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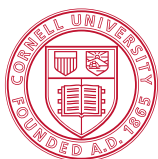
Cornell Graduate and Professional Student University Assembly

Minutes of the April 10, 2023 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

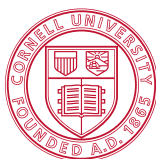
401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Chair K. Cram called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.
 - b. *Members Present* []:
 - c. *Members Absent* []:
 - d. *Also Present*: J. Withers, J. Zhang, Dean Boor, K. Supron
- II. Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. There were no late additions to the agenda.
- III. Approval of the March 20th Meeting minutes.
 - a. The minutes were **approved** unanimously with the note to add an addendum to include President Pollack's responses to questions given at a prior visit.
- IV. Presentation
 - a. Cornell Community Relations/Local Economic Snapshot (Kate Supron)
 - i. K. Supron introduced the role of the Office of Community Relations and its duties. K. Supron gave an overview on the yearly Local Economic Snapshot, including aspects such as property taxes and municipal fees.
 - ii. G. Ewing questioned if there were hiring or networking opportunities capitalized upon through connections and relationships with local community offices.
 1. K. Supron stated that student engagement through these relationships is typically separate, as the Office acts more in an administrative function.
 - iii. T. Wolford questioned if Cornell's position in the Tompkins County economy is similarly comparable to other relationships for other college areas.



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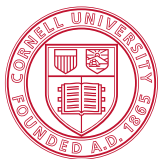
1. K. Supron noted the unique contexts of different universities that makes comparison difficult. K. Supron highlighted the uniqueness of the Local Economic Snapshot.
 - iv. G. Ewing asked for details on the Collegetown Working Group.
 1. K. Supron gave an overview of the Group and the University's relationship with them, especially noting current construction in Collegetown.
- 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. Resolution 8: Amending the GPSA Finance Commission Summer Funding Deadlines
 - i. K. Rajagopalan gave an overview on the Resolution which will give student organizations the opportunity to submit rolling budget submissions over the summer for the possibility of consideration.
 1. M. Heeney questioned if this would put an un-due burden on the Finance Commission over the summer.
 2. K. Rajagopalan stated that roughly 5 commissioners would be available over the summer.
 - ii. There was a motion to move to voting. The motion was seconded.
 - iii. The Resolution was **approved** with a vote of 14-0-1.
 - b. VPO and DISC Chair Nominations and Elections
 - i. T. Baker was nominated as Vice President of Operations. T. Baker was elected.
 - ii. M. Liqa was nominated as Diversity and International Students Committee Chair. M. Liqa was elected.
- IX. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates
 - a. Executive Committee



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- i. No new updates.
- b. Operations
 - i. No new updates.
- c. Appropriations
 - i. No new updates.
- d. Communications
 - i. M. Heeney stated that posters for elections would be shared soon.
- e. Finance
 - i. K. Rajagopalan noted dates for organization funding applications.
- f. Student Advocacy
 - i. No new updates.
- g. Diversity and International Students
 - i. No new updates.
- h. Programming
 - i. M. Matthews stated that new ticket sales for the Spring Gala will open the next day.
 - ii. Y. Kang noted a need for another department to participate in the next cross-campus networking event.
- i. Faculty Awards
 - i. No new updates.
- j. General Committee
 - i. No new updates.
- k. Graduate School
 - i. Dean Boor stated that 10 new inductees in the Graduate Honor Society were from Cornell.
- X. Open Forum
- XI. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer J. Zhang
Clerk of the Assembly



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