Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
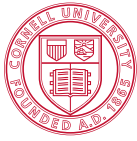Minutes of the February 21, 2022 Meeting
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
701 Clark Hall | Zoom

I. Call to Order
   a. P. Hanley called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
II. Roll Call
   a. *Present* [17]: S. Bright-Thonney, K. Cram, C. Duell, R. Epstein, K. Karnuta, A. Khlyustova, G. Li, M. Matthews, P. Mehta, M. Minelli, A. Murtha, C. O'Connor, A. Patel, D. Sharp, G. Smits, J. Washington, A. Wunsch
   b. *Absent* [16]: A. Alsamari, C. Anklin, C. Day, J. Dotzel, N. Gonzalez, S. Graham, B. Hayes, A. Inayatali, D. Kent, S. Lopez, N. Moore, C. Ohenewah, N. Perez, J. Timmons, W. Wang, S. Yang
   c. *Guests/Non-Voting Members* [3]: G. Giambattista, P. Hanley, W. Treat
III. Late Additions to the Agenda
   a. D. Sharp moved to add GPSA Resolution 13 to New Business.
IV. New Business
   a. GPSA Resolution 13: Resolution Commending the Service of Wendy Treat, Office of the Assemblies Senior Coordinator
      i. D. Sharp presented the resolution to the assembly.
      ii. C. Duell voiced his support for the resolution.
      iii. A member of the assembly moved to Call the Question; the motion was seconded.
      iv. The resolution was approved unanimously (17-0-0).
      v. W. Treat thanked the members for their kind words, the work they put into helping Graduate and Professional students, and expressed her appreciation for the resolution.
V. Division Breakouts
VI. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
   a. Executive Committee
      i. D. Sharp acknowledged the sound quality issues with the Zoom and stated that the Executive Committee would work to address the sound quality issues in the room or move to another meeting room.
   b. Operations
      i. K. Cram stated that the English Language Support Office (ELSO) was still in need of a GPSA representative. She encouraged members to email her if they were interested in joining.
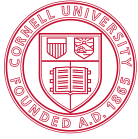
ii. A member of the assembly asked K. Cram to detail what the position would entail.

1. K. Cram stated that the ELSO had created an Advisory Council to aid in maintaining the support office for international students and English-Language learners. Representatives would work with ELSO and the Advisory Council and serve as a voice for international students and English-Language learners.

c. Appropriations
   i. No updates were reported.

d. Communications
   i. G. Li informed members of a GPSA announcement that would be emailed either later in the evening or the following day and it had several announcements on job opportunities across campus.

e. Finance
   i. No updates were reported.

f. Student Advocacy
   i. No updates were reported.

g. Diversity and International Students
   i. No updates were reported.

h. Programming
   i. K. Karnuta stated that the committee should have a date to report to the assembly for the Gala. K. Karnuta also noted that the committee was planning on surveying Graduate and Professional students who had attended the Gala in past years in order to get feedback on how to plan for the event.

i. Faculty Awards
   i. C. Duell noted that the committee would be putting out the announcement at some point in March. C. Duell also encouraged members to reach out to him if they were interested in joining the committee or serving as Chair.

j. External Committee
   i. No updates were reported.

k. Graduate School
   i. Dean Boor informed the assembly of the change in policy regarding routine testing for undergraduates with students who had not been vaccinated and boosted still being subject to twice-weekly testing.

VII. Open Forum
   a. K. Karnuta asked if there had been any follow-up from Liz regarding free period products at Cornell.

        i. D. Sharp and P. Hanley stated that they had not received any follow-up communications yet.

VIII. Adjournment

    a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Auriole C. R. Fassinou
Clerk of the Assembly