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Graduate and Professional  
Student Assembly

**Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Assembly**

Agenda of the January 30, 2023 Meeting

5 PM – 6:30 PM

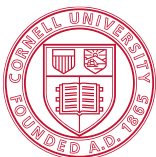
Physical Sciences Building room 401 or via [Zoom](#)

*Join us at the Big Red Barn after the meeting for drinks!*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Late Additions to the Agenda
- IV. Approval of the Meeting Minutes
- V. Presentations
  1. Molly Ryan (Cornell Cinema)
- VI. Introduction of the Business of the Day
- VII. Breakout Session by Division
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Business of the Day
  1. Electing Vice President of Operations
  2. Electing Vice President of Communications
  3. Attending University Assembly Meetings
  4. Soliciting President Pollack Questions
  5. Assisting Student Advocacy
- X. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
  - a. Executive Committee
  - b. Operations
  - c. Appropriations
  - d. Communications
  - e. Finance
  - f. Student Advocacy
  - g. Diversity and International Students
  - h. Programming
  - i. Faculty Awards
  - j. General Committee
  - k. Graduate School
    - o Dean Boor: Funding Policy Changes
- XI. Open Forum
- XII. Adjournment

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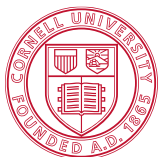
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Minutes of the November 14, 2022 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Chair P. Hanley called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
  - b. *Members Present:* K. Boardman, A. Bruce, S. Carrillo, Y. Cho, K. Cram, N. Dorvil, G. Ewing, M. Heeney, Y. Kang, A. Majumdar, A. Masand, M. Matthews, A. McGraw, A. Murtha, C. Ohenewah, A. Patel, G. Smits, D. Stanic, J. Washington, T. Wolford, A. Wunsch, S. Yang, P. Hanley
  - c. *Members Absent:* K. Chapman, M. Dew, S. Graham, B. Hayes, K. Karnuta, M. Minelli, N. Moore
  - d. *Also Present:* E. Kalweit, J. Withers, J. Zhang
- II. Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. There were no late additions to the agenda.
- III. Approval of the Meeting minutes
  - a. The October 31st minutes were **approved** unanimously.
- IV. President Pollack's State of the University (Fall 2022) Address + Q and A
  - a. Presentation
    - i. M. Pollack noted Cornell's high law placement, emphasizing that Cornell has the highest number of academic medicine placement compared to any other institution.
    - ii. M. Pollack discussed sustainability impact and noted that the campus has had a platinum rating for 3 years in a row.
    - iii. M. Pollack discussed finances, stating that the endowment last year lost 1.3%, while the previous year experienced was 41.9% gain so that this year ended with 9.8 billion in endowment. M. Pollack stated that Cornell has the smallest endowment per student in the Ivy League which has forced the need to raise fees and decrease costs. Most endowment donors give donations with specific use in mind. M. Pollack noted that for graduate students, hourly wages cannot provide for full cost of attendance.



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- iv. M. Pollack discussed public transportation, stating that TCAT is in sold financial footing, with disruptions in service not due to money but rather a labor shortage in drivers and mechanics.
- v. M. Pollack discussed mental wellness, noting the Student Well Being Council, a new CAPS director, as well as heavy investment in counselor staffing for a low ratio with wait times reduced to 1-3 days in nonpeak times. M. Pollack emphasized how essential it is that basic needs are met and the necessity to prioritize communication on resources and availability of such.
- vi. J. Washington questioned if there was consideration to pay full services for TCAT. M. Pollack stated that this could be considered but would be costly.
- vii. M. Matthews questioned if there would be an opt in for the bus pass, as not all 1<sup>st</sup> years use it, while some upper year students actively do look for this service.
- viii. R. Lombardi stated there is a position called International Student Liaison currently vacant to support foreign students.
- ix. K. Boardman questioned what the options to reserve rooms for telehealth appointments are. R. Lombardi stated a small pilot for privacy booths were in progress where meetings could be taken privately.
- x. K. Boardman noted that Sober House was shut down and questioned if there were any programs. R. Lombardi stated that there is currently a great counselor working to address A and D to hopefully adopt a collegiate recovery program.
- xi. M. Heeney questioned if there were plans to implement programs for loneliness. M. Pollack stated that in terms of preventative measures, the Graduate School has focused strongly on improving onboarding, publishing clear handbooks, creating a mechanism for graduate students to provide feedback on advisor performance to help improve communication. R. Lombardi noted group therapy options as well as.



