I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call (5 Minutes)

III. Approval of the Minutes (5 Minutes)
   a. Minutes from April 6, 2020

IV. Presentations (40 Minutes)
   a. Dr. Charlie van Loan, Dean of Faculty, and Dr. Neema Kudva, Associate Dean of Faculty
      i. Code of Academic Integrity
   b. Gina Giambattista, Director of the Office of the Assemblies
      i. Shared Governance

V. Division Breakout (10 Minutes)

VI. Election Updates (5 Minutes)

VII. Committee Q&A (15 Minutes)
   a. Executive
   b. Operations
   c. Communications
   d. Appropriations
   e. Finance
   f. Student Advocacy
   g. Diversity and International Students
   h. Programming
i. Faculty Awards
j. General Committee
k. Graduate School
l. University Assembly

VIII. Open Forum (10 Minutes)

IX. Adjournment
I. Call to Order
   a. A. Barrientos-Gomez called the meeting to order

II. Roll Call (5 Minutes)

III. Approval of the Minutes (5 Minutes)
   a. Minutes from March 2, 2020 – approved unanimously
   b. Minutes from March 16, 2020 – approved unanimously

IV. New Business (30 Minutes)
   a. Introduction of Resolution 13: Additional Donation from the GPSA to the Access Fund to Support Graduate and Professional Students in Need Related to COVID-19 Pandemic – approved by vote of 16-0-9
      i. Abstract of resolution: This resolution approves the transfer of funds from the Graduate and Professional Student Programming Board (GPSPB) to the Access Fund to support students’ urgent needs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This resolution also calls on the University to look for additional funds to support financial relief to professional students and guarantee graduate student funding.
      ii. A. Johnson informed assembly members that graduate and professional students have already been allocated over $145,000 and the total amount of donated funds was over $240,000
      iii. Motion to suspend article in bylaws to wait to vote and move to business of the day – approved unanimously
      iv. No further comments or amendments
      v. Motion to all to question – approved unanimously
   b. Introduction to Resolution 14: In Support of the University Allowing International Graduate Students to TA Remotely During the Summer 2020 Session and the Fall 2020 Semester – approved by vote of 17-0-8
      i. Abstract of resolution: Graduate students who are currently abroad and depend on assistantships for financial support do not know whether they will be able to return to the US in time for the start of the Summer 2020
session or the Fall 2020 semester. This resolution encourages the University to find legal ways to provide these students with, in effect, remote teaching positions during the Summer 2020 session and the Fall 2020 semester.

ii. A. Johnson informed assembly members that graduate students who are currently abroad and depend on assistantships for financial support are not certain if they will be able to return to the US at the start of the Summer session or Fall Semester.

iii. Motion to suspend article in bylaws to wait to vote and move to business of the day – approved unanimously

iv. Discussion of resolution – amendments and questions
   1. Addition of K. Krishnan as co-sponsor
   2. Proposed amendment between lines 36 and 37 “Be it further resolved, if at the end of that research the University concludes that assistantships cannot be allocated to students living internationally, the University should coordinate with colleges and departments to redirect funds that would have gone to assistantships to expand university fellowship programs for affected students.” – motion to amend approved unanimously
   3. Proposed amendment to line 43 to add “…or a fellowship position during the Summer 2020 session and Fall 2020 semester – motion to amend approved unanimously
   4. Proposed amendment to add “Whereas, students on fellowships are generally not required to be in the country” – motion to amend approved unanimously
   5. Proposed amendment to line 37 to add “…while protecting visa status,” – motion to amend approved unanimously

v. Motion to call to question – approved unanimously

c. Introduction to Resolution 15: Requesting that First-Year Writing Seminar Instructors be Allowed to Hold Asynchronous Discussions Only, If Appropriate for their Class – approved by vote of 15-0-10
   i. Abstract of resolution: Some First-Year Writing Seminar (FWS) instructors have concerns about the privacy, equity, and logistical implications of recording live-video discussions which will then be viewed asynchronously by students who cannot attend. This is especially an issue for FWS instructors who have internet connectivity issues or who cover sensitive topic matter. This resolution asks that FWS instructors be given the freedom to hold discussions in whichever way they deem is most appropriate for their class.

