**Cornell Graduate and Professional Student University Assembly**

Minutes of the October 16, 2023 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:15 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

1. Call to Order
   1. M. Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.
      1. *Members Present*: D. Browne, E. Forcier, B. Hayes, M. Heeney, S. Karaikal, S. Karim, A. Lagressa, J. Lopez, Z. Lynch, M. Matthews, B. Patel, O. Perkins, B. Sarmah, G. Smits, R. Thakore
      2. *Members Absent*: K. Ferrell, A. Garcia-Ortiz, A. Iqbal, M. Liqa, A. McGraw, D. Parekh, K. Rajagopalan, S. Sepp, V. Yeh
      3. *Also Present*: K. Boor, J. Withers
2. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogo̱ho꞉nǫ (Cayuga Nation)
   1. M. Matthews stated the UA’s acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
3. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
   1. None.
4. Approval of the Minutes from the October 2, 2023, meeting.
   1. The minutes were not ready; tabled until the next meeting.
5. M. Matthews stated an overview of the business of the day. The two planned presentations were rescheduled.
6. Breakout Session by Field
   1. The GPSA divided into breakout sections by field and discussed the business of the day.
7. Business of the Day
   1. Call to fill open GPSA voting member positions
      1. S. Matan and N. Brennan were elected as Physical Sciences Representatives.
      2. A. Koyyada and K. Jaffry were elected as Social Sciences Representatives.
   2. Call to fill open University Committee positions
      1. S. Karim was appointed to the Graduate School General Committee.
8. Officer Reports and Committee Updates
   1. Executive Committee
      1. M. Heeney stated that they would be working on a resolution in support of unionization efforts.
   2. Operations
      1. None.
   3. Appropriations
      1. None.
   4. Communications
      1. None.
   5. Finance
      1. None.
   6. Student Advocacy
      1. None.
   7. Diversity and International Students
      1. None.
   8. Programming
      1. Nothing to report
   9. Graduate School
      1. K. Boor stated that they were about 75% of the way through updating admission practices so that regulations are consistent with June’s Supreme Court decision.
9. Open Forum
   1. M. Matthews outlined two potential resolutions and asked for members interested in working on them.
   2. M. Matthews stated that a survey about Cornell Cinema was included in the Communique with a 70% response rate in the first day. She asked for members interested in working on a resolution regarding funding for Cornell Cinema to contact her.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Withers

Director of the Office of the Assemblies