



**Cornell University**  
**Graduate and Professional**  
**Student Assembly**

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**Agenda of the November 4, 2019 Meeting**

**5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall**

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 5:31pm A. Barrientos-Gomez calls meeting to order
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Present: A. Cohn, C. Duell, A. Johnson, M. Keefe, K. Laurent, N. London, L. Louis, P. Vinhage, , D. Yucalan, J. Bogdanowicz, L. Kenney, A. Loiben, J. Pea, L. Smith, A. Barrientos-Gomez, M. Kalaji, R. Harrison, A. Sontag, V. Kasonde, A. P. D. G. Everett, A. Cirillo,
  - b. Absent: P. Vinhage D. Wang, A. Woods, K. Esannason,
- III. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. Minutes from October 21, 2019
    - i. Motion to approve
    - ii. Seconded
    - iii. **Approved**
- IV. Presentations
  - a. Alexa Cohn, Executive Vice President: What is a Resolution?
    - i. A. Cohn: Steps in writing a resolution. First step is to identify the issue. Then, search for legislative history. History on resolutions are on the

assembly's website. Next you must engage stakeholders for information, context, and background. After you decide if there is enough backing to write a resolution. If you decide that the issue can be addressed using a resolution you may write a draft and introduce it to the assembly. Then after discussion and amendments, the resolution may be voted on. If the resolution passes in the assembly, it will be sent to President Pollack to sign.

- ii. A. Johnson: What do you do if you want to vote on a resolution during the week it is introduced?
- iii. A. Cohn: We would need to suspend out rules first, which would require a 2/3 vote.

V. Division Breakout

- a. To discuss resolutions

VI. Discussion on Division Breakout

VII. Committee Updates

- a. Executive Committee: We are having issues with the emails, if you are not receiving the agenda and meeting reminder let us know.
- b. Operations: All staffing vacancies are our responsibility, we are looking for suggestions, and if anyone has any questions please let us know.
- c. Communications: None
- d. Appropriations: None
- e. Finance: The next CampusGroups help session is going to be on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-1 in Day Hall room 115.

f. Student Advocacy: We have a townhall with GPCI on November 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6.

g. Diversity and International Students: We hosted a productive Community Conversation on Free Speech, Democracy, and Hong Kong on October 30th. We are working to select a topic for November's Community Conversation and suggestions are welcome. The Diversity and Inclusion Renaissance Ball, co-sponsored by DISC as part of the Graduate and Professional Diversity Council, will be held on Saturday, November 9th from 7:00 to 11:00 pm in G10 Biotech. The Ball will feature live music by the amazing Brownskin Band. More information and a link to the online ticket sales can be found here:

<https://gradschool.cornell.edu/diversity-inclusion/student-organizations/renaissance-ball/>

The next event in the Building Allyship Series, titled "Helping International Scholars Uncover the Hidden Curriculum" will be held on Tuesday, November 12th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in G10 Biotech. This session will provide us with an opportunity to understand the experiences of international scholars coming to U.S. institutions of higher learning and what it means to serve as an ally as they are confronted with new institutional landscapes and sociocultural environments.

Please RSVP using this link:

[bit.ly/IntlAllyship](https://bit.ly/IntlAllyship)

h. Programming: None

i. Faculty Awards: None

- j. General Committee: None
- k. Graduate School: None
- l. GPCI: Google form for feedback has been created and sent to all feed reps and voting members. If you haven't done so already, please send this out to your fields so we can solicit feedback on the first draft! The Google form can be found here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciv5C4gp1\\_bjfw\\_OoUqOqNs18jBtzBjCsUnf-YP7-EZAt2GA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciv5C4gp1_bjfw_OoUqOqNs18jBtzBjCsUnf-YP7-EZAt2GA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The GPCI committee will also be co-sponsoring a town hall with SAC on November 20th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in Goldwin-Smith Hall room G64. Please come by and voice concerns about the graduate and professional student experience!

- m. UA Delegates: We have a meeting tomorrow about resolutions and the campus code of conducts.

#### VIII. New Business

- a. Introduction to Resolution 2: Condemning the Dismissal of Julia Feliz from the Cornell Alliance for Science's Global Leadership Fellowship
  - i. Motion to extend meeting 5 minutes
    - 1. Seconded
    - 2. Approved
  - ii. Motion to extend meeting 10 minutes
    - 1. Seconded

2. Approved

IX. Motion to skip open forum and skip to adjournment

a. Seconded

b. Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashlynn Lee

Clerk of the Assembly