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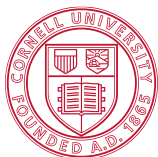
Cornell Graduate and Professional Student University Assembly

Minutes of the February 6, 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 5:00pm
 - b. *Members Present:* S. Bright-Thonney, D. Browne A. Bruce, K. Carter Cram, M. Dew, G. Ewing, B. Hayes, M. Heeney, A. Majumdar, M. Matthews, M. Minelli, B. Patel, G. Smits, J. Washington, A. Wunsch, K. Rajagopalan
 - c. *Also Present:* E. Kalweit, E. Westbrooks, J. Withers, J. Zhang
- II. Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. There were no late additions to the agenda.
- III. Approval of the January 30th Meeting minutes.
 - a. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.
- IV. Presentation
 - a. Carl A. Kroch University Librarian Elaine Westbrooks
 - i. E. Westbrooks introduced herself, having stepped into the new role last August. E. Westbrooks noted that graduate and professional students utilize library resources most and highlighted the library's desire to meet needs, especially noting many shifts to online methods in the digital age.
 - ii. E. Westbrooks summarized Cornell's library system which includes 15 libraries and over 350 staff, as well as a budget of 65 million dollars. E. Westbrooks expressed hopes on receiving more input from graduate and professional students.
 - iii. E. Westbrooks highlighted the invisible hand the library has in giving accessible resources, especially online. E. Westbrooks highlighted the cultural significance of the historical library buildings, archives, and scholarship.
 - iv. E. Westbrooks highlighted problems today facing scholarly communication systems that are inequitable and unsustainable.



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v. J. Washington questioned if there were spaces in libraries dedicated for graduate student use.

1. E. Westbrook noted that there are some, but not many, with the bulk of said spaces in Olin Library. E.

Westbrook expressed her interest in fostering such places

vi. M. Matthews questioned how one might disrupt this scholarship system.

1. E. Westbrook stated that there must be a way to submit an article without submitting to a specific journal so that impact can be distinguished from journals. E. Westbrook noted her belief in open peer-review.

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. Electing Vice President of Operations

i. K. Boardman and J. Washington introduced the role and its responsibilities and asked any who might be interested to contact them.

b. Soliciting President Pollack Questions

i. K. Boardman noted that questions to President Pollack should be given soon to submit for her visit to the GPSA.

c. Assisting Student Advocacy

d. Resolution 6: Executive Committee Retroactive Compensation

i. The Resolution was **passed** with a vote of 20-0-1.

IX. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates

a. Executive Committee

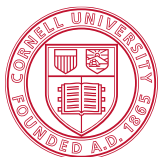
i. K. Boardman

b. Operations

i. J. Washington

c. Appropriations

i. No new updates.



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- d. Communications
 - i. No new updates.
- e. Finance
 - i. No new updates.
- f. Student Advocacy
 - i. No new updates.
- g. Diversity and International Students
 - i. No new updates.
- h. Programming
 - i. No new updates.
- i. Faculty Awards
 - i. No new updates.
- j. General Committee
 - i. No new updates.
- k. Graduate School
 - i. No new updates.
- X. Open Forum
- XI. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer J. Zhang
Clerk of the Assembly