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Agenda of the October 17, 2022 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
- VI. Breakout Session by Division
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Business of the Day
 - a. Programming board events update
 - b. GPSA retreat summary/ report
 - c. GPSA guidebook
- 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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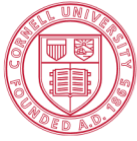
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Minutes of the September 26, 2022

Meeting 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. P. Hanley called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. *Present [22]*: K. Boardman, A. Bruce, Y. Cho, K. Cram, M. Dew, B. Hayes, M. Heeney, Y. Joo Kang, K. Karnuta, A. Majumdar, A. Masand, M. Matthews, A. McGraw, M. Minelli, N. Moore, C. Ohenewah, N. Perez, G. Smits, D. Stanic, J. Washington, T. Wolford, A. Wunsch, S. Yang
 - b. *Absent [4]*: S. Bright-Thonney, S. Carrillo, K. Chapman, N. Dorvil, S. Graham, A. Murtha, A. Patel
 - c. *Guests/Non-Voting Members [4]*: P. Hanley, J. Itsido, E. Kalweit, J. Zhang, J.Lamey
- III. Late Additions to Agenda
 - a. P. Hanley introduced Resolution for Liz as her last meeting as Graduate Student Elected Trustee.
- IV. Approval of the Meeting Minutes
 - a. September 12, 2022
 - i. The meeting minutes were **approved** unanimously.
- V. Presentations
 - a. No presentations.
- VI. Breakout Sessions by Division
- VII. New Business
 - a. No new business.
- VIII. Business of the Day
 - a. Ivy+ Summit delegation discussion
 - i. P. Hanley introduced the Ivy+ Summit delegation as an annual meeting between other similar colleges.
 - ii. A. McGraw stated that as all Executive Committee members are graduating, participation from younger members interested by leadership could be important. A. McGraw also stated her support for attendance as the chair for the Student Advocacy Committee.



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- iii. G. Smits stated her support for the attendance of the chair for the Student Advocacy Committee.
- iv. N. Perez stated her hope that the Chair of the Diversity and International Student Committee should also attend.
- v. P. Hanley noted that there was consensus for the attendance of the Executive Committee. P. Hanley stated that money would probably be used from the reserve fund to send any additional delegates.
 - 1. A. McGraw and N. Perez noted their desires to attend as delegates.
- vi. The motion to bring the Executive Committee members to the Ivy+ Summit was put to a vote. The motion was **approved** with a vote of 20-0-4.
- vii. The motion to bring delegate Annika to the Ivy+ Summit was **approved** with a vote of 20-0-4.
- viii. The motion to bring N. Perez to the Ivy+ Summit was **approved** with a vote of 20-0-4.
- ix. The motion to bring S. Carillo to the Ivy+ Summit was **approved** with a vote of 20-0-4.
- x. J. Sabety noted a desire to attend. M. Heeney stated her support of (Jean's) attendance and noted her capacity as a graduate student that would make her attendance valuable by bringing a diverse group of delegates.
- xi. The motion to bring delegate J. Sabety to the Ivy+ Summit was put to a vote. The motion was **approved** with a vote of 20-0-4.

IX. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. No updates.
- b. Operations
 - i. J. Washington stated that an email should have been sent to add oneself to a committee.
- c. Appropriations
 - i. N. Moore stated that a hardship form for graduate students is currently being developed.
- d. Communications
 - i. K. Boardman stated that should there be anything for the October newsletter, she should be contacted.
- e. Finance



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- i. No updates.
 - f. Student Advocacy
 - i. No updates.
 - g. Diversity and International Students
 - i. N. Perez would like to move forward with the town hall after returning from Fall break.
 - h. Programming
 - i. M. Matthews stated that there was the first cross networking event with around 60 participants. M. Matthews said next one was MPH and plant sciences.
 - ii. M. Matthews stated the Committee's desire to have a list of leadership for all the graduate organizations on campus.
 - iii. Question raised if it would be possible for graduate societies to have a requirement for a dedicated organization email.
 - 1. M. Matthews stated that this is already a requirement in Campus Groups.
 - i. Faculty Awards
 - i. A. Majumdar noted three faculty for the Faculty Award that have been selected and stated that work will begin for creating plaques, trophies etc.
 - j. General Committee
 - i. No updates.
 - k. Graduate School
 - i. Janna Lamey noted the formation of the Graduate Student Life Advisory Council which will facilitate monthly meetings to meet. J. Lamey stated that the Council should be around 10-12 people.
- X. Open Forum
 - a. P. Hanley introduced Resolution 2: Resolution Commending the Service of Graduate and Professional Student Trustee Liz Davis Frost
 - b. The Resolution was **approved** with a vote of 20-0-4.
- XI. Adjournment
 - a. P. Hanley motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded.
 - b. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.



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Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer J. Zhang

Clerk of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly



Resolution 3: Amendments to Appendix B of the GPSA Charter

Abstract: Following the passage of GPSA Resolution 18 Financial Incentive for Executive Committee (2021-2022) suggestions were given to the GPSA Executive Committee by President Pollack to make changes to the GPSA Charter by adding provisions for the GPSA to be able to fund its leadership, stated within Appendix B of the GPSA Charter.

Sponsored by: Preston Hanley

Reviewed by: Executive Committee 10-14-22

Whereas, GPSA Resolution 18 Financial Incentive for Executive Committee (2021-2022) was passed by the GPSA on April 25th, 2022 with a 15-0-2 vote.

Whereas, the GPSA received a response from President Pollack regarding GPSA Resolution 18 (2021-2022) stating that “As the GPSA is a byline-funded organization, funded in whole by the student activity fee, Appendix B in the GPSA Charter provides guidelines and parameters for how each funded organization may use its allocation. To be in compliance with your charter, I recommend revising the Appendix B to include provisions that allow the GPSA to fund its leadership. The GPSA Bylaws then set forth the procedure for executing the process of setting the GPSA Internal Budget.”

Whereas, section 5.03 Additional Obligations for Specific Byline Organizations of the GPSA Charter outlines the rules of byline funded organizations and ways they are allowed to use their funding.

Be it therefore resolved, a sixth guideline will be added to the GPSA specific byline organization guidelines stating: “The GPSA is authorized to provide a financial incentive to the GPSA Executive Board members with three separate payments extended during the summer, fall, and spring semesters.

- a. As of April 25th, 2022 each of these payments are \$500, totaling \$1500 per GPSA Executive Committee member, per academic year.
- b. At the start of each new GPSA session, the Executive Committee financial incentive will be approved as a budget line item and is able to be amended by a majority vote of the assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Preston Hanley

President