



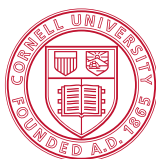
Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

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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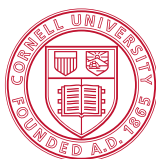
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Minutes of the April 10, 2023 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

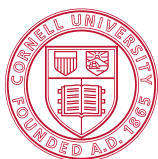
401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Chair K. Cram called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.
 - b. *Members Present* []:
 - c. *Members Absent* []:
 - d. *Also Present*: J. Withers, J. Zhang, Dean Boor, K. Supron
- II. Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. There were no late additions to the agenda.
- III. Approval of the March 20th Meeting minutes.
 - a. The minutes were **approved** unanimously with the note to add an addendum to include President Pollack's responses to questions given at a prior visit.
- IV. Presentation
 - a. Cornell Community Relations/Local Economic Snapshot (Kate Supron)
 - i. K. Supron introduced the role of the Office of Community Relations and its duties. K. Supron gave an overview on the yearly Local Economic Snapshot, including aspects such as property taxes and municipal fees.
 - ii. G. Ewing questioned if there were hiring or networking opportunities capitalized upon through connections and relationships with local community offices.
 1. K. Supron stated that student engagement through these relationships is typically separate, as the Office acts more in an administrative function.
 - iii. T. Wolford questioned if Cornell's position in the Tompkins County economy is similarly comparable to other relationships for other college areas.



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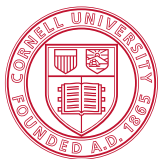
1. K. Supron noted the unique contexts of different universities that makes comparison difficult. K. Supron highlighted the uniqueness of the Local Economic Snapshot.
 - iv. G. Ewing asked for details on the Collegetown Working Group.
 1. K. Supron gave an overview of the Group and the University's relationship with them, especially noting current construction in Collegetown.
- V. Introduction to Business of the Day
- VI. Breakout session by Division
- VII. New Business
 - a. No new business.
- VIII. Business of the Day
 - a. Resolution 8: Amending the GPSA Finance Commission Summer Funding Deadlines
 - i. K. Rajagopalan gave an overview on the Resolution which will give student organizations the opportunity to submit rolling budget submissions over the summer for the possibility of consideration.
 1. M. Heeney questioned if this would put an un-due burden on the Finance Commission over the summer.
 2. K. Rajagopalan stated that roughly 5 commissioners would be available over the summer.
 - ii. There was a motion to move to voting. The motion was seconded.
 - iii. The Resolution was **approved** with a vote of 14-0-1.
 - b. VPO and DISC Chair Nominations and Elections
 - i. T. Baker was nominated as Vice President of Operations. T. Baker was elected.
 - ii. M. Liqa was nominated as Diversity and International Students Committee Chair. M. Liqa was elected.
- IX. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
 - a. Executive Committee



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- i. No new updates.
 - b. Operations
 - i. No new updates.
 - c. Appropriations
 - i. No new updates.
 - d. Communications
 - i. M. Heeney stated that posters for elections would be shared soon.
 - e. Finance
 - i. K. Rajagopalan noted dates for organization funding applications.
 - f. Student Advocacy
 - i. No new updates.
 - g. Diversity and International Students
 - i. No new updates.
 - h. Programming
 - i. M. Matthews stated that new ticket sales for the Spring Gala will open the next day.
 - ii. Y. Kang noted a need for another department to participate in the next cross-campus networking event.
 - i. Faculty Awards
 - i. No new updates.
 - j. General Committee
 - i. No new updates.
 - k. Graduate School
 - i. Dean Boor stated that 10 new inductees in the Graduate Honor Society were from Cornell.
- X. Open Forum
- XI. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer J. Zhang
Clerk of the Assembly