   ii. K. Masters stated that there is a huge difference between synchronous and asynchronous. Given the short amount of time that is left for classes, is there another way that they can teach these courses without it being discussion based? Recommendation was made to have a second discussion held asynchronous via Canvas.
iii. J. Kent-Dobias expressed confusion regarding the resolution title as synchronous and asynchronous definitions are still undetermined.

iv. Motion to extend meeting by a half hour – approved unanimously.

v. K. Masters asked for clarification whether could be via video or held on Canvas.

vi. Motion to suspend article in bylaws to wait to vote and move to business of the day – approved unanimously.

vii. Discussion of resolution – amendments, questions

1. Proposed amendment to replace end of title with “…be Allowed to hold Virtual Discussions in Whatever Way They Deem Appropriate” – motion to amend approved unanimously.

2. Proposed amendment to replace “synchronous” with “live-video” throughout entire resolution – motion to amend approve unanimously.

viii. Motion to call to question – approved unanimously.

d. Introduction to Resolution 16: Demanding Cornell Fight for Fair Terms in the Remote Services its Community is Required to Use – tabled to 5/4/20 meeting.

i. Abstract of resolution: Because of the coronavirus pandemic, students and instructors are required to use tools like Zoom and CASHNet. Despite privacy and security risks, both services mandate that users waive their right to sue in court or as part of a class action. Cornell must contact third-party vendors and fight to ensure their terms do not strip these essential legal rights. If Cornell cannot negotiate the removal of unfair terms from a service, it must commit to provide legal support for anyone harmed by use of that service.

ii. Due to COVID-19, students and instructors are required to use tools like Zoom and CASHNet. Despite privacy and security risks, both services mandate that users waive their right to sue in court or as part of a class action. Cornell must contact third-party vendors and fight to ensure their terms do not strip these essential legal rights. If Cornell cannot negotiate the removal of unfair terms from a service, it must commit to provide

iii. Motion to suspend article in bylaws to wait to vote and move to business of the day – approved unanimously.

iv. Discussion of resolution – amendments, questions

1. Proposed amendment to move lines 27-32 to end note 7 and amend line 26 to read “Whereas, item twenty of Zoom’s terms mandate arbitration and ban class action. (end note 7)” – motion to amend approved unanimously.

v. Motion to call to question – approved unanimously.

V. Old Business (30 Minutes)

a. Discussion on Resolution 2: Condemning the Dismissal of Julia Feliz from the Cornell Alliance for Science’s Global Leadership Fellowship.

i. Not addressed at this time as meeting was not extended longer. Executive committee will discuss how best to handle this discussion.
b. Discussion on Resolution 5: Support of the Development and Implementation of a Cornell Campus Circulator System
   i. Not addressed at this time as meeting was not extended longer. Executive committee will discuss how best to handle this discussion.

c. Discussion on Resolution 7: Condemnation of the dangerously late closure of Ithaca campus on 7 February 2020
   i. Not addressed at this time as meeting was not extended longer. Executive committee will discuss how best to handle this discussion.

d. Discussion on Resolution 11: In Support of Our Graduate Student Colleagues Participating in the “Wildcat Strike”
   i. Not addressed at this time as meeting was not extended longer. Executive committee will discuss how best to handle this discussion.

VI.

VII. Division Breakout (10 Minutes)
   a. Voting Member Elections
      i. Seats available for 2020-2021 term
         1. Arts and Humanities – 3
         2. Life Sciences – 3
         3. Physical Sciences and Engineering – 4
         4. Social Sciences – 4
         5. Masters-at-Large – 1
         6. Masters of Engineering – 1
         7. Professional Schools (Law, Johnson, and Vet), CIPA, and MILR will do internal elections

VIII. Committee Q&A (5 Minutes)
   a. Executive – no updates as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further
   b. Operations – no updates as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further
   c. Communications – no updates as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further
   d. Appropriations – no updates as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further
   e. Finance – no updates as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further
   f. Student Advocacy – no updates as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further
   g. Diversity and International Students – no updates as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further
   h. Programming – no updates as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further
   i. Faculty Awards – no updates as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further
   j. GPCI – no updates as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further
   k. General Committee – no updates as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further
   l. Graduate School – no updates as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further
m. University Assembly – no updates as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further

