

# Cornell University

## Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

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#### Meeting Agenda

April 22nd, 2024

5:00-6:30pm

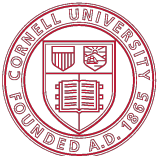
401 Physical Sciences Building | [Zoom](#)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Late Additions to the Agenda
4. Approval of the March 25th, 2024 Meeting minutes
5. [Approval of February 5th, 2024 Meeting minutes](#)
6. Approval of April 8th, 2024 Meeting minutes
7. Introduce the Business of the Day
8. Random Breakout Session (5-10 people groups)
9. Business of the Day
  1. [Resolution 7: Joint Committee on Cornell University's Corporate Social Responsibility and ESG Policies \(Owen 'Gus' Dunn-Hindle\)](#)
10. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
  - o Executive Committee
  - o Operations
  - o Appropriations
  - o Communications
  - o Finance
  - o Student Advocacy
  - o Diversity and International Students
  - o Programming
  - o Graduate School
11. Open Forum
12. 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 February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Room 401, Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
  - a. M. Heeney called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
    - i. *Members Present:* F. Aclan, S. Bluhm, N. Brennan, T. Dixon, K. Farrell, E. Forcier, E. Gatz, D. Ghimire, K. Glinski, B. Hayes, M. Heeney, K. Jaffry, S. Karaikal, O. Karim, A. Lagressa, J. Lopez, Z. Lynch, S. Matan, A. McGraw, O. Perkins, S. Sepp, G. Smits, R. Thakore, V. Yeh
    - ii. *Members Absent:* D. Browne, A. Garcia-Ortiz, A. Koyyada, D. Parekh, B. Patel, B. Sarmah, M. Matthews
    - iii. *Also Present:* K. Boor, J. Withers
- II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. None.
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Approved minutes from the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting by unanimous consent.
- IV. Introduction of the Business of the Day
  - a. Z. Lynch introduced his amendment to Resolution 5. Vote tabled because amendment to resolution introduced today.
  - b. M. Heeney updated the GPSA on updates on the Cornell Cinema's funding request.
- V. Breakout Session by Field
  - a. The GPSA divided into breakout sessions by field and discussed the business of the day.
- VI. Business of the Day
  - a. GPSAFC Exemption Guideline for Field Groups
    - i. The GPSA discussed current funding rules.
- VII. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
  - a. Executive Committee
    - i. M. Heeney reported on the transportation survey results.
  - b. Operations

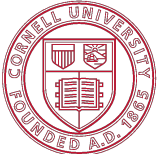


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- i. A. McGraw stated that they would continue to work on the Byline and Charter Revision Project.
    - ii. A. McGraw also announced an upcoming presentation on Robert's Rules.
  - c. Appropriations
    - i. None
  - d. Communications
    - i. A. 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. K. Ghodke reported that the DIS would meet soon and that DIS plans to reach out on funding questions.
  - h. Programming
    - i. M. Liqa announced that there will be a masquerade themed gala at Barton Hall. The Programming Committee is working on security for the event.
  - i. Graduate School
    - i. None

### VIII. Open Forum

- a. G. Dunn-Hindle asked the GPSA about sending GPSA representatives to the undergraduate Student Assembly's ESG Committee or forming a sister committee in the GPSA.
  - i. O. Karim volunteered to go to the meeting. G. Dunn-Hindle volunteered to reach out to the committee and learn more about potential GPSA involvement.
- b. A. McGraw asked the GPSA to weigh in on removing Zoom as an option for GPSA meeting attendance in the future, excepting those seeking accommodations.
  - i. McGraw proposed the removal to encourage more participation in meetings and more use of Open Forums.
  - ii. The GPSA discussed rules for field members, accommodations for members on different campuses.
  - iii. Attendees, both in-person and on Zoom, entered a lively debate on the merits and drawbacks of using Zoom.
  - iv. O. Karim moved to extend the meeting by 8 minutes, to end at 6:38 p.m.



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- v. Discussion continued. K. Callan brought up the idea of changing the Zoom breakout format to increase engagement among Zoom attendees
- vi. O. Karim moved to extend the meeting by 5 minutes, to end at 6:43 p.m.
- vii. J. Withers announced meetings by the University Assembly on interim policies on expressive activity and anti-doxxing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anthony Wang  
Clerk of the Assembly

1 Resolution 7: Joint Committee on Cornell University's  
2 Corporate Social Responsibility and ESG Policies

3 *Abstract:* This resolution opens the GPSA to officially appoint at least one permanent GPSA  
4 representative to the Ad Hoc Committee on Cornell University's Corporate Social Responsibility  
5 and ESG Policies created by the undergraduate Student Assembly.

6 *Sponsored by:* Owen Dunn-Hindle Chair of the Faculty Advising and Teaching Award Committee;  
7 Michelle Heeney Executive Vice President

8 *Reviewed by: Executive Committee*

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10 **Whereas,** the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) has a duty to engage in items of  
11 importance to the graduate and professional student body, and the University is of interest to the  
12 student body.

13 **Whereas,** the GPSA does not currently have direct input on investments, or active divestment,  
14 made by the University.

15 **Whereas,** the joint input of the GPSA and undergraduate Student Assembly (SA) carry more weight  
16 and a broader scope of student interest than either body acting independently.

17 **Be it therefore resolved,** the GPSA shall henceforth appoint a representative to the Ad Hoc  
18 Committee on Cornell University's Corporate Social Responsibility and ESG Policies as established  
19 by the SA.

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21 Respectfully Submitted,

22 Gus Dunn-Hindle

23 Chair of the Faculty Advising and Teaching Award Committee

24 Michelle Heeney

25 Executive Vice President