



# Cornell University

## Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

### Cornell Graduate and Professional Student University Assembly

Minutes of the October 2, 2023 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:15 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
  - a. M. Matthews called the meeting to order.
    - i. *Members Present:* D. Browne, T. Dixon, A. Garcia-Ortiz, B. Hayes, A. Iqbal, K. Kalinski, A. Lagressa, J. Lopez, Z. Lynch, M. Matthews, A. McGraw, O. Perkins, G. Smits, R. Thakore
    - ii. *Members Absent:* K. Ferrell, M. Heeney, M. Liqa, D. Parekh, K. Rajagopalan, V. Yeh
    - iii. *Also Present:* E. Kalweit
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohono (Cayuga Nation)
  - a. M. Matthews stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. None.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the September 11, 2023, meeting.
  - a. The minutes from the September 11th meeting were **approved** by unanimous consent.
- V. M. Matthews stated an overview of the business of the day.
- VI. Presentation by D. Browne on Resolutions 1 and 2
  - a. The Vice President of Finance gave an overview of [Resolution 1: Changes to GPSAFC Funding Guidelines](#) and [Resolution 2: FY24 Internal Budget](#).
- VII. Breakout Session by Year at Cornell
  - a. The GPSA divided into breakout sections by year and introduced themselves.
- VIII. Business of the Day
  - a. Consideration of [Resolution 1: Changes to GPSAFC Funding Guidelines](#)
    - i. D. Browne motion to **vote** on Resolution 1.
      1. Resolution 1 **passed** by a vote of 13-1-0.
  - b. Consideration of Resolution 2: FY24 Internal Budget



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- i. D. Browne motion to **vote** on Resolution 2.
  - 1. Resolution 2 **passed** by a vote of 14-0-0.
- c. M. Matthews put forward a call to fill the open voting member positions. Faculty Advising and Mentorship Award Committee Chair position.
  - i. G. Dunn-Hindle was appointed to chair the Faculty Advising and Mentorship Award Committee.
- d. M. Matthews put forward a call to fill open GPSA voting member positions.
  - i. M. Matthews put forward a call for nominations to fill the open master's degree representative position.
    - 1. A. Legressa was appointed to the open master's degree representative position.
  - ii. M. Matthews put forward a call for nominations to fill the law school representative position.
    - 1. D. Browne stated that representatives would have to be nominated within the law school.
  - iii. M. Matthews put forward a call for nominations to fill the open arts and humanities representative positions.
    - 1. B. Sarmah, S. Sepp, and S. Karim were elected to Biological Sciences Representative positions.
    - 2. S. Karaikal and E. Forcier were elected to Physical Sciences Representative positions.
- e. M. Matthews put forward a call to fill open University Committee positions.
  - 1. A. Koyyada was appointed to the open UA Campus Codes Committee representative position.

### IX. Officer Reports and Committee Updates

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. M. Matthews stated that today's resolutions have passed.
- b. Operations
  - i. A. McGraw stated that new voting members will be hearing from her about committee appointments.
- c. Appropriations
  - i. D. Browne reported that the new finance commission guidelines will be posted soon and clubs and organizations would be notified.
- d. Communications
  - i. A. Garcia-Ortiz shared that the communiqué is a great place to share broadly applicable events and services.
- e. Finance



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- i. A. Iqbal reported that the finance commission would hold their first meeting soon.
- f. Student Advocacy
  - i. Nothing to report
- g. Diversity and International Students
  - i. M. Matthews stated that the committee is planning on being involved with the English Language Service Office Advisory Council. They are also working with respective diversity and international student organizations to make them aware of DISC.
- h. Programming
  - i. Nothing to report
- i. Graduate School
  - i. K. Boor stated that they were providing training on the new admission practices so that regulations are consistent with June's Supreme Court decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. Withers  
Director of the Office of the Assemblies