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**MINUTES**  
**Graduate & Professional Student Assembly**  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall**  
**5:30 – 7:00 P.M.**

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**I. Welcome and Introductions**

R. Walroth called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Started meeting with a moment of silence in honor of President Garrett.

**1. Introduction of voting members, 1 min.**

*Voting Members Present:* C. Benson, C. Wong, C. Aurand, C. Yao, I. Band, J. Goldberg, K. Ladha, K. Schlauraff, M. Jodlowski, N. Rogers, R. Walroth, R. Abramov, S. Hesse, T. Bernard, T. Snider, W. Nicholson

*Voting Members Absent:* A. Molitoris, J. Veintimilla, T. Bollu

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

**1. December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 1 min.**

The minutes were approved as presented

**III. Presentations**

**1. Maplewood Development Team, 30 min.**

Maplewood is being demolished and a private development firm has been hired to develop housing in the area. EdR was chosen since it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> best development firm in the country and the administration is confident they can deliver a great product. The firms representatives began their presentation by sharing that they have a lot of experience with similar projects from Johns Hopkins and have a unique perspective of graduate student housing and living. They will come back in a few months to share updates. EdR's priorities for Maplewood housing will be affordability, walkability, sustainability, and creating a community. Affordability was also at the top of Cornell's priorities.

**IV. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates, 10 min.**

Committee and Officer updates were not mentioned due to lack of time.

1. **Executive Committee**
2. **Operations**
3. **Appropriations**
4. **Faculty Awards**
5. **Finance Commission**
6. **Student Advocacy**
7. **Diversity and International Students**
8. **Programming Board**

#### **V. New Business**

1. **Break out session: Peer Mentoring for Incoming Students**

The break out session was an opportunity for field representative to learn about their field and take it back to their constituency.

2. **For introduction: GPSA R6: Resolution to Bring Cornell University Policy into Compliance with Federal Civil Rights Legislation**

The resolution was introduced and the sponsors mentioned they're bringing it to the Assembly because some of Cornell's policies are in violation of Title IX.

3. **For introduction: GPSA R7: Resolution on Supervisor-Student Relationships**

The sponsors are bringing the resolution to the meeting because advisor-advisee relationship guidelines are found written down only in one place and they would like to make the document more accessible.

#### **VI. Open Forum, 4 min.**

*Sincerely Submitted,  
Aastha Wadhwa*