



Cornell University  
Graduate and Professional  
Student Assembly

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March 25, 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 5:31pm
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Present: K. Angierski, A. Barrientos-Gomez, A. Cohn, K. Krishnan, C. Mittan, , N. London, W. Anderson, M. Jodlowski, E. Winarto, W. Zhang, V. Kasonde, K. Palumbo, R. Harrison, J. Kent-Dobias, J. Bogdanowicz, M. Kalaji, S. Chin, D. Arora, E. Lavin, A. Woods, K. Esannanson, A. Belen Ruival, D. Parker
  - b. Absent: D. Giesler, S. Theobald, N. Carre
- III. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. Minutes from March 11, 2019
    - i. Motion to change start time 5:01 to 5:31
    - ii. Approved
    - iii. Motion to pass otherwise
    - iv. Approved
- IV. Presentations
  - a. Mary George Opperman, Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer, and

Chantelle Cleary, University Title IX Coordinator, and Laurie Johnston, Director of Workforce Policy and Labor Relations. Discussion on Policy 6.4 (20 Minutes)

i. M. Opperman: Our goal is to talk about the procedure under policy 6.4 that relate to sexual violence and misconduct. Focusing especially on when the offender is a member of university staff. The committee process was initiated by the Dean of Faculty. The goal was to make it consistent with 2016 student procedures. Meaning that Title IX coordinators will administer the procedures, identical definitions for prohibited conduct, and more. We have a committee looking to make new provisions such as, separate process for interpersonal misconduct, opportunity to determine if conduct is protected by freedom

b. Denise Thompson, Off-Campus Living Manager, Discussion on Off-Campus Living (20 Minutes)

i. D. Thompson: I am an office of one to serve all 16,000 students, and I have 4 undergraduates who assist me in reaching out. I have office hours' mid-day usually or I can also meet later in the afternoon. We house about half the undergraduates and 5% of the graduate professional population. I often advise people on to do the house search process such as, self-evaluation, prepare, search, and lease review. The range for housing is around \$700-1200. The lease agreements are all very different depending on the land lord. We have sites that focus on available listing for off campus housing in Ithaca, as well as the safety and building details for each of the off campus housing options. The services my office provides include lease review, referral and resources, search and lease check list, apartment search listing site, bi-weekly off campus newsletter, and advisement.

ii. A representative: Are the undergrads that work for you paid?

iii. D. Thompson: Yes, they are work study positions. Some of my goals are to create a center where students can come study and relax, also I would like to create a site where student review landlords.

- iv. K. Krishnan: Where can students go for housing legal advice, and what would you do to help graduate students if you had the budget?
- v. D. Thompson: First I would hire a grad student to work with specifically grad students, as well as working towards building community within Ithaca. We do mediate student to student conflicts, and can refer student to how to do deal with legal issues.
- vi. K. Palumbo: Are there any predatory lease terms that people should look out for?
- vii. D. Thompson: Remember that you can negotiate even if the lease is typed. Students should work on negotiating lease price as well utilities. Also in New York state not every part of the lease is enforceable. Read your leases word for word.

## V. Division Breakout

- a. Discussing announcement on elections and sign in

## VI. Presentations

- a. Student-Elected Trustee Candidates, Platform Presentations (15 Minutes)
  - i. L. Sterling: My main focuses are offering to support for off campus housing, religious accommodations, and mental health.
  - ii. J. Sim: My main focuses are creating an affordable campus, such as increasing graduate student stipends and addressing hidden cost like parking. I would also like to focus on international students and ensuring that their voices are heard.
  - iii. L. Minter: My main focuses include in class pride and Cornell experience, as well as increasing transparency and campus resources.
  - iv. N. Hernandez: My main focus is on graduate student mental health, and I would like to hire more diverse CAPS counselors, more peer to peer

groups.

- v. L. Cantleberry: My main focus is transportation, and I would like to work with the university in expanding the big red bus and CULift. Flex housing and inclusive teaching institute
- vi. A. Salazar: My main focuses are to celebrate diversity and inclusion.
- vii. L. Francis: My main focus are to enhance financial aid process, increase student interaction.

## VII. Committee Q&A

- a. Exec: If you issue with links let me know.
- b. Operations: Elections are coming up, if you have questions talk to me.
- c. Communications: We had a newsletter come out, and let me know if did not get it.
- d. Appropriations: If want to join let me know.
- e. Finance: We have finished out first draft and we are open to comments. We will present them to the assembly at the next meeting.
- f. Student: None
- g. Diversity: We have mixer with the resource center directors and we have a what's her story coming up.
- h. Programming: We had another great mixer and tickets the graduate student ball will go on sale next week.
- i. Faculty Awards: Looking for members.
- j. General: If are interested in being on the committee reach out.
- k. Grad: We are looking to be open in the summer, we looking for ideas for summer events.
- l. GPCI: Our rough draft has been pushed back please give me your area.

VIII. Open Forum

- a. Katelyn: If you would like to be a master at large contact me.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03

Respectfully submitted,  
Ashlynn Lee  
Clerk of the Assembly