reviewer – Matt Battaglia

Secondary Reviewer – Elena Michel

Group Profile

The mission of the GPSPB is to improve the quality of social and wellness-oriented programming for graduate and professional students at Cornell University. Their events have included the annual Grad Ball, Grads' Nights Out, mixers, speakers, and wellness-related.

Request and Recommendation

Current Funding	Request	Recommendation
\$2.22	\$3.00	\$2.22

Committee Analysis

The GPSPB is the only programming board on campus that directly targets the graduate and professional students for their events. It hosts both large well-attended events such as Grad Ball, but has also experimented with new kinds of events to draw in more students. Their internal programming is complemented by co-sponsorships with other groups on campus, such as "From Cell to Cell", a conference about Prison, Performance, and Television, Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Renaissance Ball, and several social functions throughout the year.

The committee was informed by the President of this group of their persistent issues with communication with advisors and lacking permission to access financial data for previous years. This issue did not limit the committee's ability to review general finances and other application materials, however the committee plans to follow-up in the coming semesters to ensure the problem of accessing financial data is resolved.

The members of the committee view the tentative plans for this group in the coming year positively, specifically plans to branch out to the professional schools. During the group's public hearing the need for contacts with Law and Business school students was shared and addressed by one of our own members. According to the President, several groups have already approached GPSPB for co-sponsorship.

While the committee feels that the group has a clear direction, and foundation to build on, our members were not convinced of the need for increased funding. The one major use of a funding increase would be to spend more on Grad Ball while remaining under the 50% total budget obligation set by the GPSA, which could allow more attendees to participate. It is the opinion of the committee to support the direction of the group, ensure they have access to financial information, and consider funding increases for the following cycle.

Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)

Primary Reviewer – Tyler McCann

Secondary Reviewer – Elena Michel

Group Profile

The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly represents all graduate and professional students on Cornell University's Ithaca, New York and Geneva campuses through the shared governance system. This body aims to advocate for the graduate and professional student community, by offering policy recommendations to and requesting audiences with Cornell University administration. The GPSA also maintains the power to set and collect a Student Activity Fee to be distributed among organizations that enrich the graduate and professional student community at Cornell University.

Request and Recommendation

Current Funding	Request	Recommendation
\$4.50	\$4.90	\$4.90

Committee Analysis

Beginning in spring 2017 the GPSA transferred its first year of support (\$20,000) to Anabel's Grocery, the student-run grocery store on Ithaca's campus. This relationship was determined by a previous GPSA membership to entail up to \$80,000 in funds over four years, distributed evenly between the organization's subsidy fund and capital depreciation, and subject to reevaluation every fall semester. In the current funding cycle, \$2.50 / student was collected through the GPSA, and any remainder would be pulled from rollover funds. Due to depletion of the rollover funds in the past academic year, the GPSA will need to increase the amount (\$2.71 / student) it collects to fulfill the remaining years' contributions to Anabel's Grocery.

Internally the GPSA is seeking to increase its funding to various committees to allow greater capacity to fulfill its mission. Particular among these capacities include Diversity and International Student Committee, and Communications. To continue the current level of funding to each of the GPSA's committees into the future, the GPSA portion of its SAF will need to increase by \$0.19.

International Student Union (ISU)

Primary Reviewer – Jack Satterlee

Secondary Reviewer – Elena Michel

Group Profile

The International Students Union (ISU) promotes cultural exchange and dialogue by hosting and funding international events. This is done through co-sponsorship of events and activities organized by student organizations within the Cornell community as well as ISU hosted and organized events. Recently, ISU has also taken on the role of advocate for Cornell international students in matters pertaining to the Cornell administration and student life. This includes peer mentorship programs for international students and the peer-to-peer storage service Ezra's Box.

Request and Recommendation

Current Funding	Request	Recommendation
\$1.62	\$1.98	\$1.46

Committee Analysis

The committee believes that ISU plays an important role in facilitating international exchange and awareness at Cornell, particularly for undergraduate students. Several members of the executive team participated and answered questions at the public hearing, and the group voiced interest in expanding graduate and professional student input, including the goal for future membership to be made up of 50% undergraduates and 50% graduate and professional students (GPS).

