



Cornell University
Graduate and Professional
Student Assembly

Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

Agenda of the March 11th, 2019 Meeting

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call (5 Minutes)
- III. Approval of the Minutes (10 Minutes)
 - a. Minutes from February 11th, 2019
 - b. Minutes from March 4th, 2019
- IV. Presentations (20 Minutes)
 - a. Caleb Yu, Graduate and International Student Career Advisor, Introduction to the Assembly and Overview of the Career Resources Available for Students at Cornell
(20 Minutes)
- V. Division Breakout (20 Minutes)
- VI. Committee Q&A (15 Minutes)
- VII. Open Forum (15 Minutes)
- VIII. Adjournment (5 Minutes)



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Committee Updates

Executive

- We have our next meeting on March 25th, 2019.
- If you would like to add an item to the agenda, please contact me by March 20th.
- If the information on your name tent is not accurate or if you still do not have a name tent, please see me after the meeting or email me at alb445@cornell.edu.
- A schedule of our next meetings is listed below.

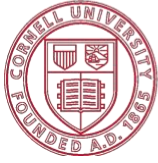
Communications Committee

- Please send Alexa (arc326) anything you'd like in the meeting summary by 9 am the Tuesday morning after a general body meeting.
- If there is something you'd like advertised on the listserv, you don't have to send it to me. Everyone has access to the listserv and can send emails on it.

Schedule of the GPSA Meetings

March 25th, 2019	Malott Hall, Bache Auditorium	5:30 – 7:00 PM
April 8th, 2019	Malott Hall, Bache Auditorium	5:30 – 7:00 PM
April 22nd, 2019	Malott Hall, Bache Auditorium	5:30 – 7:00 PM
May 6th, 2019	Malott Hall, Bache Auditorium	5:30 – 7:00 PM

No Updates: Student Advocacy Committee, Programming Board, Finance, Diversity and International Students, General Committee, Graduate School, Appropriations, Faculty Awards, Operations, GPCI ad-hoc



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Agenda of the March 4, 2019 Meeting

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Klarman Auditorium, Klarman Hall

I. Call to Order

- a. E. Winarto called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

II. Roll Call

- a. Present: K. Angierski, A. Barrientos-Gomez, A. Cohn, K. Krishnan, C. Mittan, D. Arora, D. Giesler, N. London, W. Anderson, A. Belen Ruival, M. Jodlowski, E. Winarto, W. Zhang, V. Kasonde, K. Palumbo, D. Parker
- b. Absent: R. Harrison, J. Kent-Dobias, S. Theobald, E. Lavin, A. Woods, K. Esannanson, J. Bogdanowicz, M. Kalaji, S. Chin, N. Carre

III. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2019

- a. Motion to postpone to next meeting
 - i. No dissent
 - ii. **Approved**

IV. Presentations

- a. Michael Fontaine and Marin Clarkberg, Co-chairs of the Middle States Accreditation, Input and Update on Accreditation (20 Minutes)
 - i. M. Fontaine: I am here to announce that we are approaching our next accreditation cycle 2021, use a peer lead group called the Middle States for accreditation and the reason we care about being accredited is because of federal funding. There are seven standards for accreditation we must meet and each standard has its own chair and committee. We are looking

for members of the GPSA to join our steering committee, the position is for 2 years. Additionally, we are part of the group that is moving Cornell from Blackboard to Canvas. There will also be an open forum with a Middle State rep. on March 21, 11am-noon in Statler Tower

- ii. A Representative: Who are you looking for to join the Steering committee, Is it any graduate student or a member of GPSA?
 - iii. M. Fontaine: That is up to you the GPSA.
 - iv. A Representative: Is it a single member for the length of the two year?
 - v. M. Fontaine: Ideally it would be the same person for the two years, the meeting is monthly. But if we can't get it, we can't get it.
- b. Mary Beth Grant, Senior Associate Dean of Students, Changes to the Event Management Planning Process
- i. M. Grant: The CCE website under activities, is the best place to find the changes we have made to help make student life easier. Our goal was to make event management and planning stricter and more transparent. We met with students and found that our rules should not be one size fits all. In regards to security fees we do not have the answer yet, but we also do not want that to be one size fits all. We will have an update on security fees around May. Time restraints have also been a concern; we have split the event registration timeline into 3 depending of type of events. Some events requiring no prior notice, 2 weeks, or 4 weeks.
 - ii. A Representative: If there is an event that is not approved and is held anyway what happens?
 - iii. M. Grant: We take it seriously for safety reasons, it is our hope that people will follow the rules. If the police happen to come across the event they may be shut down or have consequences through other organizations
 - iv. A Representative: Do these rules mirror that of an other institution
 - v. A Representative: What is the definition of approved caterer?
 - vi. M. Grant: We have a list on the website
 - vii. A Representative: If they're events are the Big Red Barn what is that process of having events there?

