



Cornell University

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

Cornell Graduate and Professional Student University Assembly

Minutes of the September 11th, 2023 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:15 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. M. Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.
 - i. *Members Present:* D. Browne, A. Garcia-Ortiz, B. Hayes, M. Heeney, J. Lopez, M. Matthews, A. McGraw, O. Perkins, K. Rajagopalan, G. Smits
 - ii. *Members Absent:* K. Ferrell, M. Liqa, D. Parekh, V. Yeh
 - iii. *Also Present:* M. Ryan, J. Withers

- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoḥo:ṇo (Cayuga Nation)
 - a. M. Matthews stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.

- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. M. Matthews stated that there would be a call for nominations to any open positions not included on the agenda, including a Finance Committee chair.

- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the [August 28th, 2023 meeting](#).
 - a. The minutes from the August 28th meeting were **approved** by unanimous consent.

- V. M. Matthews stated an overview of the business of the day.

- VI. [Presentation](#) on the Cornell Cinema
 - a. M. Ryan provided a presentation on the Cornell Cinema's upcoming semester, including a schedule of events, ticket prices, funding details, the organization's structure, and student involvement in the organization.

- VII. Breakout Session by Year at Cornell
 - a. The GPSA divided into breakout sections by year and introduced themselves.

- VIII. Business of the Day
 - a. Consideration of [Resolution 1: Changes to GPSAFC Funding Guidelines](#)
 - i. M. Heeney put forward a motion to **table** Resolution 1 since changes were made to its contents that affect the bylaws.
 1. A. McGraw seconded the motion.
 2. Resolution 1 was **tabled** by unanimous consent.



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- b. Consideration of Resolution 2: GPSA Internal Funding Proposal from David Browne
 - i. D. Browne introduced Resolution 2 to the Assembly, which is a funding proposal for the GPSA.
- c. M. Matthews put forward a call to fill the open Faculty Advising and Mentorship Award Committee Chair position.
 - i. G. Dunn-Hindle was appointed to chair the Faculty Advising and Mentorship Award Committee.
- d. M. Matthews put forward a call to fill open GPSA voting member positions.
 - i. M. Matthews put forward a call for nominations to fill the open master's degree representative position.
 - 1. A. Legressa was appointed to the open master's degree representative position.
 - ii. M. Matthews put forward a call for nominations to fill the law school representative position.
 - 1. D. Browne stated that representatives would have to be nominated within the law school.
 - iii. M. Matthews put forward a call for nominations to fill the open arts and humanities representative positions.
 - 1. R. Thakore was appointed to the open arts and humanities degree representative position.
 - 2. X. Lynch was appointed to the open arts and humanities degree representative position.
- e. M. Matthews put forward a call to fill open University Committee positions.
 - 1. J. Lopez was appointed to the open UA Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment representative position.
 - 2. A. Iqbal was appointed to serve on the UA Campus Welfare Committee.
 - 3. M. Matthews motioned to extend the meeting by ten minutes.
 - 4. O. Karim was appointed to serve on the UA Campus Welfare Committee.
- f. M. Matthews put forward a call for nominations to chair the Finance Committee.
 - i. A. Iqbal was appointed to chair the Finance Committee.

IX. Officer Reports and Committee Updates

- a. Executive Committee



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- i. M. Heeney stated that she is working on creating an advisory board for transportation, responding to the rejection of last semester's calls to hire an MD gynecologist on campus, funding for the Cornell Cinema, and expanding the access fund through the summertime.
- b. Operations
 - i. A. McGraw stated that all voting members must serve on a committee and that they should be expecting communication sharing which committees members are eligible to join. She also stated that the committee would be taking on a bylaws revision project.
- c. Appropriations
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Communications
 - i. A. Garcia-Ortiz shared that her first communiqué went out last week and that she is working on spreading awareness of the assembly through social media.
- e. Finance
 - i. Nothing to report
- f. Student Advocacy
 - i. Nothing to report
- g. Diversity and International Students
 - i. M. Heeney stated that the committee is recruiting members and had their first meeting last week.
- h. Programming
 - i. Nothing to report
- i. Graduate School
 - i. K. Boor stated there is a new strategy for meeting with the leadership team with the GPSA.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
P. J. Brown
Clerk of the Assembly