The committee's concerns lie with the belief that ISU has not adequately targeted its funding or membership towards GPS:

- In our conversations with ISU it came to our attention that there is currently only one GPS member of ISU and there are no GPS serving on the ISU executive or planning boards.
- The contributions of the GPSAF are being used to subsidize primarily undergraduate student events. This is especially the case for events co-sponsored by ISU. In several conversations it became apparent that many GPS organizations were unaware that they could seek co-sponsorship and funding from ISU.
- The funding role of ISU far outweighs its role as an advocate for GPS in spite of past requests by previous appropriations committees to limit the funding function.
- The group had no attendance or feedback data to illustrate the events hosted and actions taken on by the group were valued by GPS.

From this position, the committee recommends a 10% reduction in the ISU allocation for the 2018-2020 funding cycle. The committee believes this amount will support the work ISU does

while also addressing our concerns about the use of GPSA funds allocated to ISU as they contribute specifically to the enrichment of the GPS community.

The committee acknowledges the challenge of developing GPS connections that can increase their participation in student groups, and hope to provide a conduit to achieve this. In the future we aim to encourage ISU to more strongly target their international student advocacy, event sponsorship, and membership towards the GPS community.

Orientation - Graduate School

Primary Reviewer – Tyler McCann

Secondary Reviewer – Kriszta Pozsonyi

Group Profile

The Graduate School holds an orientation for all incoming graduate students during the fall and spring semesters. These events are developed, augmented, and shaped by graduate student feedback and input to the Steering Committee in the form of a survey and small group discussions with incoming students. Historically the GPSA has played some role in the program's events.

Request and Recommendation

Current Funding	Request	Recommendation
\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00

Committee Analysis

The committee applauds the quality of orientation events, and emphasis on orientation as a continuous process rather than a single event to build an inclusive campus.

To the best of its knowledge the Steering Committee for orientation, the GPSA began funding Orientation as a by-line organization at least as early as 2007. From 2013-2015 breakfast was provided to students to meet with current members of the GPSA. In 2016 the venue was changed and breakfast was replaced with the GPSA being incorporated as part of the formal program.

The committee decided to recommend no funding for the following by-line cycle for the following reasons:

- Orientation events are mandatory, in practice, for all educational institutions. It is unheard of by the Steering Committee or Appropriations Committee members for graduate and professional students to subsidize their own orientation events at our sister institutions. The committee believes this is the institution's responsibility.
- In 2016 the Graduate School delegated responsibilities for professional student orientation events to the professional schools. As a result the professional students were subsidizing an event intended exclusively for graduate students.
- It was suggested by the group that it was not financially stressed, and any decrease in funding could be made up from within the Graduate School.
- The committee was told that a reduction in funding would not harm the relationship between GPSA and the Graduate School.
- The organization explicitly asked for more feedback from students, and indicated this was highly valued by the Steering Committee.

Summary

Group	2016-2018 Funding	2018-2020 Request	2018-2020 Recommendation	Change from 2016-2018**
Athletics & Physical Education	7.82	8.03	7.64	-2.3%
Big Red Barn	10.42	15.00	11.44	9.8%
Cornell Cinema	10.54	11.00	11.00	4.4%
Cornell Concert Commission	5.76	5.76	5.76	0%
CU Emergency Medical Service	1.80	1.80	1.80	0%
CU Programming Board	3.56	4.05	2.46	-31.0%
GPSA	4.50*	4.50*	4.90*	8.9%
GPSA Programming Board	2.22	3.00	2.22	0%
International Students Union	1.62	1.98	1.46	-9.9%
Orientation – Graduate School	1.00	1.00	0.00	-100%
Risk Management: Club Insurance	5.50	5.50	5.50	0%
Byline Funding Total	54.74	61.62	54.18	-1.0%
GPSAFC (>35%)	30.26	33.38	29.82	-1.5%
Total	85.00**	95.00**	84.00**	-1.2%

* Includes funding to the grocery store in Anabel Taylor Hall

**Amounts reported are per student per year

Past GPSAF data

Byline Funded Group	2008	2010	2012	2014
Athletics	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Big Red Barn	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$11.75
Cornell Cinema	\$11.00	\$11.05	\$11.05	\$10.05
Cornell Concert Commission	\$5.75	\$5.75	\$5.75	\$5.75
Cornell University EMS	\$1.30	\$1.77	\$1.80	\$1.80
Cornell University Programming Board	\$3.55	\$3.55	\$3.55	\$3.55
GPSA	\$2.76	\$2.95	\$1.84	\$1.95
GPSA Programming Board	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$3.00
International Student Board*	\$1.51	\$1.46	\$1.55	\$1.35
Orientation- Graduate School	\$0.68	\$0.70	\$1.00	\$1.00
Risk Management: Club Insurance	\$4.70	\$5.10	\$5.50	\$5.50
Slope Day	\$1.50	\$3.07	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Non GPSAFC	\$45.75	\$49.40	\$49.04	\$52.65
GPSA Finance Commission	\$24.25	\$26.60	\$31.96	\$28.35
Total	\$70.00	\$76.00	\$81.00	\$81.00

