



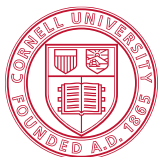
Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

Agenda of the April 10, 2023 Meeting

5 PM – 6:30 PM

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Late Additions to the Agenda
- IV. Approval of the March 20, 2023 Minutes
- V. Presentations
 1. Cornell Community Relations/Local Economic Snapshot from Kate Supron
- VI. Introduce the Business of the Day
- VII. Breakout Session by Division
- VIII. Business of the Day
 1. [Resolution 8: Amending the GPSA Finance Commission Summer Funding Deadlines](#)
 2. VPO and DISC Chair Nominations and Elections
- IX. 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
- X. Open Forum
- XI. Adjournment



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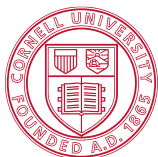
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Minutes of the March 20, 2023 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Chair K. Cram called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.
 - b. *Members Present [14]*: A. Bruce, S. Carrillo, K. Chapman, Y. Cho, K. Cram, M. Dew, M. Heeney, Y. Kang, M. Matthews, K. Rajagopalan, G. Smits, J. Washington, T. Wolford, A. Wunsch
 - c. *Members Absent [11]*: S. Bright Thonney, D. Browne, N. Dorvil, G. Ewing, S. Graham, B. Hayes, A. Majumdar, A. McGraw, M. Minelli, O. Perkins, R. Yuan
 - d. *Also Present*: J. Withers, J. Zhang, Dean Boor
- II. Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. There were no late additions to the agenda.
- III. Approval of the March 6th Meeting minutes.
 - a. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.
- IV. Presentation
 - a. Chief of Police Anthony Bellamy
 - i. A. Bellamy introduced himself as the Chief of Police and the subject of the presentation, the Cornell University Police Department.
 - ii. A. Bellamy gave an overview of the Police force structure, training, resources, services, and points of contact. A. Bellamy emphasized his desire to empathize with graduate student concerns.
 - iii. M. Heeney questioned if a partnership with the Center of Teaching Innovation had been considered, noting worries of TAs during previous lockdowns.
 1. A. Bellamy stated that these concerns had previously been received and would be addressed.



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- iv. S. Carrillo questioned how CUPD collaborates with external police forces to address incidents.
 - 1. A. Bellamy stated that the CUPD will assist if requested, but that there is direct jurisdiction over the Cornell Campus and nearby roads.
- v. J. Washington questioned if CUPD has jurisdiction over Cornell property outside of the immediate campus.
 - 1. A. Bellamy stated that they have jurisdiction over all Cornell buildings.
- vi. Dean Boor questioned jurisdiction for external campuses such as Cornell Tech.
 - 1. A. Bellamy stated that CUPD keeps contact with nearby departments in respective locations.
- vii. M. Matthews questioned the specific requirements for an on-campus event necessitating police presence.
 - 1. A. Bellamy stated that a formula was created to determine the need for police presence for events.
- b. Big Red Barn Director Jennifer Forbes
 - i. J. Forbes introduced herself and the subject of the presentation, the Big Red Barn renovation project.
 - ii. J. Forbes highlighted current and future Big Red Barn programming, major renovations, and future renovation proposals.
 - iii. J. Forbes discussed the possibilities of student involvement in making furniture choices for the Barn.
 - iv. M. Matthews questioned possibilities of converting outdoor space for use during winter weather.
 - 1. J. Forbes noted options such as tents.

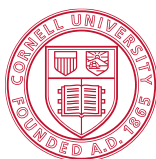
V. Introduction to Business of the Day

VI. Breakout session by Division

VII. New Business

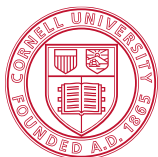
- a. No new business.

VIII. Business of the Day



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- a. Spring 2023 Executive Board, Committee Chairs, and Voting Members Elections
 - i. K. Cram gave an overview on the Spring 2023 Elections plan and invited participation.
 - b. DISC Chair Nominations and Elections
- IX. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. J. Washington noted an email on a call for agenda items.
 - b. Operations
 - i. No new updates.
 - c. Appropriations
 - i. No new updates.
 - d. Communications
 - i. M. Heeney stated that the newsletter would be released the next day.
 - e. Finance
 - i. No new updates.
 - f. Student Advocacy
 - i. No new updates.
 - g. Diversity and International Students
 - i. No new updates.
 - h. Programming
 - i. M. Matthews stated that ticket sales for the Spring Gala will begin next week.
 - i. Faculty Awards
 - i. No new updates.
 - j. General Committee
 - i. No new updates.
 - k. Graduate School
 - i. Dean Boor stated that written responses to questions from previous meetings were released by President Pollack. Dean Boor noted a recent email on changes to parking policy.
- X. Open Forum

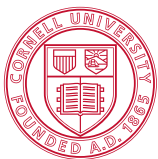


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XI. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer J. Zhang
Clerk of the Assembly



Resolution 8: Amending the GPSA Finance Commission Summer Funding Deadlines

Abstract: Existing GPSAFC funding deadlines limit the ability of student organizations to fund planned summer events. Rewriting the bylaws and changing funding cycles to provide more opportunities to receive funding allows student organizations to host a variety of events. This resolution specifically rewrites section 3.07 of the GPSA bylaws to create an emergency rolling summer funding cycle that is accessible to graduate and professional organizations across Cornell University.

Sponsored by: Kate Carter-Cram and Kripa Rajagopalan

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 04/07/23

Whereas, many student organizations host summer and welcome events between the months of June to August and require GPSAFC funding to do so.

Whereas, Section 3.07 of the GPSA Bylaws currently outlines that “[t]he deadline for current-year budget applications shall be in late April, with the specific date set by the Commission year” and “[t]he last date for summer funding shall be in late March” (lines 421-424).

Whereas, the GPSA Finance Commission’s current deadlines prohibit student organizations from submitting new funding requests between the months of June and August.

Whereas, many student organizations do not have completed summer funding requests submitted by the March deadline.

Whereas, many student organizations are subsequently unable to host events or are required to pay for the event expenses out of pocket and wait for a potential reimbursement.

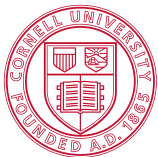
Be it therefore resolved, that the GPSAFC shall amend its funding deadlines to allow for the year-round submission of funding requests.

Be it further resolved, that Section 3.07, subsection F of the GPSA Bylaws shall be rewritten as follows:

F. Deadlines for Funding Applications

i. The deadline for current-year budget applications shall be in late April, with the specific date set by the Commission each year.

ii. The last date to submit proposals for advanced, standard summer funding shall be in late May. This funding shall cover any events during the months of June-August.



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- 31 iii. An emergency, rolling summer funding budget shall also be available for student
32 organizations. Funding requests may be submitted starting in mid-May and ending July 31st.
- 33 iv. These requests will be reviewed by the GPSA Finance Commission during the period of
34 May-August per Commissioner availability but at a minimum of two predetermined dates.
- 35 v. The funds from the emergency, rolling budget may only be used for events during the
36 summer term.
- 37 **Be it finally resolved,** that these funding deadline changes shall go into effect by May 1, 2023 to
38 establish the summer 2023 funding cycle.
- 39 Respectfully submitted,
- 40 Kate Carter-Cram
- 41 President
- 42 Kripa Rajagopalan
- 43 Chair of the Finance Commission