



Cornell University
Graduate and Professional
Student Assembly

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Meeting Agenda
January 22nd, 2024
5:00-6:30pm
701 Clark Hall | [Zoom](#)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Late Additions to the Agenda
4. Introduce the Business of the Day
5. Breakout Session by Field
6. Business of the Day
 - [Resolution 5: GPSAFC Guidelines Amendment](#)
 - Discussion- Funding of Cornell Cinema
7. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
 - Executive Committee
 - Operations
 - Appropriations
 - Communications
 - Finance
 - Student Advocacy
 - Diversity and International Students
 - Programming
 - Graduate School
8. Open Forum
9. Adjournment

The GPSA invites all members to gather at the Big Red Barn for drinks and conversation immediately following the meeting. First round on us!

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Minutes of the January 22nd, 2024 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

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- 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

1 Resolution 5: GPSAFC Guidelines Amendment

2 ***Abstract:*** This resolution is a minor amendment to the GPSAFC Guidelines, which were passed in
3 Fall 2023. The GPSA Appropriation Committee will exempt any graduate student groups that are a
4 part of the Appropriations Committee Initiative Fund (AIF) from the membership requirements for
5 tier funding.

6 ***Sponsored by:*** David Axel Browne, Melia Matthews

7 ***Reviewed by:*** Executive Committee 02/19/2024

8 **Whereas,** the Appropriations Committee Initiative Fund’s (AIF) core objective is to promote
9 diversity and establish an inclusive campus atmosphere for all students.

10 **Whereas,** the GPSA Finance Commission Funding Guidelines currently require organizations to
11 have a minimum CampusGroup membership for increasing tier funding.

12 **Whereas,** groups funded by the AIF organize and host events intended for students beyond the
13 scope of their membership.

14 **Be it therefore resolved,** groups with AIF designation will be exempt from the membership
15 requirements for GPSA Funding Tiers.

16 Respectfully Submitted,

17 David Axel Browne

18 VP of Finance and Appropriations



1 **Resolution 5: GPSAFC Guidelines Amendment**

2 **Abstract:** This resolution approves the Internal GPSA Budget

3 **Sponsored by:** David Axel Browne, VP of Finance and Appropriations

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5 *Abstract: Minor Amendment to the GPSAFC guidelines*

6 **Whereas** the GPSA Finance Commission Funding Guideline amendment to add a default tier and
7 codify the Affinity group exemption to minimum CampusGroups number of members

8 Respectfully Submitted,

9 David Axel Browne – VP of Finance and Appropriations