IX. Open Forum (5 Minutes)
   a. Did not take place as meeting ran out of time and was not extended further

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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GPSA Election Positions  
Fall 2020

1. **President**
   a. **Duties**
      i. Assures the smooth and effective operation and maintenance of the GPSA
      ii. Delegates responsibilities as needed to accomplish the duties of the office and the goals set forth in the Charter and Bylaws
      iii. Chairs the general meetings
      iv. Sends notice of actions and recommendations to administrators and other governance bodies
      v. Serves as spokesperson of the GPSA
      vi. Serves on Executive Committee
   b. **Time Commitment**
      i. 15-30+ hours per week

2. **Executive Vice President (EVP)**
   a. **Committee Description**
      i. The Executive Committee is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the GPSA and ensures smooth operation in coordination with the standing committee chairs.
   b. **Duties**
      i. Assists the President
      ii. Recruits students to serve on the GPSA
      iii. Maintains an accurate list of members
      iv. Tracks attendance
      v. Compiles and distributes general meeting agendas and materials
      vi. Chairs the Executive Committee
         1. Meets every week
      vii. Chairs general meetings in the absence of the President
   c. **Time Commitment**
      i. 10-20 hours per week

3. **Vice President for Operations (VP Ops)**
   a. **Committee Description**
      i. The Operations and Staffing Committee is charged with appointing graduate and professional students to committees staffed by the GPSA, and with maintaining and updating the GPSA Charter, GPSA Bylaws, and relevant documents.
   b. **Duties**
      i. Chairs the Operations and Staffing Committee
         1. Meets up to once a month
      ii. Maintains an accurate list of committee appointments
      iii. Maintains communication with committee appointees and chairs
      iv. Coordinates committee reporting procedures
v. Reviews and updates the GPSA Charter and Bylaws
vi. Chairs general meetings in the absence of the President and EVP
vii. Serves on Executive Committee
c. Time Commitment
   i. 5-20 hours per week, with the bulk of the work in the Fall

4. **Vice President for Communications (VP Comm)**
   a. Committee Description
      i. The Communications Committee is charged with maintaining a strong
         communication link between the GPSA and all graduate fields, professional
         schools, and the Cornell community
   b. Duties
      i. Chairs the Communications Committee
         1. Meets up to once a month
      ii. Oversees and manages communication between the Executive Committee, the
          GPSA, the grad/professional community, and administration
      iii. Chairs general meetings in the absence of the President, EVP, and VP Ops
      iv. Serves on Executive Committee
c. Time Commitment
   i. 5-20 hours per week

5. **Appropriations Chair**
   a. Committee Description
      i. The Appropriations Committee works with all aspects of the Graduate and
         Professional Student (GPS) Activity Fee, including review of the GPSA Byline
         Allocation Procedures, the GPSA Eligibility Criteria and Obligations for Byline
         Funded Organizations, the GPSAFC Funding Guidelines, and the GPSA Internal
         Budget.
   b. Duties
      i. The committee reviews the policies and procedures for setting the GPS Activity
         Fee. In the Fall of fee-setting years, the committee makes a recommendation to
         the GPSA regarding the amount and distribution of the GPS Activity Fee. In the
         Fall of non-fee-setting years, the committee coordinates with the Student
         Assembly to determine deadlines for the preliminary byline applications (April
         and September).
c. Time Commitment
   i. TBD

6. **Voting Members**
   a. Duties
      i. Must attend all of the GPSA meetings twice a month.
      ii. Remain sufficiently informed about issues brought before the GPSA to cast
          informed votes on resolutions, formation of committees and other matters.
      iii. Elect GPSA Voting Members
      iv. Elect GPSA Officers and standing committee chairs
      v. Be an active member of the re-structuring of the Graduate and Professional
         Community Initiative (if it is a GPCI-focused year)
b. Time Commitment
i. 3-5 hours a month

