



Cornell University
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Minutes of the October 7th, 2019 Meeting 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 5:30pm A. Barrientos-Gomez calls meeting to order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present: A. Cohn, C. Duell, K. Esannason, A. Johnson, V. Kasonde, M. Keefe, K. Laurent, N. London, L. Louis, A. Sontag, P. Vinhage, D. Wang, A. Woods, Doga Yucalan, J. Bogdanowicz, L. Kenney, A. Loiben, J. Pea, L. Smith, A. Barrientos-Gomez, M. Kalaji
 - b. Absent: A. Cirillo
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Minutes from September 9, 2019
 - i. Motion to Approve
 - ii. Seconded
 - iii. Approved
 - b. Minutes from September 23, 2019
 - i. Motion to amend Taylor was named VP of Comm
 - ii. Seconded
 - iii. Motion to approve after amendment
 - iv. Approved
- IV. Presentations
 - a. Gina Giambattista, Office of the Assemblies
 - i. G. Giambattista: Thank you all for your participation in the shared governance of Cornell. Shared governance allows students, faculty, and staff to be a part of the decision-making process for Cornell. The representatives are elected, and these representatives are able to make and recommend policy decisions the highest ranks of the university. Every member of the Cornell community is represented through shared governance. Whether not members of the community actively participate,

they should be aware that they are being represented and that their voices can be heard. The authority of the assemblies comes from the university trustees. Our job in the office of assembly is provide support to all of the committees, assemblies, and elections, as well as update and publish the public records. We are also here to encourage participation from the Cornell community. We commonly work with data, HR, and work closely with the university registrar. What we can we do for you? We support the assembly, maintain the website with tools for members, and are here to be a resource for all matters GPSA. Our office is Day Hall 109 and are doors is usually open, feel free to stop by with any questions! All the assemblies have a mandate to represent constituent issues and bring it to the attention of the university. The assemblies charter serves as a constitution, and there are ways to amend the constitution, but they must be approved by the president of the university. The procedures during the assembly follow Robert's Rules of Order. We encourage members of the assembly to engage with stakeholders and use our resources.

b. Alexa Cohn, Executive Vice President and GPCI Committee Chair

- i. A. Cohn: The GPCI is a strategic plan made by the GPSA used to address non-academic graduate student life. It is rewritten every five years to address new issues. It was originally created in 2008 to provide a vision for Cornell on how to serve the graduate student community. The GPCI is different than a resolution because it is a framework rather than an outline of a deficiency. We want as many people involved in creating this document as possible because it is a community document. The focus of 2018 rewritten include areas such as mental health, diversity, ect. If you like to get involved in writing the document, please reach out to the area chairs. To see the first draft of the document, it is located under the "input and issues" section of the assembly website. From there you may login and leave comments under the GPCI feedback section. If you would like to remain anonymous you may email the area chairs directly. I will email the link to the feedback page. We will be looking for comments till the

end of the semester. This has been posted in the graduate school announcement and on all social media. My email is arc326@cornell.edu if you have anymore questions.

V. Division Breakout

- a. Discussing the GPCI

VI. Old Business

- a. Resolution 1: Resolution Approving the GPSA Budget for the 2019-2020 Term
 - i. C. Duell: Motion to amend the resolution to the updated numbers
 - 1. V. Kasonde: Seconded
 - 2. Approved
 - ii. A. Loiben: Motion to approve resolution as is
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. 15-0-4
 - 3. Resolution Passes

VII. Committee Updates

- a. Executive Committee: no
- b. Operations: We had our first meeting and we are in the process of training the new chairs
- c. Communications: no
- d. Appropriations: no
- e. Finance: We had a presentation on campus groups at the last GPSA meeting, if you have any more questions feel free to email arj66@cornell.edu. We are still waiting back hear about drop in session for help with campus groups
- f. Student Advocacy: no
- g. Diversity and International Students: If you are member you should have received an email from me about our event this Friday, and we will have a community conversation event coming soon on Hong Kong.
- h. Programming: We had a meeting and we are working on planning on mixers. Email kml287@cornell.edu if you would like to help.
- i. Faculty awards: no
- j. Gen: no

- k. Grad School: no
- l. GPCI: I will be sending field reps a draft email that you can send to your constituents and list serves.
- m. University Assembly: President Pollack came to our last meeting to talk about the campus code of conduct, we are working on updating.

VIII. Open Forum

- a. A. Cohn: if you aren't receiving email or need a placard come see me.
- b. Andy: On the 18th we will be going to the Ivy+ summit at Princeton. We have a slot for two people, if you like to come please reach out to me alb445@cornell.edu. Priority will be given to those who are experience in GPSA. Also, the student childcare grant program application deadline is coming up.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashlynn Lee

Clerk of the Assembly