

GPSA Resolution 5:

Resolution Approving the GPSA Internal Budget for the 2020-2021 term

Sponsored by: Aakarsha Ajit Pandey, on behalf of the GPSA Appropriations Committee.

WHEREAS, The GPSA Bylaws require that the Appropriations Committee recommend an internal budget in the form of a resolution (3.05(D)(vii)); and

WHEREAS, The total recommended budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year shall be a total of \$36,850.00; and

WHEREAS, The Administrative budget shall be 6,800.00, the Executive budget shall be \$150.00, the Communications budget shall be \$700.00, the Operations and Staffing budget shall be \$300.00, the Appropriations budget shall be \$800.00; and, the Finance Commission budget shall be \$1,600.00, the Student Advocacy budget shall be \$650.00, the NAGPS budget shall be \$800.00, the Faculty Awards budget shall be \$750.00, the Diversity Committee budget shall be \$1,800.00, and the travel budget shall be \$300.00; and

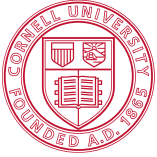
WHEREAS, The contribution to Anabel's Grocery shall be \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, The GPSA decided in 2015 to financially support the subsidized student-run and operated Anabel's Grocery through an annual contribution of \$20,000 for a maximum of four years (totaling \$80,000) in exchange for the ability of graduate and professional students to shop at the store; and

WHEREAS, This short-term contribution was decided at that time to come through the GPSA directly as a line item in the internal budget; and

WHEREAS, The chairs of the GPSA Finance Commission and chair of the GPSA Appropriations Committee met with the executive team of Anabel's Grocery in spring 2017 to formalize this relationship; and

WHEREAS, This discussion resulted in the formal agreement among all parties that 50% of the GPSA's contribution to Anabel's Grocery would be used for capital depreciation, and the remaining 50% be added to the subsidy fund; and



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28 **WHEREAS**, The subsidy fund is an account used by Anabel’s Grocery to subsidize the cost of
29 food items to customers with demonstrated financial need; and

30 **WHEREAS**, The next \$20,000.00 contribution of the GPSA was agreed upon to come in the
31 Fall of 2019; and

32 **WHEREAS**, in 2019 Fall the GPSA decided via [Resolution 4: Recommendation for the](#)
33 [Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee for 2020-2022](#) to support Anabel’s Grocery for
34 two years or until the next Byline cycle; and

35 **WHEREAS**, in the light of the pandemic and shifting of all GPSA activities to a remote setting,
36 graduate students have experienced additional financial stresses and changed home technology
37 needs; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, the GPSA will set aside \$2200 for a fund to help support graduate students’ home
40 technology needs, the exact distribution of which will be determined in collaboration with the
41 Graduate School and other relevant offices; and

42 **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, The current and remaining contributions of the original
43 \$80,000 decided on by the GPSA to Anabel’s Grocery will be designated as line items in the
44 GPSA internal budget;

45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Appropriations Committee will continue to stay in
46 communication with Anabel’s leadership to evaluate their finances and progress towards
47 sustainability once funding ceases;

48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the GPSA adopts these recommended allocations for the
49 budgets as proposed in this resolution;

50 Respectfully Submitted,

51 Aakarsha Ajit Pandey, GPSA Appropriations Chair

52 December 7, 2020

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