



Resolution 17: Creating Campus-Aware Criteria for Byline Funded Organizations

Abstract: Currently, Appendix B of the GPSA charter defines eligibility rules and obligations for byline funded organizations. The rules assume that organizations should effectively serve a major portion of Cornell students. With the establishment of Cornell Tech, and its geographical distance from the Cornell campus in Ithaca, these assumptions no longer hold. Adherence to existing eligibility rules and obligations places an unfair burden on Cornell Tech-based organizations, due to the campus being fundamentally different in nature and size, and impairs the ability of these organizations to serve students that are based on Cornell Tech.

This resolution amends Appendix B to require byline organizations to identify the campuses they serve and have per-student funds calculated based on served campuses. As application requirements prior to this resolution were based on the total population of graduate students, these changes allow organizations, which serve only the smaller campus, to realistically meet byline application requirements.

Furthermore, Tech-based master's students currently receive the funds generated from their Student Activity Fee (GPSAF) returned to an organization based at Tech to distribute to groups at that campus. However, no provision is made for non-master's students or byline organizations operating at Tech. This resolution amends Appendix B to change this funding arrangement in order to (1) include all graduate and professional students based at Tech, (2) explicitly specify the student organizations responsible for managing the returned funds, and (3) remove byline-funded organizations which serve the Tech campus from the amount returned.

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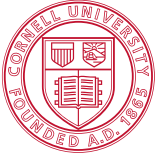
Whereas, Cornell has established geographically separated campuses, notably Cornell Tech, which include graduate and professional students who live and study there full time; and

Whereas, graduate and professional students based in non-Ithaca campuses are required to pay the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee (GPSAF) as described in GPSA Charter §2.02; and

Whereas, the GPSA Charter Appendix B defines eligibility criteria and obligations for byline funded organizations; and

Whereas, these criteria do not currently distinguish between which campuses a byline organization serves, thus allowing for organizations to obtain GPSAF funds from students who cannot realistically access their services; and

Whereas, the GPSA Charter Appendix B §5.03 (lines 323-341) already provides, specifically for Cornell Tech Master's students, GPSAF to be returned to and managed by a recognized "Cornell



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41 Tech organization” at the Cornell Tech campus; and

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43 **Whereas**, the GPSA Charter Appendix B §5.03 (lines 323-341) does not make similar provision for
44 Cornell Tech PhD students and other non-master’s students; and

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46 **Whereas**, the “Cornell Tech organization” described in GPSA Charter Appendix B §5.03 (lines 323-
47 341) is currently not explicitly held to obligations of byline funded organizations described in GPSA
48 Charter Appendix B §5.02 (line 196-243), which makes the obligations of this organization unclear;
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52 **Whereas**, the current version of the GPSA Charter Appendix B is described in Item VI
53 “Ratification and Expiry” (lines 513-514) has expired on May 31, 2020;

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55 **Be it therefore resolved**, the GPSA Charter Appendix B shall be renewed with the amendments
56 offered below; and

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58 Be it further resolved, that the GPSA Charter Appendix B §2.01.a (lines 18-19), in describing the
59 eligibility criteria for byline funded organizations, be amended to be “Directly and primarily serve
60 and benefit the entire graduate and professional student community in at least one Cornell
61 campus.”; and

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63 **Be it further resolved**, that the GPSA Charter Appendix B §2.01.b (line 20), be amended to be
64 “Allow all students at served campuses equal access to services and/or participation.”; and

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66 **Be it further resolved**, that the GPSA Charter Appendix B §2.02 (lines 25-26), in describing the
67 requirements of newly applying organizations, be amended to be “Organizations that have not
68 received byline funding in the past, have had their eligibility revoked by the GPSA, or will be
69 changing which campus(es) in which they operate, must in addition:”

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71 **Be it further resolved**, that the GPSA Charter Appendix B §2.02.e.i (line 33) and §2.02.f.i (line 37)
72 be amended to be “Have petitions with signatures from 10% of the graduate and professional
73 students at each campus the organization serves.”; and

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75 **Be it further resolved**, that the GPSA Charter Appendix B §2.02.e.ii (lines 33-34) be amended to be
76 “Have received funding from GPSAFC for the 4 semesters preceding their application or an
77 exception from the Appropriations Committee after demonstrating satisfactory accounting
78 practices.”; and

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80 **Be it further resolved**, that the GPSA Charter Appendix B §4.01.b.v be amended to insert the
81 following subsection §4.01.b.v.6 after §4.01.b.v.5 (line 96):

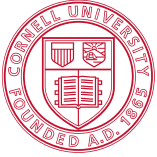
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6. Campus(es) in which the group operates and serves students.

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84 **Be it further resolved**, that GPSA Charter Appendix B §5.03 “Cornell Tech Campus – Master’s
85 Students” (lines 323-341) be deleted in its entirety; and

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84 **Be it further resolved,** that GPSA Charter Appendix B §5.03 “Graduate and Professional Student
85 Assembly (GPSA)” be amended to insert the following subsection 6 after 5 (on line 444):

86 6. The activity fee (GPSAF), appropriately deducted for the contributions to the GPSA, Risk
87 Management, and any byline funded organization that is identified as operative at Cornell
88 Tech based upon information provided in compliance with Article II §4.01, will be returned
89 to registered and officially recognized organizations at the Tech campus in New York City.

90 These organizations are the Cornell Tech Student Government (CTSG), representing
91 master’s and professional students, and PhD Students at Cornell Tech (PACT), representing
92 PhD students. CTSG and PACT must satisfy these conditions:

93 a. Have a set of bylaws and funding guidelines that will outline how the funds will be
94 distributed equitably among the different groups on the Cornell Tech campus.

95 b. Register every year with the SLECA office via the Campus Groups platform (or
96 equivalent registration system needed for every student organization at Cornell
97 University).

98 c. Submit a detailed report to the appropriations committee every two years in the
99 activity fee setting year. This report must be submitted by the final byline application
100 deadline and outline all their requests and expenses.

101 d. Subject to all Cornell regulations as enforced by the GPSA.

102 e. Review and update their bylaws & funding guidelines every two years. It is
103 recommended that this be performed in the Spring semester of the activity fee
104 setting year.

105 f. Abide by all obligations of GPSAF-funded organizations as described in Article II
106 §5.02.

107 g. Have a formal appeals process, reviewed and approved by the GPSA
108 Appropriations Committee, that gives any student group funded by CTSG or PACT
109 the right to appeal if they feel their allocation was unfair. This appeals process should
110 determine how these disputes will be resolved.

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112 **Be it finally resolved,** that GPSA Charter Item VI “Ratification and Expiry” (lines 513-514) be
113 amended to be “Upon adoption by the GPSA, this document shall be in effect as of June 1, 2021. It
114 shall expire on May 31, 2023 subject to the following exception:”.

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116 Respectfully Submitted,

117 Anthony Poon

118 PhD Students at Cornell Tech (PACT) Student Representative