



Cornell University
Graduate and Professional
Student Assembly

1 **GPSA Resolution 4: Endorsement of the Best Practices**
2 **for Faculty Advisers Document**

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6 **WHEREAS**, the adviser-advisee relationship is often the single most important factor
7 determining a graduate student’s education and overall experience in graduate school;
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9 **WHEREAS**, an enforceable formal set of guidelines for faculty advisers can only be
10 reasonably expected to address worst case scenarios;
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12 **WHEREAS**, more informal guidance will be highly beneficial both to new and experienced
13 faculty members;
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15 **WHEREAS**, such a set of guidelines will allow for assessment of an adviser’s ability to
16 mentor students, as well as serve as a starting point for conversations between advisers and
17 advisees;
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19 **WHEREAS**, the executive committee of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
20 (GPSA) has prepared such a set of guidelines with input from the Office of the Dean of the
21 Graduate School, the voting members of the GPSA, and other stakeholders;
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23 **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the GPSA endorses the attached document called
24 “Best Practices for Faculty Advisers”, as a perspective from students on what may be
25 expected of a faculty adviser;
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27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this document be used to guide future assessment of
28 faculty advisers and graduate students’ experiences at Cornell;
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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this document be widely distributed to faculty
31 members and be incorporated into training for faculty advisers,
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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this document be widely distributed to current and
34 incoming graduate students;
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36 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the GPSA shall update this document going forward
37 to reflect the changing nature of the adviser-advisee relationship over time, and any changes
38 shall require approval by the assembly.
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40 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**
41 **Richard Walroth,**
42 *GPSA President*