



**Cornell University**  
**Graduate and Professional**  
**Student Assembly**

**Cornell Graduate and Professional Student University Assembly**

Minutes of the December 4, 2023 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Room 401, Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
  - a. M. Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
    - i. *Members Present:* N. Brennan, E. Forcier, A. Garcia-Ortiz, D. Ghimire, B. Hayes, M. Heeney, K. Jaffry, S. K. Karatkal, O. Karim, Z. Lynch, S. Matan, M. Matthews, A. McGraw, B. Sarmah, S. Sepp, R. Thakore
    - ii. *Members Absent:* D. Browne, T. Dixon, K. Farrell, A. Koyyada, A. Lagressa, M. Liqa, J. Lopez, D. Parekh, B. Patel, O. Perkins, G. Smits, V. Yeh
    - iii. *Also Present:* K. Boor, J. Withers
- II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. None
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Approved minutes from October 16, October 30, and November 13 meetings by unanimous consent
- IV. Introduction of the Business of the Day
  - a. M. Matthews tabled discussion of Resolution 5 because of the sponsor's absence
- V. Breakout Session by Field
  - a. The GPSA divided into breakout sessions by field and discussed the business of the day
- VI. Business of the Day
  - a. Call to fill open positions
    - i. Physical Sciences Representative
    - ii. Master of Industrial and Labor Relations Representative
    - iii. Arts and Humanities Representative
    - iv. University Committee Positions for:
      1. Academic Freedom and Professional Status of the Faculty (1x)
      2. Student Library Advisory Council (1x)
      3. Codes and Judicial Committee (1x)N. Valdez nominated himself and won unanimously



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4. Campus Welfare Committee (1x)
5. Transportation Hearing and Appeals Board (1x)
6. Coalition on Mental Health
7. Committee for Campus-Constituency-Elected Trustees
  - A. Garcia-Ortiz nominated herself and won unanimously

VII. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates

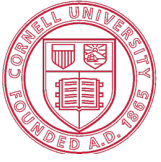
- a. Executive Committee
  - i. A. Garcia-Ortiz stated that the Cornell Cinema would give more budget information soon and that she finished the transportation survey
- b. Operations
  - i. A. McGraw stated that committee membership has been decided. The committee also plans to introduce byline revision proposals in Spring 2024 and a presentation on Robert's Rules and parliamentary procedure
- c. Appropriations
  - i. None
- d. Communications
  - i. A. Garcia-Ortiz stated that anyone wishing to add announcements to GPSA communications should send them to her before Fridays
- e. Finance
  - i. None
- f. Student Advocacy
  - i. None
- g. Diversity and International Students
  - i. Representative stated that the committee's social was successful and plans to work with a bigger bar and hold a ball in Spring 2024
- h. Programming
  - i. A. McGraw stated that the committee plans for a gala in Spring 2024
- i. Graduate School
  - i. K. Boor stated that the Big Red Barn got a new director

VIII. Open Forum

- a. Z. Lynch asked about inviting a Cornell transportation expert

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Anthony Wang  
Clerk of the Assembly