



Cornell University
Graduate and Professional
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Agenda of the May 6, 2019 Meeting 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present: W. Anderson, K. Angierski, D. Arora, A. Barrientos-Gomez, A. Cohn, K. Esannason, D. Geisler, R. Harrison, J. Boganowicz, M. Jodlowski, M. Kalaji, V. Kasonde, J. Kent-Dobias, K. Krishnan, N. London, K. Palumbo, D. Parker, E. Winarto, A. Woods, W. Zhang
 - b. Absent: A. Belen Ruival, S. Bellizi, N. Carre, S. Chin, H. Kim, C. Mittan,
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Minutes from April 22
 - b. Motion to approve
 - c. No dissent
 - d. **Approved**
- IV. 2019 Elections
 - a. A GPSA member asked for clarification about who may vote.
 - b. E. Winarto responded.
 - c. President
 - i. E. Winarto described the role of president to the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (henceforth GPSA).
 - ii. K. Angierski or K. Esannason nominated A. Barrientos-Gomez.
 - iii. A. Barrientos-Gomez accepted the nomination and introduced himself.
 - iv. E. Winarto said that, seeing no objections, A. Barrientos-Gomez could answer questions from the GPSA.
 - v. M. Munasinghe asked A. Barrientos-Gomez what he believed were the two biggest issues for grad students.
 - vi. A. Barrientos-Gomez said he thought the first issue was mental health. The second biggest issue was teaching assistantships and fellowships and having access to those and what that entailed as student workers of the university.
 - vii. E. Winarto announced that there were no other questions and that members may vote.

- d. Executive Vice President
 - i. A. Barrientos-Gomez described some of the duties of the Executive Vice President.
 - ii. V. Kasonde nominated Alexa Cohn.
 - iii. A. Cohn accepted the nomination.
 - iv. E. Winarto asked A. Cohn to introduce herself to the GPSA.
 - 1. A. Cohn did so.
 - v. M. Battaglia moved to vote on the position.
 - vi. The motion was **approved**.
- e. Vice President of Operations
 - i. A. Loiben introduced himself as the current Vice President of Operations. He said that part of the role involves staffing internal and external committees and that a bulk of the work occurs over the summer.
 - ii. E. Winarto asked if there were any questions.
 - iii. A. Cohn nominated V. Kasonde
 - iv. V. Kasonde accepted the nomination and introduced herself to the GPSA.
 - v. K. Krishnan asked how V. Kasonde would increase diversity and representation within GPSA.
 - vi. V. Kasonde responded by saying that those issues was important to her. She suggested working on outreach, making sure people understand what the GPSA is and having people come and represent their community.
 - vii. There was a motion to vote.
 - viii. The motion was **approved**.
- f. Vice President of Communications
 - i. As the current Vice President of Communications, A. Cohn described the role.
 - ii. E. Winarto asked if there were any questions and asked for nominations.
 - iii. There was a motion to leave the position vacant until the Fall semester.
 - iv. The motion was **approved**.
- g. E. Winarto announced that A. Barrientos-Gomez is new president, A. Cohn is new Executive Vice President, and V. Kasonde is the new Vice President of Operations.
- h. M. Battaglia motioned to make a note in the record of the GPSA's appreciation of E. Winarto's service to the GPSA.
 - i. A. Loiben seconded the motion.
 - j. **Approved**
- k. Counsel to Assembly

- i. N. Rogers described the position of the Counsel to Assembly.
- ii. A. Cohn nominated Alex Loiben.
- iii. A. Loiben accepted the nomination and introduced himself to the GPSA.
- iv. M. Battaglia motioned to vote.
 1. Seconded
 2. Approved

l. Chair of Student Advocacy

- i. A. Loiben, the seated Vice President of Internal Operations described the position.
- ii. Barrietnos-Gomez announced that A. Loiben is the new counsel.
- iii. A. Barrientos-Gomez asked for nominations.
- iv. There was a motion to leave the position vacant until the Fall 2019 semester.
 1. Seconded
 2. Approved

m. Chair of GPSA Programming Board

- i. The seated chair of GPSA Programming Board, D. Arora described the position which included duties and time commitments.
- ii. K. Laurent accepted the nomination and introduced herself to the GPSA
- iii. There was as motion to vote.

