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Agenda of the October 21st, 2019 Meeting 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 5:30pm A. Barrientos-Gomez calls meeting to order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present: A. Cohn, C. Duell, K. Esannason, A. Johnson, M. Keefe, K. Laurent, N. London, L. Louis, P. Vinhage, D. Wang, A. Woods, D. Yucalan, J. Bogdanowicz, L. Kenney, A. Loiben, J. Pea, L. Smith, A. Barrientos-Gomez, M. Kalaji,
 - b. Absent: R. Harrison, A. Cirillo, A. Sontag, V. Kasonde
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Minutes from October 7th, 2019
 - i. Point of amendment: email change from kmo to kml
 - ii. Seconded
 - iii. Approved
 - iv. Motion to approve with amendment
 - v. Seconded
 - vi. Approved
- IV. Presentation
 - a. Charles van Loan, Dean of Faculty, and Manisha Munasinghe, Graduate and Professional Student-Elected Trustee
 - i. C. Van Loan: We are here to discuss the Ad-hoc budget. We want to enable to engage people who decide on the Ad-hoc budget with the community concerns and questions. We are here to discuss parts of the budget
 - ii. M. Munasinghe: Some key issues that come up for grad students with the budget include stipends, endowment, distribution of money between

colleges. We are here today answer some questions and listen to your concerns.

V. Division Breakout

- a. To discuss Ad Hoc Budget

VI. Elections (10 Minutes)

- a. Master of Engineering Voting Member
 - i. Results: Everette

VII. Committee Updates

- a. Executive Committee: No updates.
- b. Operations: Onboarding of Chairs started last week. After taking feedback, additional information will be sent out. We are currently working on staffing external committees as well
- a. Communications: No updates.
- b. Appropriations: No updates.
- c. Finance: We are working on getting monthly help sessions started. The first one will be Oct. 29 12-1 pm Day hall 115, for campus groups and budgeting.
- d. Student Advocacy: We will meet this week on Wednesday at 2pm in the Big Red Barn.
- e. Diversity and International Students: 105 students, faculty, and staff attended the October 11th Building Allyship Event with Luca Maurer. The next event in the series will be on November 12th from 11:30 to 1:00 in G10 Biotech, with the title "Talking About the Hidden Curriculum, Part I", and will focus on the hidden curriculum for international students transitioning into US graduate and professional programs. Event announcements will be coming out soon. We are planning a Community Conversation about free speech and Hong Kong, tentatively scheduled for October 22nd but that is likely to be postponed. We are co-sponsoring the Diversity & Inclusion Renaissance Ball, which will be held Saturday, November 9th from 7:00 to 11:00 pm in G10 Biotech. Tickets will be sold at the BRB during TGIFs over the next few weeks, or through the OISE webs
- a. Programming: We are working to plan the next grad night out.

- b. Faculty Awards: No updates, meetings will start in the spring.
- c. General: No updates.
- d. Grad: No updates.
- e. GPCI: I sent out a link for feedback on the first draft, please send it out to your field representatives.
- f. University Assembly: No updates.

VIII. Open Forum

- a. A. Barrientos-Gomez: The big red barn is setting up a system of bringing your cup to go green.
- b. D. Yucalan: If we have concerns about Cornell health, who do we talk to?
 - i. Andy: We could look for someone in the administration
 - ii. Jan: You could talk to someone in Ryan Lombardi's office
- c. A. Loiben: do people think this is a good room for meetings, reach to exec

Adjournment 6:37pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashlynn Lee

Clerk of the Assembly