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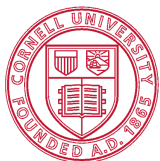
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Minutes of the May 7th, 2018 Meeting

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

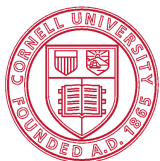
Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

- I. Call to Order
 - a. E. Winarto called the meeting to order 5:30 pm.
 - b. *Members Present:* K. Angierski, C. Cannarozzo, S. Durvasula, A. Gagnon, J. Goldberg, R. Harrison, S. Hesse, M. Jodlowski, M. Kalaji, G. Kanter, C. Little, A. Loiben, T. McCann, E. Michel, C. Stambuk.
 - c. *Members Absent:* X. Schofield, A. Viarruel, W. Zhang.
- II. Approval of the Minutes from the April 23rd, 2018 meeting.
 - a. J. Goldberg **motioned to amend** section VI.a.iv.1 to read “our standards would be lower.” after “A. Barrientos-Gomez:”. The amendment was **approved** with unanimous consent.
 - b. M. Munasinghe motioned to **call the question** on the Minutes, there was no dissent. The Minutes were **approved** with unanimous consent.
- III. Presentations
 - a. Heather Fortenberry then presented the CUeLINKS website, which is Cornell’s new networking platform. She also gave a short tutorial. URL: cuelinks.cornell.edu
 - i. D. Geisler asked for the best way to contact H. Fortenberry.
 1. Call or email: 607-255-9046 and hao3@cornell.edu.
 - ii. M. Battaglia asked how is this going to be advertised to alumni.
 1. H. Fortenberry: Alumni Affairs is working with alumni. They started by working with alumni that are involved a lot, and posting in the alumni magazine, on social media, and through the Cornell Clubs across the world.
 - iii. R. Carson asked if the profiles between alumni and students differ, and how does the website make that transition.
 1. H. Fortenberry: there’s not too much of a difference besides the “how I can help” questions. They are hoping to postpone that roll over from students to alumni for a year, so you as students can search alumni for that period. Alumni cannot search students. This is



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- a student program for students. Alumni Affairs is working on creating an alumni to alumni search, but it doesn't exist yet.
- iv. A. Barrientos-Gomez asked is there a way to connect academia.edu to this.
 - 1. H. Fortenberry: not right now.
 - b. M. Munasinghe presented the 2017 Doctoral Experience Survey Report.
 - i. The survey is administered by the Graduate School every other spring semester. It solicits all doctoral students who have been in a Graduate School degree program for at least 2 years. The 2017 response rate 63%.
 - ii. M. Munasinghe went over figures displaying the results of the survey (available at assembly.cornell.edu)
 - iii. M. Munasinghe noted it is particularly concerning the amount of time respondents spent TAing per week (in some cases way over Cornell's maximum threshold).
 - iv. R. Harrison asked is there a comparable professional schools survey.
 - 1. S. Durvasula: the individual Masters programs have them.
 - a. M. Munasinghe: that data has not been shared with the GPSA.
 - 2. M. Battaglia: it exists for the Law and Johnson schools.
 - a. M. Munasinghe: it had not been shared with the Executive committee.
 - 3. C. Cannarozzo: this data does not exist for the Vet School.
 - v. M. Battaglia stated that the Law and Johnson schools have a very small number of doctoral students in graduate school programs, he asked if they are included in this survey.
 - 1. J. Allen: we can sift through this data by division and by degree program. For graduate programs that have a professional degree we can pull that information out. She wanted to note that the Graduate School talks about this data with DGSs, specifically the overworking of TAs.
 - vi. J. Goldberg encouraged people to talk with DGSs about the pressures on graduate students to teach classes that undergraduates need to take to graduate, for example FWSs, and about how labor is distributed for teaching these classes across the university.



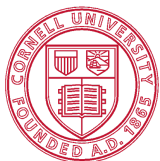
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- vii. S. Durvasula: even though it was mandatory to go to orientation, he didn't go. A lot of alumni who come back might miss the publicization of the GPSA because they don't go to orientation.
- viii. D. Geisler asked if this report is publicly available and if the raw data is available.
 - 1. The report is publically available (assembly.cornell.edu).
 - 2. J. Allen: the raw data is not, but we're open to people asking if they can get a report about something specific. If you have a need for more information from this data we'll provide it unless it would breach the anonymity of respondents. Email jan.allen@cornell.edu, or contact Anne Laughlin who produces the reports.

IV. Division Breakout

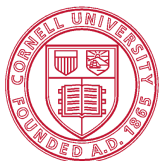
V. Elections

- a. M. Munasinghe then went over the election procedures, of which a detailed copy is in the meeting packet.
 - i. C. Cannarozzo asked if any member can be nominated.
 - 1. M. Munasinghe: for some positions yes, but for the standing committee chairs there is a preference for Voting Members.
 - ii. M. Battaglia asked if Ex-Officio Members are considered Voting Members for the standing committee chair elections.
 - 1. M. Munasinghe responded that they are not.
- b. Current or former office holders of each position then gave a short description of their position (in order of election).
- c. **Election of Officers:**
 - i. President:
 - 1. N. Rogers nominated E. Winarto, she gave a brief candidate speech.
 - a. A. Loiben asked how will she decrease the amount of hours she works.
 - i. E. Winarto: increased participation by members in committees would help.
 - b. C. Stambuk asked what does she see doing differently next year.