- viii. M. Grant: Even a monthly group registers the event, so it follows the rules like any other event
- ix. A Representative: If something is not listed on the website how do we determine what timeline the event has?
- x. M. Grant: Always try to meet the rules on the website but if you have any questions always calls.
- xi. A Representative: Who counts as Non-Cornell community members, do partners or kids count?
- xii. M. Grant: No they usually count as Cornell community members
- xiii. A Representative: Do any events on campus need to register or is it just main campus?
- xiv. M. Grant: Yes, if they fall under anything on the site they need to be registered.

V. Division Breakout

- a. Discussing Sense of Community

VI. Committee Q&A

- a. Exec: none
- b. Operations: If you are thinking of running for leadership position please contact us.
- c. Communications: none
- d. Appropriations: We have a meeting coming, getting ready for byline, waiting for GPSAFC updates
- e. Finance: We are accepting recommendations for updated GPSAFC guidelines
- f. Student: none
- g. Diversity: We have a dinner with a dean on March 28th 4:30-6pm
- h. Programming: We had a successful mixer in February and we have another mixer on March 21st, and Grad Ball date is almost finalized. We will have an email

RSVP

- i. Faculty awards: We have a call on Facebook and email for nominations
- j. General: none
- k. Grad School: We have started planning new graduate student orientation, if you want take a position email me (jan.allen@cornell.edu).
- l. GPCI: The first draft will be due soon and we will be presenting the draft. We also have a google form for comments.

VII. Open Forum

- a. If you have a bad land lord dispute we are look for stories please email me mam747@cornell.edu
- b. There is an upcoming election for student trustee we are looking for candidates to serve on the nominating committee
- c. On March 25th an off-campus housing representative will be speaking

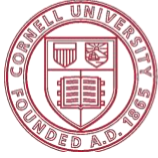
VIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn early
 - i. No dissent

ii. Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashlynn Lee
Clerk of the Assembly



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Minutes of the February 11, 2019 Meeting

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

I. Call to Order

- a. E. Winarto called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm
- b. Members Present: E. Winarto, W. Anderson, K. Angierski, A. Barrientos-Gómez, A. Ruival, J. Bogdanowicz, R. Harrison, M. Jodlowski, V. Kasonde, E. Lavin (Substitute), C. Mittan, K. Palumbo, D. Parker, W. Zhang, , N. London, D. Geisler, D. Arora, A. Cohn, M. Kalaji, K. Krishnan
- c. Members Absent: S. Chin, S. Theobald, N. Carre, J. Kent-Dobias, A. Woods, K. Esannason (Substitute: E. Lavin)

II. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Minutes from January 28, 2018 **Passes** with no dissent

III. Presentations

- a. Kasey Schalich, PhD Candidate in Animal Science and Maddy Keefe, PhD Student in Animal Science, CALS Compost Petition:
 - i. M. Keefe: We have a composting program that was inspired by the movie wasted by Anthony Bourdain. CALS does not have a universal program but they have started their own. There are many other campus organizations that compost. Calling for a universal campus wide composting program. They have debunked some of the obstacles. They have a rough draft of a draft that proposes for CALS to start a composting program. The program would align with CALS sustainability goals and it is fiscally sustainable. They have petition sign-up sheet and would like the support.
 - ii. A. Barrientos-Gomez: do you have a platform online?

- iii. M. Keefe: No but that it is a good idea
 - iv. M. Battaglia: You guys should consider West Campus locations, and reach out to Cornell dining to why they do not compost anymore
 - v. M. Keefe: good Idea
 - vi. L. Louis: Where does the compost go to?
 - vii. M. Keefe: Everyone has their own companies, for us we have volunteers drop it off at a dump sight.
 - viii. L. Louis: I live downtown and would like to compost, what can I do? Can there be bins in the commons
 - ix. M. Keefe: We would like to do that but we would need volunteers, the only option now would be private companies.
 - x. A. Loiben: The compost posters can be confusing, how can you make what can be composted more clear
 - xi. M. Keefe: we are working on trying to enlighten people, we currently have a poster similar to mandibles
 - xii. S. Bosco: Come find me or mail me if you want to know more or sign the petition.
- b. Janna Lamey, Assistant Dean of Graduate Student Life and Catherine Thrasher-Carroll, Director of the Mental Health Promotion Program, Mental Health Framework:
- i. J. Lamey: Mental health is physiological, social, and emotional well-being. It can flourish and be poor, and it can be improved. Mental health requires a campus wide support and community response.
 - ii. C. Thrasher-Carroll: We need clinical services, but there is also a role for everyone as part of the campus community.
 - iii. J. Lamey: What the Graduate School has great data about safety, health, and well-being through services, and we used that information to better our services. We are also now starting to focus on Student Disability Services.
 - iv. C. Thrasher-Carroll: What Cornell Health does we have worked hard to

make medical and mental services accessible. We have worked with other leaders to show that it is ok to get help it is a strength and not weakness. We support mental health wellbeing as part of being a successful student. WISE is a program working with faculty to help communicate and find ways faculty can help support student mental health.

