

1 Resolution 8: A Resolution to Adopt the Graduate and
2 Professional Community Initiative

3 *Sponsored by:* Alexa Cohn, Executive Vice President & Chair of GPCI Committee

4 **Whereas**, the GPSA in 2006-2007 created the Graduate Community Initiative (2007 GCI) to elevate
5 discussion around graduate and professional students on campus; and

6 **Whereas**, the GPSA in 2012-2013 wrote a new 5-year strategic plan known as the Graduate and
7 Professional Community Initiative (2013 GPCI); and

8 **Whereas**, the GPCI Ad Hoc Committee has evaluated both the 2007 GCI and 2013 GPCI,
9 reviewed the progress made since 2013, identified eight major topic areas on which to focus, and
10 drafted a full document entitled “Graduate and Professional Community Initiative 2020: A Strategic
11 Plan for the Graduate and Professional Student Community”; and

12 **Whereas**, in order to understand the needs of graduate and professional students, the Ad Hoc
13 Committee reached out to the graduate and professional student community by organizing town
14 halls, meeting with various university administrators and community stakeholders, engaging in
15 discussions during GPSA meetings, and soliciting feedback via electronic forms sent to relevant
16 communities; and

17 **Whereas**, having a strategic plan for the graduate and professional student community that is
18 developed collaboratively and comprehensively addresses issues will help the GPSA better advocate
19 for the needs of our community; and

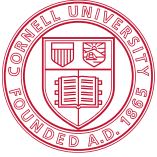
20 **Whereas**, the university administration and community stakeholders can use this document to
21 better understand the needs of all graduate and professional students and to adopt the
22 recommendations in collaboration with GPSA for a better campus community;

23 **Whereas**, the GPSA recommends that the Graduate School will release a progress report of
24 accomplished action items before 2024; therefore, be it

25 **Resolved**, that the GPSA adopts the attached Graduate and Professional Community Initiative as
26 the five-year strategic plan for GPSA and the graduate and professional community; and

27 **Resolved**, that the GPCI Ad Hoc will write the Introduction and Supplementary Appendix to be
28 included in the final document; and

29 **Resolved**, that this document, whilst expressing GPSA's will on support of the creation of the
30 GPCI, although this document requires changes in formatting, grammar, and syntax, that those
31 changes in the future, will not in any way change the intent of this Resolution; and



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32 **Resolved**, that this Resolution and the Graduate and Professional Community Initiative be sent to
33 *Martha Pollack*, President; *Robert Harrison*, Chair of Board of Trustees; *Vijay Pendakur*, Dean of
34 Students; *Ryan Lombardi*, Vice President for Student and Campus Life; *Michael Kotlikoff*, Provost;
35 *Barbara Knuth*, Dean of the Graduate School; *Jan Allen*, Associate Dean for Academic and Student
36 Affairs; *Janna Lamey*, Associate Dean for Graduate Student Life; *Jason Kababka*, Associate Dean for
37 Administration; *Sara Xayarath Hernandez*, Associate Dean for Inclusion and Student Engagement;
38 *Caleb Yu*, Graduate and International Career Advisor; *Jennifer Forbes*, Director of the Big Red Barn;
39 *Gina Giambattista*, Director of the Office of Assemblies; *Eduardo Peñalver* Dean, Cornell Law School;
40 *Lorin D. Warnick*, Austin O. Hooey Dean of Veterinary Medicine; *Mark W. Nelson*, Dean of the
41 Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management; *Charles Van Loan*, Dean of Faculty; *Kathryn*
42 *Boor*, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Science; *J. Meejin Joon*, Dean of the College of
43 Architecture, Art and Planning; *Ray Jayawardhana*, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; *Lance*
44 *Collins*, Dean of the College of Engineering; *Kate Walsh*, Dean of the School of Hotel
45 Administration; *Rachel Dunifon*, Dean of the College of Human Ecology; *Alexander Colvin*, Dean of
46 the School of Industrial and Labor Relations; *Brendan Lanners*, Executive Director of Office of
47 Global Learning; *Robin Hamlisch*, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services; *Avery August*,
48 Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; *Emmanuel P. Giannelis*, Vice Provost for Research; *Wendy Wolford*,
49 Vice Provost for International Affairs; *Gary Koretzky*, Vice Provost of Academic Integration; *J.*
50 *Gregorey Morrisett*, Vice Provost of Cornell Tech; *Keith Barton*, Associate Vice President for Facilities
51 and Campus Services; *Scot Vanderpool*, General Manager of TCAT; *Svante Myrick*, Mayor of Ithaca; all
52 DGS's; and staff in each listed office.

53 Respectfully Submitted,

54 Alexa Cohn

55 Executive Vice President & Chair of GPCI Committee