Resolution 10:

Resolution Establishing a Vice President of Finance on the Executive Committee & Renaming of Finance Commission and Finance Commission Chair

**Abstract:** The GPSA Charter (hereafter ‘the Charter’), Article V, Section 5.01 establishes four officers, including: (1) the President, (2) the Executive Vice President, (3) the Vice President for Operations, and (4) the Vice President for Communications. This resolution seeks to redefine the current Appropriations Commission and its Chairperson (referenced Article III, Section 3.05 of the GPSA Bylaws AMD 09/26/16) as the GPSA Finance Committee and, further, make its Chairperson the Vice President of Finance, providing said Chairperson with a seat on the Executive Committee (referenced in Article V, Section 5.01 of the Charter). Further, the resolution seeks to rename the current Finance Commission and its Chairperson (referenced in Article III, Section 3.07 of the GPSA Bylaws AMD 09/26/16) the Appropriations Committee and Appropriations Committee Chairperson, respectively, in order to accurately articulate the duties of the body. The resolution, generally, does not seek to alter the duties of either body.

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**Whereas,** the Charter—as currently written—omits a financial hand on the Executive Committee, leaving the Executive Committee with little knowledge of the Assembly's financial state during Committee meetings and when carrying out day-to-day operations for the Assembly.

**Whereas,** Article III, Section 3.05 of the GPSA Bylaws as amended September 26, 2016 provides the Appropriations Committee and its Chairperson authority over all aspects of the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee, including review of the GPSA Byline Allocation Procedures, the GPSA Eligibility Criteria and Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations, the GPSAFC Funding Guidelines, and the GPSA Internal Budget.

**Whereas,** the Charter affords the Appropriations Committee and its Chairperson the aforementioned authorities but does not afford said Committee Chairperson an Executive Committee Position.

**Whereas,** Article III, Section 3.07 of the GPSA Bylaws as amended September 26, 2016 establishes the GPSA Finance Commission and its Chairperson for the purpose of allocating funds to registered graduate and professional student organizations on the Ithaca and Geneva campuses of Cornell University.
Be it therefore resolved, that it being essential to the operations of the Executive Committee and by extension the Assembly itself, the current Appropriations Committee (ref. Article III, Section 3.05 of the GPSA Bylaws AMD 09/26/16) shall become the GPSA Finance Committee.

Be it further resolved, that the Chairperson of the new Finance Committee also serve as the Vice President of Finance (VPF), be provided a seat on the Executive Committee as such, and the VPF position be written into the GPSA Charter under Article V, Section 5.01.

Be it further resolved, that the duties and authorities of the new GPSA Finance Committee be found under Article III, Section 3.05 of the GPSA Bylaws, as amended September 26, 2016.

Be it further resolved, that the current GPSA Finance Commission (referenced in, Article III, Section 3.07 of the GPSA Bylaws AMD 09/26/16) be renamed the Appropriations Committee to better articulate its duties and authorities.

Be it further resolved, that the duties and authorities of the new GPSA Appropriations Committee be found under Article III, Section 3.07 of the GPSA Bylaws, as amended September 26, 2016.

Be it finally resolved, that the outlined changes of this resolution take effect immediately following the Assembly’s passage of it.

Respectfully Submitted,

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