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- xii. M. Matthews noted changes parking permits and questioned what the priorities were with making those changes. M. Pollack noted that an entire lot was lost, as well as the Daily Decision lot, and stated that she does not have a specific solution, but that long-term plans with TCAT would be a campus circulator that would ensure a 10-minute turnaround.
- V. Breakout session by division
  - VI. New Business
  - VII. Business of the Day
    - a. Resolution 3: Amendments to Appendix B of the GPSA Charter
      - i. P. Hanley re-introduced Resolution 3.
      - ii. M. Heeney called a motion to bring Resolution 3 to the floor. M. Matthews seconded the motion. Resolution 3 was not approved due to lack of members in attendance.
    - b. Election of a new Diversity and International Students chair
      - i. D. Stanic and S. Yang introduced themselves for nomination to the position. D. Stanic was elected.
    - c. Buddy Pilot Program with the Big Red Barn (Spring 2023)
      - i. The ITAP
        - 1. M. Matthews noted that should any events be possibly subsidized, attendance could be greatly encouraged.
        - 2. A. McGraw stated that this could increase socializing and noted that besides drinking other types of events not contingent on alcohol could be encouraging. D. Stanic noted the possibility of having multiple people gather rather than as just a 2-person duo to increase the rate of meeting up.
        - 3. P. Hanley questioned if there would be anyone interested in working with Big Red Barn on this pilot project.
          - a. J. Washington noted their interest and willingness.
    - d. Committee Appointments
      - i. Privacy Pod Working Group committee (1 Representative)
        - 1. A. McGraw noted their interest.



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ii. ITAP Committee (1 Representative)

VIII. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates

a. Executive Committee

i. K. Cram stated that elections for President and Vice President of Finance are being worked on for publishing. K. Cram noted work on preparation for a Spring transition and onboarding new members.

b. Operations

i. J. Washington noted that any newly elected members should reach out through email to prepare. J. Washington noted that all committee chairs should place their prior committee meeting minutes inside the appropriate Box folder.

c. Appropriations

i. No new updates.

d. Communications

i. K. Boardman stated that the newsletter would be published earlier to be inclusive of finals. K. Boardman noted the survey in the newsletter which has yielded lots of community engagement.

e. Finance

i. No new updates.

f. Student Advocacy

i. A. McGraw stated that minutes from the most recent meeting were put in Box. A. McGraw noted new ideas the Committee had discussed such as a Campus Climate Survey, physical comments box in the Big Red Barn, etc. A. McGraw noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Student Health Plan Advisory Committee meeting occurred.

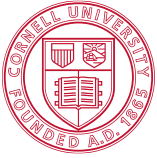
g. Diversity and International Students

i. No new updates.

h. Programming

i. M. Matthews stated that the final cross-campus networking event of the semester will occur at the Big Red Barn.

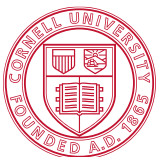
i. Faculty Awards



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- i. A. Patel stated that the ceremony would be foregone due to a lack of funds.
  - j. General Committee
    - i. G. Smits stated no new updates.
  - k. Graduate School
    - i. D. Boor stated that many ideas mentioned by A. McGraw could be implemented. D. Boor stated that, in the goal of achieving diversity in graduate students, there was a past event with around 100 students with the potential of pursuing a graduate degree at Cornell.
- IX. Open Forum
  - a. There were no new statements.
- X. Adjournment
  - a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jennifer J. Zhang*  
Clerk of the Assembly



