Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee (GPSAF) Recommendation for 2018-2020

Graduate & Professional Student Assembly Appropriations Committee
**Spring 2017**

**April**

- Preliminary applications with estimate of funding requests solicited from groups.
- Organizations that have not applied for by-line funding in the past are required to complete additional steps.

**Fall 2017**

**September**

- 8th: Final applications for by-line funding are due.
  - GPSA Appropriations Committee (AC) delegates 2 reviewers per application.
- 25th - 29th: AC hosts public meetings with organizations to discuss application.
- AC deliberates and votes on initial funding recommendations for 2018-2020 SAF.

**October**

- 16th: AC presents recommendations to the GPSA
- 17th - 20th: AC office hours to meet with GPSA members with questions on the process and recommendations.
- 30th: Vote to accept/reject funding recommendations
  - If approved, funding amount is placed into final SAF resolution.
  - If rejected, funding recommendation is reconsidered by the AC.

**November**

- 6th: Vote to accept/reject funding recommendations
- 13th: AC presents revised funding recommendations
  - If approved, funding amount is placed into final SAF resolution.
  - If rejected, the organization will not be eligible for byline funding in the 2018-2020 cycle.
- 13th: Vote to approve the final SAF resolution to set the SAF for 2018-2020.
- 27th: Backup day if vote is postponed to approve the final SAF resolution.
  - If resolution does not pass: SAF remains at current cycle's level and allocations.
Introduction
This document is a conclusion of analysis conducted by the Graduate & Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) Appropriations Committee (hereafter referred to as "Committee"), as mandated under the GPSA Byline Allocation Procedures in Article VIII of the GPSA Charter. Contained herein includes the Committee's formal recommendation (hereafter referred to as "Recommendation") for byline funding and, consequently, the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee (GPSAF).

Committee Composition
- Mariko Alexander, Graduate Student in Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology, immediate past Chairperson of Appropriations, 3rd term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Matthew Battaglia, Professional Student in the Law School and Johnson Business School, 1st term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Jon Cicoski, Graduate Student in Performance and Media Art, 1st term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Tyler McCann, Graduate Student in Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology, Chairperson, 2nd term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Elena Michel, Graduate Student in Plant Biology, 2nd term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Manisha Munasinghe, Graduate Student in Computational Biology, 2nd term Appropriations, non-voting ex-officio member.
- Kriszta Pozsonyi, Graduate Student in Performance and Media Art, 2nd term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Jack Satterlee, Graduate Student in Plant Biology, 1st term Appropriations, Voting Member.
- Cassandra Stambuk, Graduate Student in Animal Science, 2nd term Appropriations, Voting Member.

Applications
Applications were developed in conjunction with the Office of Assemblies and the Student Assembly. Initial applications were meant to give the Appropriations Committee an estimate of how much each organization anticipated requesting the following fall. Final applications inquired about funding request (see next section), mission, governing documents, summary of officers and events for the past two academic years, and detailed financial statements for the past and projected future.

Funding Request Format
Funding amounts were requested as a dollar amount per student, which includes all matriculated graduate and professional students (excluding master’s students enrolled at programs at Cornell Tech - see Appendix). For some organizations their application material, or through dialogue with organization representatives, revealed a lump sum annual request. In
these cases this lump sum request was used to develop a funding recommendation over the
stated funding amount per student included in an application.

The Registrar provided the Office of Assemblies with a headcount in the beginning of fall 2017
with an estimate of total graduate and professional students as 7543. Cornell Tech
administrators provided a headcount of their total master’s student population as of September
1st of 263 students. The result for all organizations receiving byline funding, excluding the
GPSA and Risk Management: Club Insurance, will be funding per student based off of 7,280
students. Due to the historic increase in enrollment year after year, this should provide all
organizations with sufficient funds to operate for the two years of the following cycle.

**Application Review Process**

Preliminary applications for byline funding were collected in spring 2017. Dialogue was also
established with representatives from the applying organizations during this period.

In fall 2017 final applications for byline funding were collected. Pairs of Appropriations
Committee voting members were delegated the responsibility to familiarize and critique
individual organizations by-line funding applications. Applications and supplemental material
were made available to all members of the Appropriations Committee electronically and
physically to provide additional opportunities for inquiry beyond the designated pair of reviewers.

Each pair of reviewers was responsible for leading a public hearing for their respective
organizations. These meetings were announced publicly to all matriculated graduate and
professional students via email (courtesy of the Office of Assemblies). Following each hearing
follow-up questions were collected from Appropriations Committee members and emailed to the
organization.

