

**Cornell University**  
Graduate and Professional  
Student Assembly

1       **GPSA Resolution 7: Supervisor-Student Relationships**

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3       Sponsored by: Anna Waymack, Daniel Citron

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5       **WHEREAS**, the Cornell University graduate school policy on faculty-student relationships  
6 is only outlined at <http://gradschool.cornell.edu/policies/relationships>; and

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8       **WHEREAS**, it is therein unclear who enforces this policy and in what ways the policy is  
9 enforced; and

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11       **WHEREAS**, this existing policy requires that such relationships must not develop or  
12 continue without an exemption from the supervising dean of the person in authority; and

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14       **WHEREAS**, there is no enforcement provision in place for violations of this policy; and

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16       **WHEREAS**, unreported relationships with such academic and professional power  
17 differentials are rife with potential for abuse; and

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19       **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Cornell faculty, administration, and student  
20 body that Cornell avoid attracting negative journalistic attention in line with recent  
21 publicized cases from peer institutions;

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23       **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the GPSA strongly recommends that in cases of  
24 violation of this policy, the presumption of wrongdoing be on the person in position of  
25 authority, as it is their responsibility to report; and

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27       **BE IT FURTHERMORE RESOLVED**, that the GPSA strongly recommends that in cases  
28 of violation of this policy, the professional relationship shall be dissolved; and

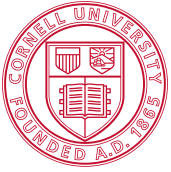
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30       **BE IT FURTHERMORE RESOLVED**, that the GPSA strongly recommends that said  
31 professional relationship be replaced with one amenable to the student at no financial cost  
32 to the student; and

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34       **BE IT FURTHERMORE RESOLVED**, that the GPSA strongly recommends that said  
35 cases be handled, insofar as is within university control, without professional repercussions  
36 to the student.

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39       **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

40       **Anna Waymack,**  
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