- v. J. Lamey: We have GPS Mental Health Advisor Student Council. We have met twice and have talk about DGS best practices and are Piloting programs to help build graduate student resilience. We also have a friend to friend bystander intervention video
- vi. C. Thrasher-Carroll: We talk about the differences between graduate and undergraduate student differences in mental health. We have also spread the Let's Mediate program.
- vii. J. Lamey: My Voice and My Story is meant to spark conversation about different lived stories and acceptance. Inter dialogue project. GPS DC are also a source of support.
- viii. C. Thrasher-Carroll: Positive social connection is extremely important that can get lost, having fun, taking breaks are ways to building resilience from challenging situations. It is ok to prioritize and focus on meaning and purpose. "Growth Mindset" all aspects of our lives can grow and improved.
- ix. J. Lamey: Some programs we have are Perspective, Transition, Weekly Walk, Spark, Big Red Barn along with the Gratitude program, and book clubs. We also have NextGen Professor Program and Path way to success.
- x. C. Mittan: You mention you were training faculty about mental health we have been talking about that in my department
- xi. C. Thrasher-Carroll: Yes, they came in talked to us and we are working with them about relativity and other topics
- xii. M. Battaglia: Is there anything we can do to help
- xiii. J. Lamey: The more student engagement or ideas the better, we would love more communication it would be very helpful
- xiv. C. Thrasher-Carroll: If you have ideas please send it to us
- xv. P. Vinhage: Are they any mechanism being thought to police faculty on causing mental health? Can leave of absence student serve on the mental health council?

- xvi. J. Lamey: Yes, they can serve on the council.
- xvii. C. Thrasher-Carroll: Even faculty want to hold their peers accountable.
- xviii. A representative: For the review Cornell's state of mental health how much of that will be held accountable for?
- xix. C. Thrasher-Carroll: We would
- xx. K. Palumbo: What is your opinion on the reach of these program and the GPS community
- xxi. J. Lamey: We are not reaching saturation, we want to do more and reach more people
- xxii. A representative: Is there a response about how the university is treating some of its students, and the health leave of absence.
- xxiii. C. Thrasher-Carroll: We have made small changes but we are ready to help make changes once the review comes out.
- xxiv. A representative: when will the review be complete
- xxv. C. Thrasher-Carroll: It depends on the availability of external reviewers. It will be a process and we cannot say definitively when it will come out.
- c. Breanne Kisselstein, Chair of the Student Advocacy Committee and Mental Health Section of the GPCI, Mental Health Initiatives:
 - i. B. Kisselstein: GPCI and the GPSA Student Advocacy committee has combined efforts: The GPCI has been trying layout short term achievable goals. The focusing being on are student-advisor relationship, reducing mental health service demand, and over all wellbeing. Other groups also working on the same goals are Cornell Heath, Coalition on Mental Health, Student Health Benefits Committee and more. We also have a retreat coming up on December 14th, and on May 3rd we have a Bad Advising talk. Data from Cornell Health shows there is increased utilization of student groups, and the misconception that grad students are more often referred because we are not a priority is not true. There will also be more advertising for outdoor recreation. The big event coming up is the Dine and Discuss is meant to talk about our ideas about mental health please RSVP. Feel free to email me (bmk76@cornell.edu)

IV. Division Breakout (20 Minutes)

- a. Motion: to do committee updates then division break out
- b. No dissent, **Passes**

V. Committee Q&A (10 Minutes)

- a. Exec: if you do have a placard let me know
- b. Operations: Focus groups on housing coming up
- c. Communications: none
- d. Appropriations: none
- e. Finance: none
- f. Student: none
- g. Diversity: DISC will be having an event in response to the incident at Duke and multi linguisticism. Let me know if you want to be added to list-serve or come to our meetings. The transfer to canvas has been going well, let us know if you have any question about the transitions
- h. Programming: There is a grad school mixer Feb 21st from 6-8pm at Big Red Barn
- i. Faculty awards If you would like to join let me know.
- j. General: none
- k. Grad: none
- l. GPCI: There is area chair meeting on Thursday at 12pm.

VI. Division Breakout

- a. Committee updates

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashlynn Lee

Clerk of the Assembly