



# Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

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Agenda of the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call (5 Minutes)
- III. Approval of the Minutes (5 Minutes)
  - a. Minutes from January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- IV. Presentations
  - a. Kasey Schalich, PhD Candidate in Animal Science and Maddy Keefe, PhD Student in Animal Science, CALS Compost Petition (10 Minutes)
  - b. Janna Lamey, Assistant Dean of Graduate Student Life and Catherine Thrasher-Carroll, Director of the Mental Health Promotion Program, Mental Health Framework (20 Minutes)
  - c. Breanne Kisselstein, Chair of the Student Advocacy Committee and Mental Health Section of the GPCI, Mental Health Initiatives (10 Minutes)
- V. Division Breakout (20 Minutes)
- VI. Committee Q&A (10 Minutes)
- VII. Open Forum (5 Minutes)
- VIII. Adjournment (5 Minutes)



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Minutes of the January 28, 2019 Meeting

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

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**I. Call to Order**

- a. E. Winarto called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
- b. Members Present: K. Angierski, A. Barrientos-Gomez, A. Cohn, K. Krishnan, C. Mittan, D. Arora, D. Geisler, J. Kent-Dobias, A. Viaruel (Replaced by W. Anderson), A. Belen Ruival, J. Bogdanowicz, M. Jodlowski, M. Kalaji, V. Kasonde, W. Zhang, D. Parker, K. Palumbo, N. London, E. Winarto, E. Lavin
- c. Members Absent: B. Harrison, S. Theobald, N. Carre
- d. A representative motions to add Davis to members' present
  - i. A representative seconds the motion
  - ii. The motion **Passes**

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. Motioned to approve the Minutes from November 26h, 2018. There was no dissent. The minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

**III. New Business**

- a. Resolution #3: In Appreciation of Kris Corda's Leadership and Dedication to the Graduate and Professional Student Community at Cornell University and in Celebration of Her Retirement as Manager of the Big Red Barn
- b. A. Barrientos-Gomez presents resolution 3 to the assembly
  - i. A. Barrientos-Domez explains that the resolution is to honor of Kris Corda's dedication while working at the big red barn
  - ii. Kris Corda was present and gave a thank you speech acknowledging her successor with support
- c. A representative motioned to vote on full resolution
  - i. **passes** 17-0-7
- d. A representative motioned to vote resolution as presented
  - i. Another representative seconded the motion
  - ii. The resolution **passes** 8-0-6

**IV. Committee Q&A**

- a. Executive: Asks people who are new or not receiving emails to come talk them
- b. Operations: Announces upcoming meeting regarding Cornell's accreditation
- c. Communication: No updates
- d. Appropriation: Asks if anyone wants to get involved to contact them
- e. Finance: **[Audio cuts out]**
- f. Student Advocacy: **[Audio cuts out]**
- g. Diversity: Reminder that they have bi-weekly meetings on Fridays
- h. Grad school: TGIF Friday at 4:30
- i. GPCI: Asks area chairs to send blurbs for websites

**V. Voting on a New Meeting Date**

- a. Possible Dates for Third Meeting
    - i. February 18, 2019
    - ii. February 25, 2019
    - iii. March 4, 2019
  - b. Motion for informal Vote has March 4, 2019 as most popular vote
  - c. Motion to move meeting to March 4, 2019 **Passes** without dissent
- VI. Open Forum
  - a. E. Winarto: states that Martha Pollack is coming on 4/8/19 and asked for suggestion of topics
  - b. Advisory Board announcement
  - c. J. Kent- Dobias: Discusses 1098-T taxes and how it affects graduate students
- VII. Division Breakout
  - a. A. Barrientos-Gomez and E. Winarto circulated between divisions during Division Breakouts to answer questions and hear concerns over next speaker.
- VIII. Presentations
  - a. Mary G. Opperman, Vice President and Chief Human Resource Manager and Dr. Vijay Pendakur, Dean of Students, Core Values Statement
  - b. M. Opperman: Core values do not change, and involve how we interact with each other. They guide all aspects of life personal and work, and need no external justification. They are not business strategies. University Texas at Austin, Southwest Airlines, Starbucks are all examples. Our next steps are to have a discussion with all assemblies, create draft, draft on website for campus and community consent.
  - c. Dr. V Pendakur: Opens the discussion to the assembly to hear proposed core value statements, with M. Opperman taking notes. **[Audio cuts in and out]**
    - i. A. Loiben: to me any person, any study I think of equal opportunity and that anyone who wants to be here is able to come and study
    - ii. A. Barrientos-Gomez: Is there a currently system of feedback currently.
    - iii. M. Opperman: The university does not currently have a core value statements.
    - iv. J. Bogdanowicz: In our breakout group we talked about the idea of cultivating a whole person
    - v. A Representative: Is Cornell specifically looking for something?
    - vi. M. Opperman: This came as a recommendation from the presidential task force, and they core values will be used for guiding decisions and actions. They have many uses.
    - vii. Dr. V Pendakur: From other institutions they are usually multiple statements
    - viii. Nate: Our status as a land grant institution fill in some values for us such as ROTC
    - ix. Dr. V Pendakur: Our land grant status is framed more of a legal status than as a value.
- IX. Adjournment
  - a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Ashlynn Lee  
 Clerk of the Assembly



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## **Schedule of the GPSA General Assembly Meetings Spring 2019**

<b>January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>	<b>Malott Hall, Bache Auditorium</b>	<b>5:30 – 7:00 PM</b>
<b>February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>	<b>Malott Hall, Bache Auditorium</b>	<b>5:30 – 7:00 PM</b>
<b>March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>	<b>Malott Hall, Bache Auditorium</b>	<b>5:30 – 7:00 PM</b>
<b>March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>	<b>Malott Hall, Bache Auditorium</b>	<b>5:30 – 7:00 PM</b>
<b>April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>	<b>Malott Hall, Bache Auditorium</b>	<b>5:30 – 7:00 PM</b>
<b>April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019</b>	<b>Malott Hall, Bache Auditorium</b>	<b>5:30 – 7:00 PM</b>
<b>May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>	<b>Malott Hall, Bache Auditorium</b>	<b>5:30 – 7:00 PM</b>



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## **Committee Updates**

### **Executive**

- We have our next meeting March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- If you would like to add an item to the agenda, please contact me by February 23<sup>rd</sup>!
- If the information on your name tent is not accurate or if you still do not have a name tent, please see me after the meeting or email me, Andy, at [alb445@cornell.edu](mailto:alb445@cornell.edu).

### **Operations**

- There are still plenty of ways to get involved! If you want to learn more, contact me (Alex Loiben, aml372) and I can work with you to find a good spot for you.

### **Communications**

- If any of the committees have any relevant dates that they would like to include in the summary of the meeting, please contact Alexa at [arc326@cornell.edu](mailto:arc326@cornell.edu)
- Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Slack!

### **GPCI ad-hoc Committee**

- There will be an area chairs meeting on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 12:00 PM.  
Room TBD

**No Updates:** Student Advocacy Committee, Programming Board, Finance, Diversity and International Students, General Committee, Graduate School, Appropriations, Faculty Awards