Each pair of reviewers then led the discussion when initial recommendations were deliberated
and voted on by members of the committee. For each recommendation presented within this
document the internal committee vote resulted in unanimous approval by all voting members
(excluding one absent member who abstained for all votes). Due to the confidential, financial
information contained within these applications, and references to sensitive information
throughout these materials, the following packet does not contain the application materials used
by the Appropriations Committee to develop its funding recommendations.
Athletics and Physical Education
Primary Reviewer – Jon Cicoski
Secondary Reviewer – Jack Satterlee

Group Profile
Cornell Athletics offers access for all graduates students to a wide array of sporting events on campus. Through the Big Red Sports Pass (part of the Cornell Student ID Card) graduate and professional students and their immediate families gain free admission to all home athletic events, except for men’s ice hockey games and postseason contests. The by-line funding arrangement does provide a $5 discount on men’s ice hockey tickets ($13 instead of $18). This discount is available for individual game tickets as well as season tickets for graduate students and their family members. 250 men’s ice hockey tickets are reserved in prime seats for graduate and professional students.

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Committee Analysis
Cornell Athletics requested $8.03 in order to account for inflation since the last byline cycle. This was also in acknowledgement of the previous cycle’s appropriations committee request that Athletics request increases in smaller increments. The committee believes in the services Athletics provides to the graduate student body, and our members did not find any objections to their request for more financial support on that basis. Additionally, when the committee expressed reservations that Athletics has never provided the committee with graduate student attendance data, they responded that they have new software that will allow them to accumulate and distribute the information the committee requested as early as the coming year, and certainly by next funding cycle. This will allow the committee to see how many reserved hockey tickets are purchased and used, the number of family members attending events with graduate/professional students, etc.

However, the committee also learned from their application that the amount requested was based on a graduate student projected population of 6,500 students. Budgetary information was not provided in-depth by this group due to the expansive network of activities this group takes on, but a breakdown of past GPSAF expenses was illustrated. Given that the population is actually slightly more than 7,200 graduate students, and based on the GPSAF illustration provided by Athletics the committee adjusted the fee in order to provide the group with the total dollar amount they requested while more accurately accounting for the cost per student.
Big Red Barn (BRB)

Primary Reviewer – Cassandra Stambuk
Secondary Reviewer – Mariko Alexander

Group Profile

The Big Red Barn Graduate and Professional Student Center (BRB) is the only centrally located gathering place for graduate and professional students at Cornell University. The Big Red Barn staff (comprised of an 11-month professional Manager, two graduate student Assistant Managers, 20-22 graduate student staff and five BRB Fellows) are tasked with providing programming aimed to increase social, cultural, and intellectual exchange among students. The weekly "Tell Grads It’s Friday" (TGIF) is an extremely well-attended event by the graduate and professional student population. Other events have included various dance parties, trivia night, special event nights, and family-orientated programming. The BRB serves as the hub for graduate student life on campus. In addition to TGIF events, which are historically very well-attended, the BRB hosts regular trivia nights, student mixers, coffee hours, write-ins, and other events specifically geared toward graduate and professional students. Other organizations around campus and those outside of the Cornell Community can send in a request to rent BRB at a cost.

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Committee Analysis

The BRB has consistently surpassed obligations set forth by the Committee and demonstrates a clear commitment to serving the graduate and professional student community. The committee believes the BRB provides a tremendous value to the graduate/professional community.

Recently, many equipment updates have been taken up by BRB, including a new sound system, a new wood pellet stove, and a new kegerator. Additionally, with financial support from GPSA, the studio piano was rebuilt and new bike rack is going to be installed. The Graduate School has also granted financial support for three large ceiling fans to be installed. Looking ahead, the next area for improvement will be outdoor picnic tables co-owned by Cornell Dining.

The large increase in the requested amount is mostly due to increasing the hourly wage of workers gradually to $15 as mandated by New York state law. Consideration was also made to the retirement of the current director of the BRB in 2019, and the unexpected expenses that could arise during the transition of new leadership. Some questions were raised about the financial support provided by the Graduate School to this group, and how support is negotiated. The committee was pleased by the estimates provided by the BRB director for major renovation
projects financed by the Graduate School. The committee hopes professional schools may also contribute moving forward.