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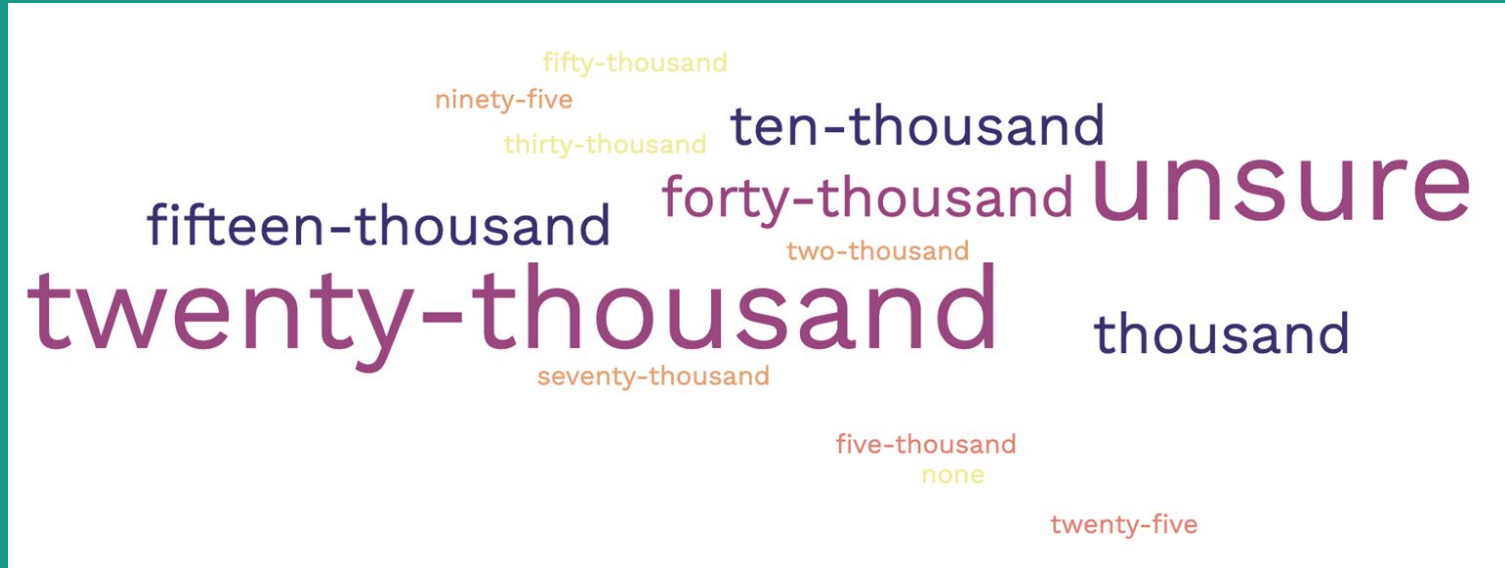


Big Red Barn Funding Survey Results

GPSA Meeting on April 24, 2023

43 total responses

How much do people want to see spent?

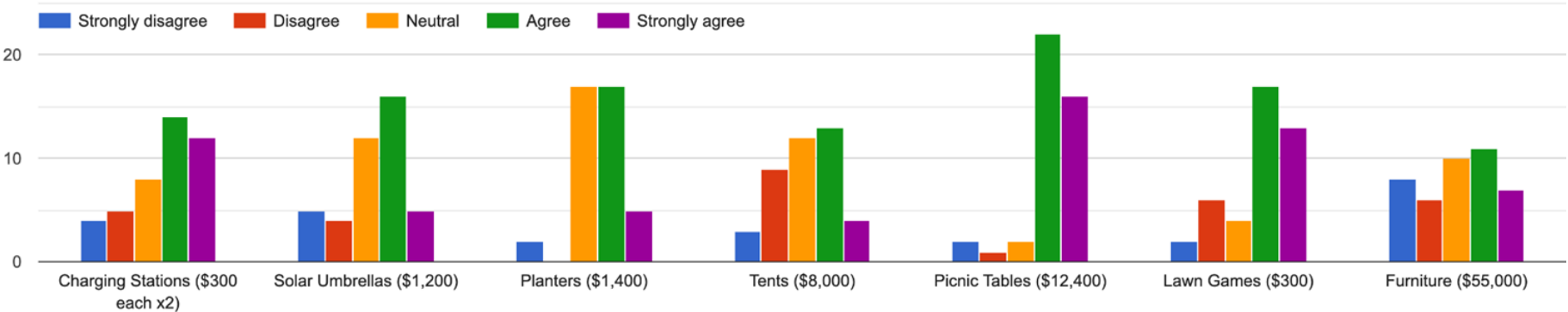


How much do people want to see
spent?