7. Field Representatives
   a. Duties
   i. Field representatives serve on behalf of their respective communities, and graduate and professional programs.
   ii. Field representatives have the following responsibilities: they provide updates to constituents regarding GPSA events and initiatives and solicit feedback appropriate.
   iii. Their communication includes information forwarded over the GPSA electronic mailing list, as well as any other information deemed appropriate by the representatives for dissemination to constituents.
   iv. Members are encouraged to use existing communications channels within their fields or professional school or create a dedicated electronic mailing list

   b. Time Commitment
   i. 2-4 hours a month

GPSA EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

1. Academic Policies and Advising Implementation Committee (Need 1)

This committee, convened by Lisa Nishii, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, was created to serve as a think tank that can help anticipate disruptions to “normal” aspects of the educational experience resulting from the CoVID-19 pandemic, brainstorm creative solutions, and help ensure communication and collaboration across units and divisions of the university. In the best of times, Cornell’s famed decentralization causes challenges and the dispersed ownership of issues can make it difficult to tackle complexities. The many modifications to the fall 2020 semester will likely exacerbate existing difficulties. On the other hand, some disruptions and modifications may actually be for the better. Thus, one aspect of the committee’s work, about which we are most excited, is for us to revisit business as usual and develop new approaches to be sustained for the long term, not just the pandemic.

Given the number of issues needing immediate attention, initially, the committee will meet weekly. However, it is hoped that within a short period of time, meetings can become less frequent, perhaps biweekly. The committee will conduct the lion’s share of its work during these meetings, identifying issues and potential solutions. Committee members (excluding the co-chairs) will not be tasked with assuming responsibility for implementation unless such work is related to a committee member’s normal area of work or a committee member is interested in doing so.

2. The Student Library Advisory Council (Need 1)

Help implement the vision and priorities of the University Librarian. Members will act as advisers, supporters, promoters, and advocates for the Library. Our goal is to build a knowledgeable network for Cornell and help promote the Library as a leader in resources and technology. Required to attend and actively participate in meetings, respond to requests for counsel between meetings, and make an annual gift to the Cornell University Library.
The Student Library Advisory Council consists of undergraduate and graduate students from across the University. The Council holds five, 1.5-hour meetings each academic year, which is two to three meetings each semester. Last year, Council members provided valuable feedback on a variety of topics, including communication best practices, strategic planning, privacy services, and information literacy.

3. Campus Planning Committee (CPC) (Need 1)

The Campus Planning Committee (CPC) promotes comprehensive and clear planning processes in stewardship of Cornell University’s Ithaca campus. The Committee’s charge is to review and make recommendations to the President regarding physical planning for the campus, including master planning; land use and physical development; landscape and environmental planning and design; transportation planning, including circulation and parking; infrastructure; and new construction and renovations as they relate to the overall planning, character, and integrity of the physical plant. Among planning concerns that the CPC shall review and advocate on behalf of are public and open spaces; managed and natural lands; and shared facilities that benefit the overall campus community (identified in the 2008 Cornell Master Plan as ‘university’ or ‘enabling’ projects). Furthermore, the CPC shall review in consultation with – and with the consultation of – the appropriate committees of the University Assembly, all plans for alterations of or additions to transportation systems on the Ithaca campus and all sustainability matters related to land and campus development. The CPC shall seek advice and comments from non-members, including Cornell and non-Cornell affiliates, while considering any specific issue or design.

The CPC strives to enhance communications, social inclusion, and accountability regarding physical planning and development of the Ithaca campus. The CPC shall consist of four Presidential appointments, eight position appointments, and nine additional at-large members. The President of the University’s appointees serve three-year terms on a staggered basis. The position appointments or designees should be individuals with professional and technical expertise in a design or planning related field. These positions consist of the chairs of the following departments or their designees: Department of Architecture, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Landscape Architecture, Department of City and Regional Planning, and the Art Department as well as the directors of the following units or their designees: Cornell Plantations, Graduate Program in Historic Preservation, and the Vice President for Infrastructure, Properties, and Planning. The nine at-large members consist of one University Assembly liaison, two graduate/professional students, two undergraduate students, two employees, and two faculty members, each named by his or her respective Assembly for a two-year term. CPC meetings are open to people whose administrative positions at the University and their connection to planning at the University motivate their participation.