

# Cornell University

## Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

### **Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Meeting Agenda March 25th, 2024 5:00-6:30pm Physical Sciences Building Room 401 | [Zoom](#)**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Late Additions to the Agenda
4. Approval of the March 11th, Meeting minutes
5. Introduce the Business of the Day
6. Ombuds Office Presentation (Bruce Lewenstein)
7. Random Breakout Session (5-10 people groups)
8. Business of the Day
  - [Resolution 6: GPSAFC Guidelines Amendment \(Zander Lynch\)](#)
  - Discussion on University Assembly response to the Interim Expressive Activity Policy (Michelle Heeney)
9. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
  - Executive Committee
  - Operations
  - Appropriations
  - Communications
  - Finance
  - Student Advocacy
  - Diversity and International Students
  - Programming
  - Graduate School
10. Open Forum
11. 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 March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Room 401, Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
  - a. M. Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
    - i. *Members Present:* F. Aclan, N. Brennan, E. Forcier, A. Garcia-Ortiz, E. Gatz, D. Ghimire, B. Hayes, K. Jaffry, S. Karaikal, O. Karim, A. Koyyada, A. Lagressa, Z. Lynch, S. Matan, B. Sarmah, S. Sepp, G. Smits, R. Thakore, M. Matthews
    - ii. *Members Absent:* S. Bluhm, D. Browne, T. Dixon, K. Farrell, K. Glinski, M. Heeney, J. Lopez, A. McGraw, D. Parekh, B. Patel, V. Yeh
    - iii. *Also Present:* J. Withers
- II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. None.
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes unavailable. Approval tabled for next meeting.
- IV. Introduction of the Business of the Day
- V. Presentation by Elaine Westbrooks, Cornell Library
- VI. Presentation on Careers Beyond Academia by Susi Varvayanis and Colleen McLinn, Graduate School Office of Career and Professional Development
- VII. Breakout Session by Field
  - a. The GPSA divided into breakout sessions by field and discussed the business of the day
- VIII. Business of the Day
  - a. Discussion on Resolution 6: GPSAFC Guidelines Amendment
    - i. N. Brennan moved to amend the current bill, adding the clause “be it therefore resolved that designated field groups be defined as organizations eligible for field funding per GPSAFC funding guidelines, Section 4, Student Organization Funding Allocation, Subsection C1.”



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- ii. M. Matthews entertained discussion on “maintain and move between tiers” vs. removing the movement between tiers in the resolution.
- iii. M. Matthews tabled the motion. A newly-written resolution incorporating the new amendment will be discussed at the next GPSA meeting.
- b. Tabled Resolution 7: Joint Committee on Cornell University's Corporate Social Responsibility and ESG Policies.

**IX. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates**

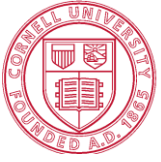
- a. Executive Committee
  - i. M. Matthews announced upcoming GPSA elections.
- b. Operations
  - i. None.
- c. Appropriations
  - i. None
- d. Communications
  - i. A. Garcia-Ortiz stated that anyone wishing to add announcements to GPSA communications should send them to her before Fridays
- e. Finance
  - i. None
- f. Student Advocacy
  - i. None
- g. Diversity and International Students
  - i. Representative announced a productive meeting on tax filings for international students and collaboration on graduate student onboarding and orientation. Also announced open call for feedback on tax preparation and food security initiatives. Upcoming Diversity and International event with Women in Public Policy on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- h. Programming
  - i. None.
- i. Graduate School
  - i. None

**X. Open Forum**

- a. O. Karim announced an upcoming Sex Ed Trivia Night at Willard Straight Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Anthony Wang  
Clerk of the Assembly