



**Cornell University**  
**Graduate and Professional**  
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**Resolution 10**  
**Condemning the Violation of the Autonomy of the GPSA**

**Sponsored by: Jesse Goldberg, GPSA Arts & Humanities Voting Member**

**Whereas**, the University Assembly’s Charter and Bylaws authorize its members to unseat a delegate from any constituent Assembly to any committee of the University Assembly; and

**Whereas**, this provision of the University Assembly’s Charter and Bylaws was enacted without consulting the constituent Assemblies; and

**Whereas**, the University Assembly is an Assembly of Assemblies, deriving its power and authority from the constituent Assemblies as well as the Office of the President; and

**Whereas**, the spirit and structure of shared governance at Cornell sets the Assemblies up as coequal and independently sovereign; and

**Whereas**, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly has not consented, explicitly or implicitly, to subject its delegates to the pleasure of the University Assembly; and

**Whereas**, without informing the membership of the University Assembly, the Executive Committee of the University Assembly did in fact unseat a delegate to one of its committees from the GPSA; and

**Whereas**, the Executive Committee of the GPSA did not object to or contest that action – at least not in a way visible to its constituent members, or bring it to the membership of the GPSA for comment or action;

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the GPSA condemns the UA procedure that allows the UA Executive Committee to unseat any delegate from a constituent Assembly at any time for any reason or for no reason; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the GPSA condemns the UA Executive Committee’s choice to invoke this procedure to remove a delegate of the GPSA, selected by the GPSA; and

**Be it finally resolved**, that the GPSA condemns the GPSA Executive Committee’s failure to provide the GPSA Membership, or at least the Operations and Staffing Committee, with the opportunity to discuss, comment upon, or formally respond to the UA’s decision, or in any way to assert the GPSA’s compromised autonomy.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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