Average response: A little under \$30,000



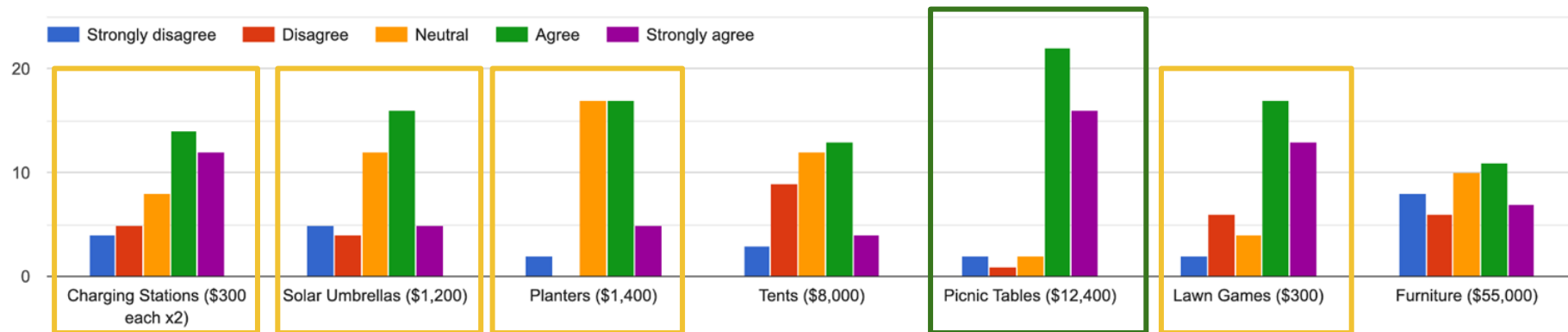
What is your stance on funding each of these items?





All 5 of these items would cost \$18,300 total

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General Feedback

- HEPA filtration
 - Bring back free coffee
 - Increase # of payment stations
 - Increase # of outlets
 - Increase outside seating
 - A/C x2
 - Fund TCAT
- Are there options for buying after-market tents, tables, etc. so that Cornell is setting an example for sustainability
 - I think the furniture is iconic and I would not want to see it changed//Make sure the furniture inside the Barn is authentic to the Barn's homey vibe!
 - I highly recommend against new furniture. (comment on how modern things will break) The current tables surely aren't perfect, but still usable.
 - Could it be used to buy supplies for Graduate activities, like nice fibers and needles for the knitting group, or art and craft projects/food.



General Feedback

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- Increase # of payment stations
- supplies for Graduate activities hosted at the Barn

Michelle's Funding Proposal Based on Survey Results

Item	Cost	Support level
Picnic Tables	\$12,400	Extremely High
Lawn Games	\$300	High
Charging Stations	\$600	High
Solar Umbrellas	\$1,200	High
Planters	\$1,400	High
Coffee	\$700	Un-pollled
Totaling	\$19,000	

Resolution 9: GPSA Funding Request for the Big Red Barn

Abstract: With such a large amount of funding in the GPSA reserve fund and the 2022-2023 operating budget, giving back to the larger graduate and professional student community would be a great use of some of these funds. With the Big Red Barn serving as the graduate and professional student community center, funding initiatives at the Big Red Barn would provide us with the opportunity for the funding to reach the largest number of graduate and professional students.

Sponsored by: Michelle Heeney, Kate Carter-Cram, David Axel Browne, Josh Washington, and Tristan Baker

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 04/24/2023

Whereas, to give funds to the GPSA for these initiatives a resolution must be passed outlining the funding request.

Be it finally resolved, that the GPSA reserve fund disperse funding for these Big Red Barn initiatives:

Item	Estimated Cost
Picnic Tables	\$12,400
Lawn Games	\$300
Charging Stations	\$600
Solar Umbrellas	\$1,200
Planters	\$1,400
Coffee	\$700
TOTAL	\$19,000

Respectfully Submitted, Kate President, Michelle Vice President of Communications, David Axel Browne, Josh Washington, and Tristan Baker