The original request was determined with a significantly smaller number of graduate and professional students than actually enrolled. During the public hearing the BRB’s director informed the committee of the lump sum needed by the BRB to accomplish its goals. The committee’s recommendation of $11.58/student will supply the group with the requested lump sum.
Cornell Cinema (CC)
Primary Reviewer – Kriszta Pozsonyi
Secondary Reviewer – Tyler McCann

Group Profile
Cornell Cinema offers educational and popular film programming for a diverse student audience on the Cornell campus. Cornell Cinema's primary mission is educational in scope, providing access both to a wide array of films not typically available to the Cornell and local communities—such as international, independent, classic, or documentary film—and to popular films in a more affordable way than other local venues. In addition to screenings, the Cinema organizes introductions by film scholars, panels with faculty and other experts from the field, and filmmakers to engage in post-screening discussions. Other popular special events include movies on the Willard Straight Terrace in the summer, student film showcases, children's film festival, and live musical events (e.g., accompanying silent films screening). The Cinema often partners with student groups or courses to cosponsor showings. Currently, the Cinema charges a $6 graduate student admission to a typical screening, but does offer occasional events at a lower rate and sells multi-event discount cards. Cornell Cinema has a Student Advisory Board that works with the staff to set the programmatic goals of the organization, plan events and coordinate outreach. There are several graduate and professional students involved on this board, including one appointed by the GPSA.

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Committee Analysis
Cornell Cinema (CC) serves a diverse graduate and professional student population while promoting cultural awareness. In terms of CC’s attendance data and budget, the requested GPSAF amount (and the requested sum’s relation to the their whole budget) is in proportion to the ratio of their GPS attendees. It should also be noted that CC is currently undergoing a significant reduction in its funding from the Student Assembly student activity fee. Cornell Cinema has voiced a strong commitment during this funding process to developing a long-term strategy of decreasing its overall dependence on student activity fees (both from the SA and the GPSA); for the funding cycle 2018-2020, CC is requesting from the GPSA a slight increase in funding compared to their current/previous amount in order to decrease the impact of the SA’s cut to their funding, and provide room to transition away from the student activity fee.

The committee applauds CC for fulfilling its obligations that the GPSA has posed in previous recommendations, resolutions, and other communications, including the implementation of a successful system for attendance tracking. In this sense, CC is currently one of our most well-prepared by-line organization when it comes to presenting data on attendance and GPS
involvement. Overall, CC turned in one of the most comprehensive sets of application materials and, throughout this period, in their public hearing, additional meetings with committee members, and follow-up emails, CC has maintained outstanding, informative, and transparent communication with the AC.

At the same time, many of our members see CC as an educational unit within Cornell and therefore believe that it should be funded at the institutional level by Cornell University for the function it serves to the campus community.

Therefore, the committee recommends, in addition to funding CC to the full amount requested ($11) that CC and the GPSA develop an agreed-upon system to ensure a sustainable decrease in SAF funding starting with the next (2020-2022) funding cycle, while also providing CC with our assembly’s endorsement and assistance of CC’s diversification of funding strategy.
Cornell Concert Commission (CCC)  
Primary Reviewer – Mariko Alexander  
Secondary Reviewer – Matt Battaglia

**Group Profile**
The Cornell Concert Commission seeks to “provide the student body with popular and diverse musical entertainment”. To do so, the CCC selects and produces 3-5 large, on-campus performances each academic year. Past performers have included Modest Mouse, Janelle Monae, Bob Dylan, and a number of other popular and eminent artists. Graduate and professional students benefit from subsidized ticket prices and the ability to purchase tickets at least one day prior to the general public. To increase the number of students that benefit from their programming, the CCC aims to host one free concert per year, although historically this has not always been possible. Additionally, the CCC aims to dedicate 3-5% of its total operating budget to co-sponsoring musical events with other student organizations.

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**Committee Analysis**
The CCC has a long history of providing high quality musical entertainment to the Cornell campus and Ithaca community. Performers often include acts which many students would not otherwise have the opportunity to see, both due to limited performances and ticket prices. CCC also makes an effort to host one free show per year, and supports student organizations by co-sponsoring events. Additionally, graduate and professional students need attend only one show every 1-2 years to recoup their fee in ticket price savings. It is the opinion of the Committee that graduate and professional students receive excellent value for their investment in the CCC.
Cornell University Emergency Medical Services (CUEMS)
Primary Reviewer – Cassandra Stambuk
Secondary Reviewer – Kriszta Pozsonyi

Group Profile
The Cornell University Emergency Medical Service (CUEMS) is a certified, student-run Emergency Medical Service (EMS). Its mission is to provide professional, efficient, and effective First Response Basic Life Support care to the entire Cornell community. The Cornell University Undergraduate Student Assembly and Graduate and Professional Student Assembly partially fund CUEMS. The squad provides emergency response to medical emergencies on Cornell University campus and surrounding university-owned properties. It also provides stand-by service for university events and provides CPR, First Aid and other training seminars to the Cornell community, as well as providing services completely free of charge to patients. For medical emergencies, CUEMS is dispatched via radio by the University Police Department.

