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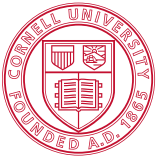
**Cornell Graduate and Professional Student University Assembly**

Minutes of the August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

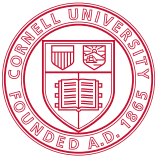
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- I. Call to Order
  - a. M. Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:03pm
  - b. *Members Present:* D. Browne, A. Garcia-Ortiz, M. Heeney, A. McGraw, K. Rajagopalan, G. Smits, M. Matthews
  - c. *Members Absent:* D. Parekh, T. Wolford
  - d. *Also Present:* K. Boor, B. Hayes, M. Liqa, O. Perkins, J. Withers, V. Yeh
  
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohono (Cayuga Nation)
  
- III. Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. M. Matthews called for late additions to the agenda. No late additions were presented.
  
- IV. Approval of the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes
  - a. M. Heeney put forward a motion to approve the minutes.
  - b. A. Garcia-Ortiz seconded the motion.
  - c. The minutes **passed** by unanimous consent.
  
- V. Presentation
  - a. K. Rajagopalan introduced herself as Finance Commission chair of the GPSA and presented on the changes to organization funding guidelines for the GPSA this semester.
  
- VI. Introduction to the Business of the Day
  - a. M. Matthews introduced the business of the day, including consideration of Resolution 1 and filling GPSA Committee Chair positions.
  
- VII. Breakout Sessions
  - a. The Assembly met with their respective divisions to discuss plans for the semester and to look through Resolution 1.
  
- VIII. Business of the Day



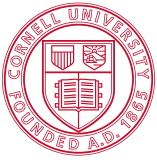
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- a. M. Matthews introduced [Resolution 1 – Changes to GPSAFC Funding Guidelines](#) to the Assembly. She stated that since the GPSAFC has changed their guidelines for funding, the Assembly will also be altering their financial documentation and that they would vote on the Resolution 1 at their next meeting.
- b. M. Matthews called for members to fill GPSA Committee Chair Positions.
  - i. A. McGraw introduced the Student Advocacy Chair position to the Assembly.
    1. M. Liqa put forward a self-nomination to fill the position.
    2. M. Liqa was nominated to the position by unanimous consent.
  - ii. A. McGraw introduced the Faculty Teaching, Advising, and Membership Award Committee Chair position to the Assembly.
    1. No nominations were put forward.
  - iii. A. McGraw introduced the Programming Board Chair position to the Assembly.
    1. M. Heeney put forward a nomination for K. Farrell to fill the position.
    2. K. Farrell was nominated to the position by unanimous consent.
  - iv. M. Matthews introduced the Master's Degree Programs Representative positions to the Assembly.
    1. A. McGraw put forward a nomination for J. Lopez to fill the position.
    2. J. Lopez was nominated to the position by unanimous consent.
  - v. M. Matthews introduced the Arts and Humanities Representative positions to the Assembly.
    1. No nominations were put forward.
  - vi. M. Matthews introduced Biological Sciences Representative positions to the Assembly.
    1. No nominations were put forward.
  - vii. M. Matthews introduced Physical Sciences Representative positions to the Assembly.
    1. No nominations were put forward.
  - viii. M. Matthews introduced Social Sciences Representative positions to the Assembly.
    1. B. Hayes put forward a self-nomination to fill the position.
    2. B. Hayes was nominated to the position by unanimous consent.
  - ix. M. Matthews introduced S.C. Johnson College of Business Representative position to the Assembly.



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1. V. Yeh introduced herself as a S.C. Johnson College of Business Representative.
- x. M. Matthews introduced Cornell Law School Representative position to the Assembly.
  1. D. Browne introduced himself as the Cornell Law School Representative.
- xi. M. Matthews introduced College of Veterinary Medicine Representative position to the Assembly.
  1. O. Perkins introduced herself of the College of Veterinary Medicine Representative.
- c. M. Matthews called for members to fill open University Committee positions.
  - i. M. Matthews introduced the Music Committee position to the Assembly.
    1. B. Hayes put forward a self-nomination to fill the position.
    2. B. Hayes was nominated to the position by unanimous consent.
  - ii. M. Matthews introduced herself as a Title IX Committee position to the Assembly.
  - iii. M. Matthews introduced the Academic Freedom and Professional Status of the Faculty Committee Representative position to the Assembly.
    1. No nominations were put forward.
  - iv. M. Matthews introduced the Educational Policy Committee position to the Assembly.
    1. M. Liqa put forward a self-nomination to fill the position.
    2. M. Liqa was nominated to the position by unanimous consent.
  - v. M. Matthews introduced the Faculty Advisory Committee on Athletics and Physical Education position to the Assembly.
    1. O. Perkins put forward a self-nomination to fill the position.
    2. O. Perkins was nominated to the position by unanimous consent.
    3. A. Garcia-Ortiz put forward a self-nomination to fill the position.
    4. A. Garcia-Ortiz was nominated to the position by unanimous consent.
  - vi. M. Matthews introduced the University Assembly Campus Codes Committee position to the Assembly.
    1. V. Yeh put forward a self-nomination to fill the position.
    2. V. Yeh was nominated to the position by unanimous consent.
  - vii. M. Matthews introduced the University Assembly Campus Welfare Committee position to the Assembly.
    1. No nominations were put forward.

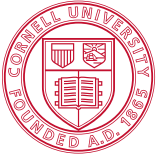


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- viii. M. Matthews introduced the University Assembly Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment position to the Assembly.
  - 1. A. McGraw put forward a self-nomination to fill the position.
  - 2. A. McGraw was nominated to the position by unanimous consent.
- d. M. Matthews introduced the Ivy+ Summit to the Assembly and called for members to serve as delegates for the summit for the year.
  - i. G. Smits and V. Yeh put forward self-nominations to serve on the delegation to the summit.

### IX. Officer/Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. M. Heeney stated that the Executive Committee is working on future consideration of transportation issues and is calling for members of groups on campus to present at Assembly meetings.
- b. Operations
  - i. A. McGraw stated that she is looking for members to fill vacancies on the Assembly if any member who knows anyone who would be interested in serving on the Assembly. She also stated that she is working on the bylaws and is looking for members interested in working with her on this.
- c. Appropriations
  - i. D. Browne stated that he is working on the budget and anticipates a presentation on the budget at the Assembly's next meeting.
- d. Communications
  - i. A. Garcia-Ortiz stated that the Assembly should look out for outreach regarding the GPSA.
- e. Finance
  - i. M. Matthews stated that the Assembly is looking for a new Finance chair.
- f. Student Advocacy
  - i. Nothing to report.
- g. Diversity and International Students
  - i. Nothing to report.
- h. Programming
  - i. M. Matthews stated that the Assembly is looking for members to work on the Programming Committee.
- i. Graduate School
  - i. K. Boor introduced herself as the Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Education and stated that she will be attending future GPSA meetings.



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X. Open Forum

- a. G. Smits stated that there is an open position on the Graduate School General Committee that needs to be filled.
  - i. M. Heeney stated that the vacancy will be filled at the Assembly's next meeting.
  - ii. G. Smits introduced the details of the position to the Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*P.J. Brown*

Clerk of the Assembly