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Minutes of the November 28, 2022 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Chair P. Hanley called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
  - b. *Members Present:* K. Boardman, A. Bruce, S. Carrillo, Y. Cho, K. Carter Cram, M. Dew, B. Hayes, M. Heeney, Y. Joo Kang, K. Karnuta, A. Majumdar, A. Masand, M. Matthews, A. McGraw, M. Minelli, N. Moore, A. Murtha, C. Ohenewah, A. Patel, G. Smits, J. Washington, T. Wolford, S. yang, P. Hanley
  - c. *Members Absent:* S. Bright-Thonney, K. Chapman, N. Dorvil, G. Ewing, S. Graham, D. Stanic, A. Wunsch
  - d. *Also Present:* J. Bowman-Brady, A. Johnson, E. Kalweit, J. Withers, J. Zhang
- II. Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. There were no late additions to the agenda.
- III. Approval of the Meeting minutes
  - a. There were no minutes to approve.
- IV. Introduction to Business of the Day
- V. Breakout session by Division
- VI. New Business
- VII. Business of the Day
  - a. Resolution 3: Amendments to Appendix B of the GPSA Charter
    - i. K. Karnuta questioned why the resolution was repeatedly being voted upon. P. Hanley stated that there weren't enough people each time Resolution 3 was brought to the floor.
    - ii. There was a motion to move to voting. The motion was seconded.
    - iii. The Resolution was **approved** with a vote of 25-0-0.
  - b. Resolution 4: Requesting that the University Provide Funds for an MD Gynecologist at Cornell Health



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- i. Ariel Johnson and Jane Bowman-Brady introduced themselves as members of the Pelvic Pain Association and gave thanks to the many organizations who helped draft the resolution. A. Johnson noted that the resolution was being passed through multiple governance bodies, having already been voted on and approved in the Undergraduate Student Assembly.
  - ii. A. Johnson and J. Bowman-Brady introduced the Resolution and described current circumstances that made receiving care and service extremely difficult, as well as comparisons with other similar higher education institutions. J. Bowman Brady and A. Johnson emphasized the need for an MD Gynecologist to address the many concerns common for those with feminine reproductive systems and shared their personal stories.
  - iii. K. Karnuta questioned the current reasons why Cornell Health does not currently provide an MD Gynecologist. A. Johnson stated that due to limited student funds there was not enough that could be allocated, and that Cornell Health had not taken a concrete position, but that should their funding be increased, a new MD Gynecologist on staff would be welcomed.
  - iv. K. Karnuta questioned if there was specific language to allocate funds specifically for this role versus relocating existing funds, to which A. Johnson stated that the language did not clearly state this but that it would be welcome to change in language to strengthen it.
  - v. J. Washington questioned how much money was specifically being asked for. A. Johnson stated that there would be a reduction in operations inefficiency, noting how they had
  - vi. There was a motion to move to voting. The motion was seconded.
  - vii. The resolution was **approved** with a vote of 25-0-0.
- c. Resolution 5: Commending the Service of Graduate and Professional Student Assembly President Preston Hanley





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- i. K. Boardman introduced the Resolution to commend the President for all his work as he graduates.
    - ii. There was a motion to move to voting. The motion was seconded.
    - iii. The resolution was approved with a vote of 25-0-0.
  - d. Reminder about Elections
    - i. K. Boardman noted that on November 30<sup>th</sup>, a ballot for 2 positions would be sent out.
    - ii. K. Karnuta questioned what would be sent on the email. K. Boardman stated that a biography for each candidate would be sent alongside the ballot.

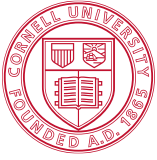
VIII. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. K. Boardman stated that the Committee was working on elections and noted, in reference to the change in power as P. Hanley graduates, they would be stepping in to fill the President role until a new President was elected in the Spring, with J. Washington stepping up to fill Boardman's role as Executive Vice President as well.
- b. Operations
  - i. J. Washington noted that any newly elected members should reach out through email to prepare. J. Washington noted that all committee chairs should place their prior committee meeting minutes inside the appropriate Box folder.
- c. Appropriations
  - i. No new updates.
- d. Communications
  - i. K. Boardman stated that the newsletter would be published earlier to be inclusive of finals. K. Boardman noted the survey in the newsletter which has yielded lots of community engagement.
- e. Finance
  - i. No new updates.
- f. Student Advocacy



