**Cornell Graduate and Professional Student University Assembly**

Minutes of the November 13, 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 5:05 p.m.
      1. *Members Present*: N. Brennan, D. Browne, T. Dixon, E. Forcier, D. Ghimire, K. Glinski, B. Hayes, M. Heeney, K. Jaffry, S. Karim, A. Koyyada, A. Lagressa, J. Lopez, Z. Lynch, S. Matan, M. Matthews, A. McGraw, D. Parekh, B. Sarmah, S. Sepp, G. Smits, R. Thakore
      2. *Members Absent*: K. Ferrell, A. Garcia-Ortiz, S. Karaikal, M. Liqa, B. Patel, O. Perkins, V. Yeh
      3. *Also Present*: J. Lamey, 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. Call to fill open positions was moved to before the business of the day.
4. Approval of the October 2nd, 2023 Minutes
   1. The amended October 2nd, 2023 Minutes were approved unanimously.
5. M. Matthews stated an overview of the business of the day.
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 the Finance Commission chair position
      1. A. Koyyada was elected Chair of the Finance Commission by unanimous consent.
   2. D. Browne introduced [Resolution 4: FY24 Activity Fee](https://cornell.box.com/s/k9k2lyglahcp18lvrhmqm4354p1mcq28) and [Resolution 5: GPSAFC Guidelines Amendment](https://cornell.box.com/s/zfu7twjkthtpx9mjiewhz6ok6cqbu0mc).
      1. N. Brennan motioned to split the question. Resolution 4 adopted with a vote of 20-0-0. Resolution 5 tabled to the next meeting by unanimous consent.
   3. Call to fill open GPSA voting member positions
      1. E. Forcier was reassigned to the Master of Engineering Representative seat.
   4. Call to fill open University Committee positions
      1. No nominations.
8. Officer Reports and Committee Updates
   1. Executive Committee
      1. M. Heeney stated that they met with the Big Red Barn about events and catering options. They also stated that they are working on a transportation survey.
   2. Operations
      1. A. McGraw stated that all voting members should have received an email about committee membership. They are also working on Bylaw revisions.
   3. Appropriations
      1. D. Browne had no further updates.
   4. Communications
      1. None.
   5. Finance
      1. None.
   6. Student Advocacy
      1. None.
   7. Diversity and International Students
      1. D. Parekh stated that they are discussing orientations for international students.
   8. Programming
      1. M. Matthews stated that the Programming Board is planning the Grad Ball.
   9. Graduate School
      1. J. Lamey gave an update on the Big Red Barn, noting that a new director started this month.
9. Open Forum
   1. Members discussed the need for tax support especially for international students.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Withers

Director of the Office of the Assemblies