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Agenda of the November 14, 2022 Meeting

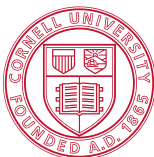
5 PM – 6:30 PM

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
 - a. President Pollack’s State of the University (Fall 2022) Address + Q and A
- VI. New Business
- VII. Introduction of Business of the Day
- VIII. Breakout Session by Division
- IX. Business of the Day
 - a. [Resolution 3](#): Amendments to Appendix B of the GPSA Charter
 - b. Election of a new DISC chair
 - c. Buddy pilot program with the Big Red Barn (spring 2023)
 - d. Committee appointments
 - i. Privacy Pod Working Group (1 representative)
 - ii. ITAP committee (1 representative)
- 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
- XI. Open Forum
- XII. Adjournment

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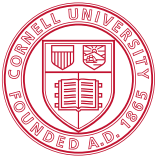
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Minutes of the October 31, 2022 Meeting

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, S. Bright-Thonney, A. Bruce, K. Chapman, Y. Cho, K. Cram, N. Dorvil, B. Hayes, M. Heeney, Y. Joo Kang, K. Karnuta, A Massand, M. Matthews, A. McGraw, M. Minelli, N. Moore, C. Ohenewah, A. Patel, G. Smits, J. Washington, T. Wolford, S. Yang.*
 - c. *Members Absent: S. Carrillo, M. Dew, G. Ewing, S. Graham, A. Majumdar, A. Murtha, D. Stanic, A. Wunsch.*
 - d. *Also Present: D. Samuel, B. Zgruich.*
- II. Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. There were no late additions to the agenda.
- III. Approval of the Meeting minutes
 - a. The September 26 minutes were approved unanimously. The October 17 minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. Presentations: Dr. Derina Samuel, CTI Associate Director
 - a. Presentation
 - i. D. Samuel stated that the Center for Teaching Innovation partners with the Cornell teaching community to foster good teaching practices by facilitating learning experiences.
 - ii. The CTI offers many resources for graduate students including Get Set Institutes, the CTI Fellows Program, CTI Courses, and more.
B. Zgruich noted 2022-2023 CTI Programs such as the TA Online Orientation to give graduate students insights into topics such as a Teaching Portfolio.
 - iii. D. Samuel noted that if interested, one could represent the GPSA on the Advisory Committee.



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- b. K. Karnuta asked about training for TAs and whether it was standardized or required, questioning if there was action within the University to standardize the training, particularly around communication and student well-being.
 - c. D. Samuel stated that these trainings are available across all departments and to all deans, noting hope that GPSA would publicize them more widely and think of ways to make them available to more people.
 - d. M. Matthews suggested sending notifications for training opportunities through graduate field assistants and representatives.
 - e. D. Samuel stated that CTI office has received feedback that the e
 - f. B. Zgurich stated that the CTI has a newsletter that people can sign up for that goes out twice per year.
 - g. D. Samuel invited members to apply for CTI fellowships and ITAP advisory committee representatives.
- V. Breakout session by division
- VI. New Business
- a. There was a motion to untable Resolution 3: Amendments to Appendix B of the GPSA Charter. The motion **passed**.
 - b. There was a motion to end debate and vote. The motion passed.
 - c. Resolution 3 was **not approved**.
- VII. Business of the Day
- a. Ivy+Summit recap
 - i. P. Hanley stated that universities are working to support international students with international spouses, as well as support and advocate for increased accessibility, and more. In reflection, P. Hanley summarized that the GPSA delegation should host a townhall with their constituency prior to attending Ivy+, and that internal communication and commitment to attending needs to be stronger.
 - ii. M. Heeney asked about gym access using Cornell Health Plans. A. McGraw states that information is available in benefits package information.



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- iii. A. McGraw stated that local landlords have an opt-in program for listings, discussion of whether this also includes student reviews as Brown's program does.
- iv. M. Heeney stated that summer classes should be added and financially supported for graduate students, particularly courses that offer certifications.
- b. Position vacancies and elections procedure information
 - i. N. Moore stated that P. Hanley's replacement will take over until Spring 2023, at which point there is a formal election.
 - ii. K. Karnuta stated that there is one more TGIF takeover at the Big Red Barn which can be used as an election event if necessary.
 - iii. K. Karnuta suggested a coffee hour/information session at the BRB to increase visibility of election and answer questions about duties of President's position.
 - iv. P. Hanley stated the GPSAs action items leading up to the election and changing leadership for his role.
 - v. K. Karnuta stated a desire to increase visibility for different roles and time elections so that students would only vote once. K. Karnuta emphasized the importance of highlighting this shift in leadership. K. Karnuta further noted her desire to push the timeline forward, though the bylaws are written in a certain way for scheduling when changing roles.
- c. Discussion of Committee Representation
 - i. The ITAP Committee has 1 representative position available.
 - ii. The Privacy Pod Working Group has 1 representative position available.
 - 1. J. Lamey explained the purpose of Privacy Pods, looking for a rep to make recommendations to VP Lombardi for implementation in Spring 2023.
 - iii. The SHBAC Committee has 2 representative positions available.
 - 1. A. McGraw stated that she is planning with the SHBAC Committee.
 - iv. University Assembly Committees-



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1. K. Karnuta suggested a BRB takeover to attract graduate students from community to committee, and this can be tied into the election season as well-K. Karnuta stated that elections should be prioritized.
2. M. Heeney asked how GPSA can be more marketable for PhD students. M. Heeney asked if this is related to a reward/cost issue that makes it difficult for PhD students to see career value in GPSA participation.
3. P. Hanley stated that there are 2 openings o the wellness committee and one for CJC. A. McGraw volunteers for Wellness Committee.
4. P. Hanley stated that committees do not have a large time commitment and wants to enable more PhD student voices. P. Hanley stated that most UA committees meet monthly. P. Hanley noted that while this differs from other universities, there is low PhD engagement with the GPSA.

VIII. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. No new updates.
- b. Operations
 - i. No new updates.
- c. Appropriations
 - i. No new updates.
- d. Communications
 - i. No new updates.
- e. Finance
 - i. No new updates.
- f. Student Advocacy
 - i. A. McGraw sent out a Doodle pool everyone should fill out with their availability.
- g. Diversity and International Students
 - i. No new updates.
- h. Programming



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