

### Cornell Graduate and Professional Student University Assembly

Minutes of the November 28, 2022 Meeting 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM 401 Physical Sciences Building

#### I. Call to Order

- a. Chair P. Hanley called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
- b. *Members Present:* K. Boardman, A. Bruce, S. Carrillo, Y. Cho, K. Carter Cram, M. Dew, B. Hayes, M. Heeney, Y. Joo Kang, K. Karnuta, A. Majumdar, A. Masand, M. Matthews, A. McGraw, M. Minelli, N. Moore, A. Murtha, C. Ohenewah, A. Patel, G. Smits, J. Washington, T. Wolford, S. yang, P. Hanley
- c. Members Absent: S. Bright-Thonney, K. Chapman, N. Dorvil, G. Ewing, S. Graham, D. Stanic, A. Wunsch
- d. *Also Present:* J. Bowman-Brady, A. Johnson, E. Kalweit, J. Withers, J. Zhang
- II. Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. There were no late additions to the agenda.
- III. Approval of the Meeting minutes
  - a. There were no minutes to approve.
- IV. Introduction to Business of the Day
- V. Breakout session by Division
- VI. New Business
- VII. Business of the Day
  - a. Resolution 3: Amendments to Appendix B of the GPSA Charter
    - i. K. Karnuta questioned why the resolution was repeatedly being voted upon. P. Hanley stated that there weren't enough people each time Resolution 3 was brought to the floor.
    - ii. There was a motion to move to voting. The motion was seconded.
    - iii. The Resolution was approved with a vote of 25-0-0.
  - b. Resolution 4: Requesting that the University Provide Funds for an MD Gynecologist at Cornell Health

- i. Ariel Johnson and Jane Bowman-Brady introduced themselves as members of the Pelvic Pain Association and gave thanks to the many organizations who helped draft the resolution. A. Johnson noted that the resolution was being passed through multiple governance bodies, having already been voted on and approved in the Undergraduate Student Assembly.
- ii. A. Johnson and J. Bowman-Brady introduced the Resolution and described current circumstances that made receiving care and service extremely difficult, as well as comparisons with other similar higher education institutions. J. Bowman Brady and A. Johnson emphasized the need for an MD Gynecologist to address the many concerns common for those with feminine reproductive systems and shared their personal stories.
- iii. K. Karnuta questioned the current reasons why Cornell Health does not currently provide an MD Gynecologist. A. Johnson stated that due to limited student funds there was not enough that could be allocated, and that Cornell Health had not taken a concrete position, but that should their funding be increased, a new MD Gynecologist on staff would be welcomed.
- iv. K. Karnuta questioned if there was specific language to allocate funds specifically for this role versus relocating existing funds, to which A. Johnson stated that the language did not clearly state this but that it would be welcome to change in language to strengthen it.
- v. J. Washington questioned how much money was specifically being asked for. A. Johnson stated that there would be a reduction in operations inefficiency, noting how they had
- vi. There was a motion to move to voting. The motion was seconded.
- vii. The resolution was approved with a vote of 25-0-0.
- c. Resolution 5: Commending the Service of Graduate and Professional Student Assembly President Preston Hanley

- i. K. Boardman introduced the Resolution to commend the President for all his work as he graduates.
- ii. There was a motion to move to voting. The motion was seconded.
- iii. The resolution was approved with a vote of 25-0-0.

#### d. Reminder about Elections

- i. K. Boardman noted that on November 30<sup>th</sup>, a ballot for 2 positions would be sent out.
- ii. K. Karnuta questioned what would be sent on the email. K. Boardman stated that a biography for each candidate would be sent alongside the ballot.

## VIII. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates

### a. Executive Committee

 i. K. Boardman stated that the Committee was working on elections and noted, in reference to the change in power as P.
Hanley graduates, they would be stepping in to fill the President role until a new President was elected in the Spring, with J.
Washington stepping up to fill Boardman's role as Executive Vice President as well.

## b. Operations

i. J. Washington noted that any newly elected members should reach out through email to prepare. J. Washington noted that all committee chairs should place their prior committee meeting minutes inside the appropriate Box folder.

# c. Appropriations

i. No new updates.

### d. Communications

i. K. Boardman stated that the newsletter would be published earlier to be inclusive of finals. K. Boardman noted the survey in the newsletter which has yielded lots of community engagement.

#### e. Finance

- i. No new updates.
- f. Student Advocacy

- i. A. McGraw stated hopes for the Chief of the Cornell Police to come in the next semester to present on Crisis Management and Response. A. McGraw noted the third Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee the following Wednesday.
- g. Diversity and International Students
  - i. No new updates.
- h. Programming
  - i. M. Matthews stated that the final cross-campus networking event of the semester occurred with attendance around 60 people, and that interest forms for the next semester were beginning to be sent out. M. Matthews noted current activities at the Big Red Barn such as dogs, beverages, massages, etc. M. Matthews noted that nominations for the finals study kits were published in the morning and received over 1000 responses already.
- i. Faculty Awards
  - i. A. Patel stated that the ceremony would be foregoed due to a lack of funds.
- j. General Committee
  - i. G. Smits stated that there was a meeting the past Friday where financial concerns were brought up by other students. G. Smits noted that metrics on admissions, demographics, etc. and such was not readily available for students, but could be requested for access on certain data collections.

#### k. Graduate School

i. Dean Boor stated that preparations for next year's applications were beginning. Dean Boor noted the stress many feel during Finals season as well as other current events and expressed hopes for mindfulness and understanding of fellow students during these times.

## IX. Open Forum

a. K. Karnuta noted possible resolutions for Cornell Catering requests to enhance sustainability and shared possible future avenues such as reusable utensils they discussed, as well as support for students with



- children in terms of childcare, noting how Cornell's academic schedule does not mirror Ithaca's public school system.
- b. P. Hanley noted his thanks for his time as President.
- c. Dean Boor expressed her thanks to P. Hanley for stepping into the role during the middle of the semester last year in a very challenging moment.

## X. Adjournment

a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer J. Zhang Clerk of the Assembly