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- i. E. Winarto: we spent a lot of this year reacting to things that happened. We could have a better division of labor on the Executive committee.
 2. Result: by a vote of 43-1 E. Winarto was re-elected President.
 - ii. Executive Vice President:
 1. J. Goldberg nominated A. Barrientos-Gomez, he gave a speech.
 2. Result: by a vote of 44-0 A. Barrientos Gomez was elected EVP.
 - iii. Vice President for Operations:
 1. A. Loiben nominated himself.
 - a. T. McCann asked A. Loiben to describe his ideas to alleviate the participation challenges in committees.
 - i. A. Loiben: if we give Field Representatives the option to go to GPSA meetings or committee meetings for attendance it would likely help increase committee participation.
 2. Result: by a vote of 43-1 A. Loiben was re-elected VPO.
 - iv. Vice President for Communications:
 1. E. Michel nominated A. Cohn, she gave a speech.
 2. Result: by a vote of 43-1 A. Cohn was elected VPC.
 - v. Counsel:
 1. M. Battaglia nominated N. Rogers.
 2. Result: by a vote of 42-2 N. Rogers was re-elected Counsel.
- d. Election of a General Committee Representative:**
- i. E. Winarto nominated M. Kalaji.
 - ii. Result: by a vote of 43-0 M. Kalaji was elected a GC representative.
 - iii. A motion was made to extend the meeting by 20 minutes, there was no dissent.
- e. Election of Standing Committee Chairs:**
- i. Student Advocacy Committee:
 1. J. Goldberg nominated B. Kisselstein.
 2. Result: by a vote of 42-0 B. Kisselstein was re-elected SAC chair.
 - ii. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Programming Board:
 1. C. Cannarozzo nominated D. Arora.

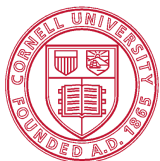


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2. Result: by a vote of 39-0 D. Arora was elected GPSAPB chair.
- iii. Faculty Teaching, Advising, and Mentorship Awards Committee:
 1. S. Bossert nominated C. Rose.
 2. Result: by a vote of 39-0 C. Rose was elected FTAMA chair.
- iv. Diversity and International Students Committee:
 1. A. Cohn nominated E. Law.
 2. Result: by a vote of 38-1 E. Law was re-elected DISC chair.
- f. Election of University Assembly Representatives (up to four seats):
 - i. G. Kanter nominated M Battaglia.
 - ii. D. Geisler nominated himself.
 - iii. Results: D. Geisler and M. Battaglia were elected UA representatives by votes of 36-0 and 31-5, respectively. The other two seats will remain vacant for now (there were no more nominations).
 - iv. A motion was made to move the introduction and discussion of Resolution 17 before committee updates, there was no dissent.

VI. New Business

- a. Introduction and discussion of **Resolution 17**
 - i. T. McCann: to pass this we need a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. This resolution funds a BRB event request (the Annual Big Red Barn Alumni Networking Event) by taking money from the roll over fund and adds an obligation to the Programming Board to fund this for the next two years.
 - ii. M. Battaglia: you're not allowed to vote on charter amendments at the same meeting. What we can do is motion to reconsider the allocation procedures as passed at the last meeting [Resolution 14].
 - iii. C. Stambuk asked if we put this into the byline procedures how do they get this money in June.
 1. The funding for this June's event will be from the GPSA rollover funds.
 - iv. A motion [not attached to any resolution] was made to grant \$750 from the roll over fund immediately to the BRB event.
 1. A motion was made to call the question on this motion, there was no dissent. By a vote of 14-0-4 the motion passed. They can now give \$750 to this event.

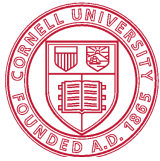


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- v. M. Battaglia made a motion to reconsider Resolution 14.
 - 1. M. Munasinghe motioned to call the question, there was no dissent. By a vote 12-0-6 the motion passed: Resolution 14 was brought back to the floor.
- b. Discussion of **Resolution 14**
 - i. A motion was made to extend the meeting by 20 minutes, there was no dissent.
 - ii. M. Battaglia motioned to amend by adding "The GPS Programming Board shall provide \$750 to the Big Red Barn for its annual Alumni Networking Event." [quoted from lines 42-43 in Resolution 17] to Section 5.03 in GPSA Appendix B (to the Charter) for the GPSPB.
 - 1. A motion was made to call the question on this amendment, there was no dissent. By a vote of 13-0-5 the motion passed: this language has been incorporated into Resolution 14-Appendix B.
 - iii. N. Rogers made a motion to call the question on Resolution 14, there was no dissent. By a vote of 14-0-4 Resolution 14 was re-passed.
- c. Discussion of **Resolution 17** continued
 - i. A motion was made to table Resolution 17 indefinitely. Resolution 17 was tabled indefinitely by unanimous consent.

VII. Committee Updates

- a. Executive: N. Rogers: the Graduate School will help pay for the Ivy+ Summit; he thanked J. Allen.
- b. Operations: nothing to report.
- c. Appropriations: nothing to report.
- d. Finance: they have \$29,000 left in the GPSAFC account. \$25,000 left in the reserve if needed. They are assuming that this rolls over to next year. The fiscal year ends on June 30th.
- e. Student Advocacy: nothing to report
- f. Diversity and International Students: nothing to report.
- g. Programming: Grad Ball was a raging success.
- h. Faculty Awards: nothing to report.
- i. General Committee: nothing to report.
- j. Consensual Relationship Policy Committee: nothing to report.



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- k. Graduate School: nothing to report.
- l. A motion was made to adjourn, there was no dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Ferraro
Clerk of the Assembly