The GPSA Appropriations Committee (GPSA AC), the Undergraduate Student Assembly AC (SA AC), and Cornell Cinema (CC) are all in agreement that the Cinema's funding should be less dependent upon student activity fees and instead be financially supported by the administration of Cornell University. The GPSA AC, however, came to a very different conclusion as to the best approach regarding the Cinema's current and future funding, which included a long- and short-term strategy to wean the Cinema financially from the graduate and professional student activity fee. We feel, given the stark implications of the SA AC's decision, that we should speak to those differences.

By issuing this statement, we in no way intend to instruct Undergraduate Assembly or SA AC members how to make decisions toward funding individual by-line organizations. We recognize the autonomy of individual assembly decisions should be respected. However, due to the similar structure of the two assemblies and the shared nature of the SAF for the graduate/professional and undergraduate communities, we believe it equally important to make public the decision of the GPSA Appropriations Committee, as well as our thinking in arriving at our decision.

The GPSA Appropriations Committee has recommended a three-step approach towards addressing CC's financial needs. First, our recommendation ensures support to Cornell Cinema in securing funding outside of the SAF. This will take the form of dialogue with CC, and within the assembly, to determine the best set of actions to amplify the efforts of CC to garner financial support by Cornell University. We are in agreement with the Undergraduate Student Assembly's members who emphatically communicated interest in pursuing this step at the recent SA meeting.

Second, we have planned to develop a system with agreement from the GPSA AC and CC to ensure a sustainable reduction in SAF funding in acknowledgment of the interest by both the Cinema and the GPSA in a decreased SAF allocation to CC. This reduction would begin in the next funding cycle (2020-2022). We recognize that the application process is not only laborious and burdensome for the involved committees' members but also for the Cinema staff and that the time and labor involved in the application process itself may hinder the Cinema from seeking out and securing alternative funding sources. Therefore, we conveyed that the Cinema's application process would be eased if their future requests keep to the agreed upon decrease. We believe that Cornell Cinema will benefit from the decreased workload in conjunction with agreeing to a schedule of funding decreases over time, and this will promote the continued agreement of defunding. Ultimately, we feel this acknowledges the Cinema's difficulties and renews our commitment to working together to identify the best way to reach that goal. Additionally, this creates a roadmap, to be written into the spring semester's GPSA Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations document, for future committee and assembly members for the funding arrangements. We see in this strategy a way to address the anxieties that the SA has also voiced regarding institutional memory and continuity (or the lack thereof) within the assemblies and committees.

Third, we believe that Cornell Cinema's efforts to cultivate significant additional funds will not be completed in less than a year, especially given that the Cinema's original request of the undergraduate SAF already included a voluntary, self-imposed cut. In response, the GPSA AC decided to recommend the full amount requested (\$11) to CC.

An immediate defunding of Cornell Cinema on the part of the Undergraduate Student Assembly would result in a loss of ~30% of the Cinema's operating budget, beginning with the next academic year. Given the short and immediate notice of the defunding, we believe that the Cinema's programming and operations—student workers included—would suffer immeasurably and that this decision could very possibly lead to the Cinema's indefinite closure. Any closure would affect undergraduates, graduate/professional students, and members of the public who plan to attend events at the Cinema. We feel strongly that Cornell Cinema deserves to remain open while they restructure their finances and programming. Furthermore, to our knowledge, the administration of Cornell University has made no plans known in either public or private meetings to step up and provide the needed \$150,000, particularly within the short timespan before the next budget cycle begins. We therefore cannot operate in good faith under the assumption that the University will step in if an assembly defunds the Cinema. The committee believes that a gradual decrease in funding from the SAF, and a gradual, increased reliance on Cornell University, places less risk on the collapse of CC.

The decision we have made in constructing the outlined strategy has been built on a collaboration with Cornell Cinema to foster a mutually beneficial relationship. We feel that punitive, immediate measures ultimately hurt all parties involved, but in particular the student body whom we have been called to represent. We believe the GPSA AC's decision reflects the value in this celebrated institution and provides a path forward for financial stability and decreased reliance on student activity fees.

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