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GPSA Student Advocacy Committee Meeting Agenda

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Thursday, October 6th, 2016

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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Agenda

1) Administrative Business (3 minutes)
   a) Meeting began at 5:10 PM
   b) Attendance
      i) Anna
      ii) Nate
      iii) Jesse
      iv) Iian
      v) Manisha
      vi) Alex
   c) Approval of Minutes from 09.22.2016
      i) Minutes approved by unanimous consent

2) New Business (60 minutes)
   a) Dine and Discuss (15 minutes)
      i) Need to pick a date for this year
         (1) Sometime in March or April 2017
         (2) Avoid conflict with Let’s Talk Diversity Dinner (03.23.2017)
         (3) Avoid Spring Break and preceding/following week
         (4) Aim for W 04.12.2017 or R 04.13.2017
      ii) Need to pick a location for 50 ± 10 people
         (1) Big Red Barn can be reserved without charge, but requires Cornell Catering
         (2) Biotech G10 is expensive
         (3) Klarman atrium is too exposed
         (4) Best options are Stocking Hall G01 or Willard Straight Hall
      iii) Need to pick a discussion topic by 02.10.2017
         (1) Grad Student Surveys won’t have results by then
         (2) Possible option: field, community, and workplace environment
            (a) Synergy with current efforts in engineering concerning professional behavior
            (b) Can ask Sarah Hernandez (Office of Inclusion and Student Engagement) to present
            (c) Can ask OISE groups for sponsorship
   b) Advocacy Role in Grievances (10 minutes)
      i) Only moral support and accompaniment is being offered
      ii) Will NOT give advice regarding specific actions to take
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(1) Will redirect questions to appropriate channels
iii) Composed an email to be sent to the graduate field assistants
      (1) Janna Lamey will send out the email and compile a list of GFAs for our purposes

   c) SAC Town Hall (10 minutes)
      i) Decided by unanimous consent to forgo the town hall event for this semester
         (1) No need for an open forum event when Dine and Discuss already exists
      ii) Look to establish an online submission form for complaints and questions
         (1) Provide a space to anonymously express concerns to the committee
            (a) Must anonymize data
            (b) Must be moderated and reviewed
            (c) Committee will publicly address common concerns as needed
      (2) Talk to SA and Office of Assemblies concerning technical logistics

   d) Updates (20 minutes)
      i) A new email address for the SAC chair has been established: gpsa_sac@cornell.edu
      ii) University Assembly meeting
         (1) UA supporting our Cornell Botanic Gardens resolution
         (2) Public safety concerns in wake of recent stabbing events
            (a) Potentially get Kathy Zoner to speak at GPSA meeting regarding public safety/alerts
            (b) Would like an alternative perspective to be present as well at this presentation
      (3) Ivy+ Summit was a success
      (4) Maplewood Development
         (a) Nate and Alex will write an Op-Ed for the Ithaca Journal regarding housing
         (b) Zoning board meeting on 10.18.2016, 5-7 PM, Ithaca City Hall
      (5) Academic Calendar Draft Committee
         (a) Nate is looking for a replacement representative for this purpose
      (6) Codes and Judicial Committee is considering transcript annotation guidelines
         (a) GPSA needs to fill its representative slots ASAP for UA committees
      (7) Student Assembly personal hygiene product resolution
         (a) Invite SA to talk about logistics and plans at a future GPSA meeting

   e) Policy 6.4 Discussion Update (2 minutes)
      i) Tabled indefinitely

   f) Future Agenda (5 minutes)
      i) Online submission form for complaints and questions
      ii) Update resource list
      iii) Pick a Dine and Discuss location and date
      iv) Policy 6.4 Discussion
      v) Survey content
      vi) Kathy Zoner presentation about public safety
      vii) SA presentation about their resolution

3) Open Forum (2 minutes)
   a) Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM