

Cornell University

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Meeting Agenda April 8th, 2024 5:00-6:30pm

Note: No in-person meeting | [Zoom](#)

1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Late Additions to the Agenda
 4. Approval of the March 25th, 2024 Meeting minutes
 5. [Approval of February 5th, 2024 Meeting minutes](#)
 6. Introduce the Business of the Day
 7. Random Breakout Session (5-10 people groups)
 8. Business of the Day
 1. [Resolution 7: Joint Committee on Cornell University's Corporate Social Responsibility and ESG Policies \(Owen 'Gus' Dunn-Hindle\)](#)
 9. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
 - Executive Committee
 - Operations
 - Appropriations
 - Communications
 - Finance
 - Student Advocacy
 - Diversity and International Students
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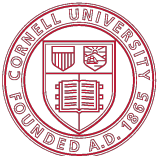
- Programming
- Graduate School

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!

If you are in need of special accommodations, contact the Office of the Assemblies at assembly@cornell.edu or Student Disability Services at (607) 254-4545 prior to the meeting.



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Minutes of the February 5th, 2024 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Room 401, Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. M. Heeney called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
 - i. *Members Present:* F. Aclan, S. Bluhm, N. Brennan, T. Dixon, K. Farrell, E. Forcier, E. Gatz, D. Ghimire, K. Glinski, B. Hayes, M. Heeney, K. Jaffry, S. Karaikal, O. Karim, A. Lagressa, J. Lopez, Z. Lynch, S. Matan, A. McGraw, O. Perkins, S. Sepp, G. Smits, R. Thakore, V. Yeh
 - ii. *Members Absent:* D. Browne, A. Garcia-Ortiz, A. Koyyada, D. Parekh, B. Patel, B. Sarmah, M. Matthews
 - iii. *Also Present:* K. Boor, J. Withers
- II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. None.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved minutes from the January 20th meeting by unanimous consent.
- IV. Introduction of the Business of the Day
 - a. Z. Lynch introduced his amendment to Resolution 5. Vote tabled because amendment to resolution introduced today.
 - b. M. Heeney updated the GPSA on updates on the Cornell Cinema's funding request.
- V. Breakout Session by Field
 - a. The GPSA divided into breakout sessions by field and discussed the business of the day.
- VI. Business of the Day
 - a. GPSAFC Exemption Guideline for Field Groups
 - i. The GPSA discussed current funding rules.
- VII. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. M. Heeney reported on the transportation survey results.
 - b. Operations

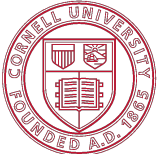


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- i. A. McGraw stated that they would continue to work on the Byline and Charter Revision Project.
 - ii. A. McGraw also announced an upcoming presentation on Robert's Rules.
 - c. Appropriations
 - i. None
 - d. Communications
 - i. A. Garcia-Ortiz stated that anyone wishing to add announcements to GPSA communications should send them to her before Fridays.
 - e. Finance
 - i. None
 - f. Student Advocacy
 - i. None
 - g. Diversity and International Students
 - i. K. Ghodke reported that the DIS would meet soon and that DIS plans to reach out on funding questions.
 - h. Programming
 - i. M. Liqa announced that there will be a masquerade themed gala at Barton Hall. The Programming Committee is working on security for the event.
 - i. Graduate School
 - i. None

VIII. Open Forum

- a. G. Dunn-Hindle asked the GPSA about sending GPSA representatives to the undergraduate Student Assembly's ESG Committee or forming a sister committee in the GPSA.
 - i. O. Karim volunteered to go to the meeting. G. Dunn-Hindle volunteered to reach out to the committee and learn more about potential GPSA involvement.
- b. A. McGraw asked the GPSA to weigh in on removing Zoom as an option for GPSA meeting attendance in the future, excepting those seeking accommodations.
 - i. McGraw proposed the removal to encourage more participation in meetings and more use of Open Forums.
 - ii. The GPSA discussed rules for field members, accommodations for members on different campuses.
 - iii. Attendees, both in-person and on Zoom, entered a lively debate on the merits and drawbacks of using Zoom.
 - iv. O. Karim moved to extend the meeting by 8 minutes, to end at 6:38 p.m.



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- v. Discussion continued. K. Callan brought up the idea of changing the Zoom breakout format to increase engagement among Zoom attendees
- vi. O. Karim moved to extend the meeting by 5 minutes, to end at 6:43 p.m.
- vii. J. Withers announced meetings by the University Assembly on interim policies on expressive activity and anti-doxxing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony Wang
Clerk of the Assembly

1 Resolution 7: Joint Committee on Cornell University's
2 Corporate Social Responsibility and ESG Policies

3 *Abstract:* This resolution opens the GPSA to officially appoint at least one permanent GPSA
4 representative to the Ad Hoc Committee on Cornell University's Corporate Social Responsibility
5 and ESG Policies created by the undergraduate Student Assembly.

6 *Sponsored by:* Owen Dunn-Hindle Chair of the Faculty Advising and Teaching Award Committee;
7 Michelle Heeney Executive Vice President

8 *Reviewed by: Executive Committee*

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10 **Whereas,** the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) has a duty to engage in items of
11 importance to the graduate and professional student body, and the University is of interest to the
12 student body.

13 **Whereas,** the GPSA does not currently have direct input on investments, or active divestment,
14 made by the University.

15 **Whereas,** the joint input of the GPSA and undergraduate Student Assembly (SA) carry more weight
16 and a broader scope of student interest than either body acting independently.

17 **Be it therefore resolved,** the GPSA shall henceforth appoint a representative to the Ad Hoc
18 Committee on Cornell University's Corporate Social Responsibility and ESG Policies as established
19 by the SA.

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21 Respectfully Submitted,

22 Gus Dunn-Hindle

23 Chair of the Faculty Advising and Teaching Award Committee

24 Michelle Heeney

25 Executive Vice President