n. Chair of Faculty Awards

- i. M. Battaglia described the Faculty Awards committee.
- ii. A. Barrientos-Gomez asked for nominations.
- iii. There was a motion to leave the position vacant until the Fall 2019 semester.
 1. Seconded
 2. Approved

o. Diversity &International Students Committee

- i. E. Law described the position.
- ii. E. Law made a motion for him and K. Krishnan to be nominated as co-chairs, with the understanding that K. Krishanan will talk over the position when she returns from a field-work exam.
- iii. N. Rogers said that he thought it was an appropriate action, but the voting member needed to vote to suspend the by-laws in order to allow that.
- iv. A. Barrientos-Gomez announced that there was a motion to suspend the bylaws and allow a co-chair.
 1. Vote: 18-0-8
 2. Approved

- p. University Assembly Delegate
 - i. M. Battaglia described the position and nominated L. Kenney and J. Bogdanowicz.
 - ii. J. Bogdanowicz accepted the nomination.
 - iii. L. Kenney accepted the nomination.
 - 1. L. Kenney introduced herself to the GPSA and described her previous involvement with shared governance at Cornell University.
 - iv. J. Bogdanowicz introduced himself to the GPSA.
 - v. J. Pea self-nominated for the University Assembly Delegate position and introduced himself to the GPSA.
 - vi. A. Barrientos-Gomez announced that K. Krishnan and E. Law are the co-chairs of DISC.
 - vii. There was a motion to vote.
 - viii. There was second
 - ix. Approved
 - x. M. Battaglia motioned to leave the last position open for the Fall 2019 semester.
 - 1. There was a second
 - 2. Approved
 - xi. Motion to vote
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Approved
 - xii. A. Barrientos-Gomez announced that J. Pea, J. Bogdanowicz and L. Kenney are the University Assembly delegates.
 - q. General Committee of Graduate School
 - i. A GPSA member said they nominated R. Harrison.
 - ii. R. Harrison accepted the nomination and introduced herself to the GPSA.
 - iii. There was a motion to vote
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Approved
- V. Division Breakout (10 Minutes)
- a. A discussion of elections occurred.
- VI. Old Business (15 Minutes)
- a. Discussion on Resolution 4: *Revising the GPSA Finance Commission Guidelines*
 - b. E. Otott-Kovacs reported that minor revisions were done based on public feedback. She said that bigger changes were the editing of the important dates and deadlines,

and adding a section about the alcohol funding cap.

- c. A discussion of the alcohol funding cap in the resolution followed.
- d. E. Otott-Kovacs explained the deadlines in more detail.
- e. Motion to extend meeting by 20 minutes
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Approved
- f. There was a motion to table the vote and return to it at a later point in the meeting
 - i. Tabled
- g. Discussion on Resolution 6: *Approval of Rules for the Ivy+ Student Government Group*
 - i. A. Barrientos Gomez said that he is the sponsor so he would let A. Loiben chair the discussion.
 - ii. A. Loiben gave a brief recap of Resolution 6.
 - iii. There was a motion to end discussion and vote on the resolution.
 - iv. There was a second.
 - v. There was no dissent
 - vi. Approved 17 – 0 – 9
- h. Discussion returned to GPSA Resolution 4
 - i. A. Barrientos- Gomez asked for any amendments to the GPSAFC Guidelines.
 - ii. M. Battaglia replied in the affirmative and motioned to amend lines 169. He said bullets twelve and thirteen (12 and 13) will be added to the guidelines.
 - iii. M. Battaglia reported that 12 will say: ‘Organizations must allow the GPSA to send emails to their members via their membership list-serv.’
 - iv. M. Battaglia said 13 will say: “Should a school or a university unit prevent the GPSA from sending or their students from receiving email communications from the Assembly or GPSAFC may, in their discretion, withhold funding from that school or unit’s affiliated organizations.”
 - 1. Second to amend the guidelines
 - 2. A discussion of the bullets followed.
 - 3. Motion to vote on the amendments
 - 4. There was a second
 - 5. Approved
 - 6. Motion to vote on the resolution
 - 7. Seconded
 - 8. Approved
 - 9. 17 – 0 – 9

VII. New Business (15 Minutes)

- a. Introduction to Resolution 7: *Improving Outdoor Space at the Big Red Barn*

- i. M. Kalaji introduced the resolution.
 - ii. Discussion of Resolution 7 followed.
 - iii. There was a motion to vote
 - iv. Seconded
 - v. Vote **Approved** 16 – 0 – 10
 - b. A GPSA member reminded the GPSA members about the graduate student mixer.
 - c. A GPSA member thanked the executive committee for their work
 - d. A. Loiben reminded GPSA members about the Faculty Awards on Wednesday.
- VIII. Committee Q&A (5 Minutes)
 - a. There was no Committee Q & A.
- IX. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ashlynn Lee
Clerk of the Assembly

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Assemblies Coordinator