

# Cornell University

## Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

### Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Meeting Agenda October 2nd, 2023 5:00-6:30pm 401 Physical Science Building | [Zoom](#)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Late Additions to the Agenda
4. Approval of the [September 11th, 2023 Minutes](#)
5. Presentation
  1. David Browne on resolutions 1 & 2
6. Introduce the Business of the Day
7. Breakout Session by Year at Cornell
8. Business of the Day
  - [Resolution 1: Changes to GPSAFC Funding Guidelines](#)
  - [Resolution 2: GPSA Internal Funding Proposal 2023-24](#)
  - Call to fill open GPSA voting member positions
    - Arts & Humanities (1x)
    - Biological Sciences (3x)
    - Physical Sciences (4x)
    - Social Sciences (2x)
  - Call to fill open University Committee positions
    - Academic Freedom and Professional Status of the Faculty (1x)
    - Student Library Advisory Council (1x)
    - Codes and Judicial Committee (2x)
    - Campus Welfare Committee (1x)
    - Graduate School General Committee (1x)

9. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates

- Executive Committee
- Operations
- Appropriations
- Communications
- Finance
- Student Advocacy
- Diversity and International Students
- Programming
- Graduate School

10. Open Forum

11. 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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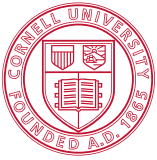
### Cornell Graduate and Professional Student University Assembly

Minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:15 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
  - a. M. Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.
    - i. *Members Present:* D. Browne, A. Garcia-Ortiz, B. Hayes, M. Heeney, J. Lopez, M. Matthews, A. McGraw, O. Perkins, K. Rajagopalan, G. Smits
    - ii. *Members Absent:* K. Ferrell, M. Liqa, D. Parekh, V. Yeh
    - iii. *Also Present:* M. Ryan, J. Withers
  
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoḥo:ṇo (Cayuga Nation)
  - a. M. Matthews stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
  
- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. M. Matthews stated that there would be a call for nominations to any open positions not included on the agenda, including a Finance Committee chair.
  
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the [August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting](#).
  - a. The minutes from the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting were **approved** by unanimous consent.
  
- V. M. Matthews stated an overview of the business of the day.
  
- VI. [Presentation](#) on the Cornell Cinema
  - a. M. Ryan provided a presentation on the Cornell Cinema's upcoming semester, including a schedule of events, ticket prices, funding details, the organization's structure, and student involvement in the organization.
  
- VII. Breakout Session by Year at Cornell
  - a. The GPSA divided into breakout sections by year and introduced themselves.
  
- VIII. Business of the Day
  - a. Consideration of [Resolution 1: Changes to GPSAFC Funding Guidelines](#)
    - i. M. Heeney put forward a motion to **table** Resolution 1 since changes were made to its contents that affect the bylaws.
      1. A. McGraw seconded the motion.
      2. Resolution 1 was **tabled** by unanimous consent.



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- b. Consideration of Resolution 2: GPSA Internal Funding Proposal from David Browne
  - i. D. Browne introduced Resolution 2 to the Assembly, which is a funding proposal for the GPSA.
- c. M. Matthews put forward a call to fill the open Faculty Advising and Mentorship Award Committee Chair position.
  - i. G. Dunn-Hindle was appointed to chair the Faculty Advising and Mentorship Award Committee.
- d. M. Matthews put forward a call to fill open GPSA voting member positions.
  - i. M. Matthews put forward a call for nominations to fill the open master's degree representative position.
    - 1. A. Legressa was appointed to the open master's degree representative position.
  - ii. M. Matthews put forward a call for nominations to fill the law school representative position.
    - 1. D. Browne stated that representatives would have to be nominated within the law school.
  - iii. M. Matthews put forward a call for nominations to fill the open arts and humanities representative positions.
    - 1. R. Thakore was appointed to the open arts and humanities degree representative position.
    - 2. X. Lynch was appointed to the open arts and humanities degree representative position.
- e. M. Matthews put forward a call to fill open University Committee positions.
  - 1. J. Lopez was appointed to the open UA Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment representative position.
  - 2. A. Iqbal was appointed to serve on the UA Campus Welfare Committee.
  - 3. M. Matthews motioned to extend the meeting by ten minutes.
  - 4. O. Karim was appointed to serve on the UA Campus Welfare Committee.
- f. M. Matthews put forward a call for nominations to chair the Finance Committee.
  - i. A. Iqbal was appointed to chair the Finance Committee.

### IX. Officer Reports and Committee Updates

- a. Executive Committee

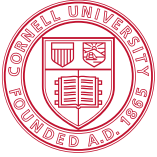


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- i. M. Heeney stated that she is working on creating an advisory board for transportation, responding to the rejection of last semester's calls to hire an MD gynecologist on campus, funding for the Cornell Cinema, and expanding the access fund through the summertime.
- b. Operations
  - i. A. McGraw stated that all voting members must serve on a committee and that they should be expecting communication sharing which committees members are eligible to join. She also stated that the committee would be taking on a bylaws revision project.
- c. Appropriations
  - i. Nothing to report
- d. Communications
  - i. A. Garcia-Ortiz shared that her first communiqué went out last week and that she is working on spreading awareness of the assembly through social media.
- e. Finance
  - i. Nothing to report
- f. Student Advocacy
  - i. Nothing to report
- g. Diversity and International Students
  - i. M. Heeney stated that the committee is recruiting members and had their first meeting last week.
- h. Programming
  - i. Nothing to report
- i. Graduate School
  - i. K. Boor stated there is a new strategy for meeting with the leadership team with the GPSA.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
P. J. Brown  
Clerk of the Assembly



# Resolution 1: Amending GPSA Finance Commission Funding Guidelines to Align with Current Funding Protocol on Campus Groups

**Abstract:** University funding organizations have reorganized to streamline the budget request and payment request process within Campus Groups. The GPSA Finance Commission Funding Guidelines document no longer represents the funding protocol. This resolution re-writes the Funding Guidelines to follow the Campus Groups protocol and to streamline/minimize the funding requirements to make it simpler for funded organizations to use their money to put on community events.