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- i. A. McGraw stated hopes for the Chief of the Cornell Police to come in the next semester to present on Crisis Management and Response. A. McGraw noted the third Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee the following Wednesday.
  - g. Diversity and International Students
    - i. No new updates.
  - h. Programming
    - i. M. Matthews stated that the final cross-campus networking event of the semester occurred with attendance around 60 people, and that interest forms for the next semester were beginning to be sent out. M. Matthews noted current activities at the Big Red Barn such as dogs, beverages, massages, etc. M. Matthews noted that nominations for the finals study kits were published in the morning and received over 1000 responses already.
  - i. Faculty Awards
    - i. A. Patel stated that the ceremony would be foregone due to a lack of funds.
  - j. General Committee
    - i. G. Smits stated that there was a meeting the past Friday where financial concerns were brought up by other students. G. Smits noted that metrics on admissions, demographics, etc. and such was not readily available for students, but could be requested for access on certain data collections.
  - k. Graduate School
    - i. Dean Boor stated that preparations for next year's applications were beginning. Dean Boor noted the stress many feel during Finals season as well as other current events and expressed hopes for mindfulness and understanding of fellow students during these times.
- IX. Open Forum
  - a. K. Karnuta noted possible resolutions for Cornell Catering requests to enhance sustainability and shared possible future avenues such as reusable utensils they discussed, as well as support for students with



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children in terms of childcare, noting how Cornell's academic schedule does not mirror Ithaca's public school system.

- b. P. Hanley noted his thanks for his time as President.
- c. Dean Boor expressed her thanks to P. Hanley for stepping into the role during the middle of the semester last year in a very challenging moment.

X. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer J. Zhang*

Clerk of the Assembly



# CORNELL CINEMA

**SPRING 2023**

**MOLLY RYAN (SHE/HER), CINEMA DIRECTOR**

**MOLLY.RYAN@CORNELL.EDU**

# ABOUT US

- On-campus movie theater based in Willard Straight Hall
- Offer screenings ~5 nights per week throughout academic year
- Collaborate with partners across campus and beyond
- Support teaching and research
- Screenings staffed entirely by students
- Open to the general public
- Supported by the Graduate & Professional Student Assembly!





**Studio Ghibli Sundays**

**Cinemascope:  
Made for the Big  
Screen**

**New Visions, New Voices**

**Film Series – Spring 2023**





**Restorations &  
Rediscoveries**



**Revolutionary Visions  
in Iranian Cinema**



**Environmental  
Action on Screen**

**Film Series – Spring 2023**





- *Aftersun*
- *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*
- *All That Breathes*
- *E0*
- *Oscar Shorts Programs – Documentary, Animated and Live Action!*





## **GRADUATE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT – CURRENT**

- Support graduate student researchers, including upcoming film series with Iranian Graduate Student Association and visual poetry event in April
- Graduate Student Intern for social media
- Collaborations with Big Red Barn (trivia, summer series)
- Programming for families
- Discounted tickets and passes



# GRADUATE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT – FUTURE

- Programming internships
- More collaborations with campus partners
- Annual interdisciplinary conference for grad students working on film at Cornell
- Graduate and Professional Student-only social events
- Cornell Cinema events on/off campus
- Discounted tickets and passes

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- ❑ **Cornell Cinema Tote Bags: \$1,500**
- ❑ **Pizza and beer for monthly Grad Nights at Cornell Cinema: \$500-1,500**
- ❑ **New set-up for outdoor screenings on Willard Straight Terrace: \$10,000**



# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



## Cornell Cinema Student Advisory Board

Currently recruiting new members (undergrad and grad) for Spring 2023!

Monthly meetings to advise on programming, participate in outreach, and plan events. Email [cinema@cornell.edu](mailto:cinema@cornell.edu) to join today.

## Come to see films at Cornell Cinema!

Graduate and Professional Students Tickets: \$6/screening

All-Access Passes: \$25/academic year

Eight series on offer this spring with screenings happening every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sundays through May. Visit [cinema.cornell.edu](http://cinema.cornell.edu) for more.



**QUESTIONS OR IDEAS?**

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