**Sponsored by:** Melia Matthews, David Browne, and Kripa Rajagopalan

**Reviewed by:** Executive Committee, 10/02/2023

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**Whereas,** University funding organizations utilize a new funding protocol in Campus Groups.

**Whereas,** the GPSA Finance Commission Funding Guidelines represent the requirements and guidelines for receiving and using GPSA funds.

**Whereas,** the current GPSA Finance Commission Funding Guidelines do not represent the new funding protocol in Campus Groups.

**Whereas,** student organizations will have difficulty understanding the new funding protocol with the mismatch of documents.

**Be it therefore resolved,** the GPSAFC shall amend its Funding Guidelines document to follow the new funding protocol in Campus Groups. Specifically removing budget requests and changing the requirements for funding reimbursement requests.

**Be it further resolved,** the GPSAFC Funding Guidelines will be re-written as the attached document shows.

**Be it finally resolved,** that these funding guideline changes shall go into effect by August 21, 2023 to align with the protocol for the 2023-2024 funding cycle.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melia Matthews

David Browne

Kripa Rajagopalan

President

Finance VP

Chair of the Finance Commission



1 **Resolution 2: GPSA FY24 Internal Budget**

2 **Abstract:** This resolution approves the Internal GPSA Budget

3 **Sponsored by:** David Axel Browne, VP of Finance and Appropriations

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5 **Whereas:** The GPSA Bylaws require that the Appropriations Committee recommend an internal  
6 budget in the form of a resolution (3.05(D)(vii)).

7 **Whereas:** GPSA’s Activity Fee Income was estimated by the VP of Finance and Appropriations  
8 and additional information was collected by Johnathan Hart (JGH27). Activity Fee income is  
9 estimated at \$51,082.50. The amount of GPSA’s reserve was confirmed by Excel sheets  
10 provided by Jessica Withers (JEH268) and later confirmed by Johnathan Hart (JGH27). The  
11 amount in reserves is \$91,859.62. GPSA’s total funds that it can access is \$142,941.62.

12 **Whereas:** The recommended GPSA Internal budget is based on the historical use of funds. The  
13 last 6 years of internal budgets and expenses were used to estimate our expenses for this coming  
14 Academic Year.

15 **Whereas:** A complete spreadsheet will be attached to this resolution.

16 **Be it therefore resolved:** Actual Activity Fee income will be determined later in the Fall Term.

17 **Be it therefore resolved:** A needs-based support line be created and budgeted at \$19,600 to  
18 support students and organizations that are experiencing financial stress, and ready for enactment  
19 by September 2024. At the same time the appropriations discretionary account, be dissolved.

20 **Be it therefore resolved:** The estimated budget deficit this FY is \$1,852.50. GPSA’s Activity  
21 Fee amount will have to increase to address this budget shortfall by the following FY budget.

22 Respectfully Submitted,

23 David Axel Browne – VP of Finance and Appropriations

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**Graduate & Professional Student Assembly (GPSA)  
2023-2024 Annual Operating Budget**

Sources of Funds	
Income:	
Income from Activity Fees	\$ 51,082.50 <sup>[1]</sup>
Current funds:	
GPSA Reserve	\$ 91,859.12
<b>Total Source of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 142,941.62</b>

Expenses	
10000 Administrative	\$ 12,000.00
10001 Executive	\$ 4,600.00
Executive Compensation	\$ 7,500.00
10002 Communications	\$ 725.00
10003 Operations & Staffing	\$ 500.00
10004 Appropriations Committee (AC)	\$ 500.00
Discretionary Account <sup>[2][3]</sup>	\$ 19,600.00
Appropriation's Initiative Fund Subcommittee (AIF)	\$ 1,500.00
10005 Finance Committee (GPSAFC)	\$ 220.00
20001 Student Advocacy Committee (SAC)	\$ 500.00
30001 Ivy Summit	\$ 2,700.00
30002 NAGPS	\$ -
30003 Faculty Awards	\$ 1,090.00
30004 Diversity & International Student Committee (DISC)	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 52,935.00</b>

Summary	
Total Income	\$ 51,082.50
Total Expenses	\$ 52,935.00
<b>Funds from Reserves</b>	<b>\$ (1,852.50)</b>

[1] \$51,082.50 is the expected amount raised by activity fees. CG has transferred \$48,528.38, holding back 5% due to a possible discrepancy. The potential discrepancy is up to 5% more likely within 1%.

[2] This fund is to be used discretionary by GPSA for large projects (e.g., Big Red Barn furniture). <sup>[4]</sup>

[3] Liqa/Student Advocacy Committee to appropriate these funds via Cornell's Access fund or other means).

[4] This example is neither a commitment nor an obligation to fund any specific project.