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Committee Analysis
CUEMS does important, life-saving work, which makes Cornell a better place to study, work, and live. The group accepts new members each semester to be trained weekly in life-saving techniques for shift work as EMTs or paramedics. The services provided by this group are available to all members of the Cornell community, and the graduate and professional community’s support through the GPSAF sustains this work.

The CUEMS administrators have been open and detailed with the committee about their building renovations, the level of staffing they require, and their training and readiness activities. The committee is impressed with the number of additional Cornell events CUEMS has been able to send at least one full service crew to without additional cost in addition to normal services. The committee is also impressed with CUEMS's push to expand their public outreach programs, such as first aid and bystander training, alcohol awareness events, and public health campaigns.
Cornell University Programming Board (CUPB)
Primary Reviewer – Mariko Alexander
Secondary Reviewer – Cassandra Stambuk

Group Profile
The Cornell University Programming Board sponsors and organizes approximately six major shows per year, highlighting famous comedians, lecturers, and other non-musical acts. Past shows have included Humans of New York, Nick Offerman, and John Mulaney. Graduate and professional students have the opportunity to purchase tickets at least one day prior to the general public, and pay reduced ticket prices. Additionally, CUPB aims to dedicate approximately 5% of its budget toward co-sponsored events with other student organizations.

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Committee Analysis
The CUPB offers graduate and professional students the ability to see high caliber talent that they may never have had the opportunity to see otherwise. CUPB has a strong history of quality programming and solid ticket sales. However, events are not well-advertised to the graduate and professional student community, resulting in low attendance. CUPB has also fallen short of its co-sponsorship goals recently. The data received by the Committee indicates that graduate and professional students have been sponsoring the CUPB at a rate significantly greater than our utilization of their programming.

The funding recommendation reflects a closer alignment of graduate and professional student attendance with our subsidy.
Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)
Primary Reviewer – Tyler McCann
Secondary Reviewer – Elena Michel

Group Profile
The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly represents all graduate and professional students on Cornell University's Ithaca, New York and Geneva campuses through the shared governance system. This body aims to advocate for the graduate and professional student community, by offering policy recommendations to and requesting audiences with Cornell University administration. The GPSA also maintains the power to set and collect a Student Activity Fee to be distributed among organizations that enrich the graduate and professional student community at Cornell University.

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Committee Analysis
Beginning in spring 2017 the GPSA transferred its first year of support ($20,000) to Anabel's Grocery, the student-run grocery store on Ithaca’s campus. This relationship was determined by a previous GPSA membership to entail up to $80,000 in funds over four years, distributed evenly between the organization’s subsidy fund and capital depreciation, and subject to reevaluation every fall semester. In the current funding cycle, $2.50 / student was collected through the GPSA, and any remainder would be pulled from rollover funds. Due to depletion of the rollover funds in the past academic year, the GPSA will need to increase the amount ($2.71 / student) it collects to fulfill the remaining years’ contributions to Anabel’s Grocery.

Internally the GPSA is seeking to increase its funding to various committees to allow greater capacity to fulfill its mission. Particular among these capacities include Diversity and International Student Committee, and Communications. To continue the current level of funding to each of the GPSA’s committees into the future, the GPSA portion of its GPSAF allocation will need to increase by $0.19.
Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Programming Board (GPSPB)
Primary Reviewer – Matt Battaglia
Secondary Reviewer – Elena Michel

Group Profile
The mission of the GPSPB is to improve the quality of social and wellness-oriented programming for graduate and professional students at Cornell University. Their events have included the annual Grad Ball, Grads’ Nights Out, mixers, speakers, and wellness-related.

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Committee Analysis
The GPSPB is the only programming board on campus that directly targets the graduate and professional students for their events. It hosts both large well-attended events such as Grad Ball, but has also experimented with new kinds of events to draw in more students. Their internal programming is complemented by co-sponsorships with other groups on campus, such as “From Cell to Cell”, a conference about Prison, Performance, and Television, Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Renaissance Ball, and several social functions throughout the year.

The committee was informed by the President of this group of their persistent issues with communication with advisors and lacking permission to access financial data for previous years. This issue did not limit the committee’s ability to review general finances and other application materials, however the committee plans to follow-up in the coming semesters to ensure the problem of accessing financial data is resolved.

The members of the committee view the tentative plans for this group in the coming year positively, specifically plans to branch out to the professional schools. During the group’s public hearing the need for contacts with Law and Business school students was shared and addressed by one of our own members. According to the President, several groups have already approached GPSPB for co-sponsorship.

While the committee feels that the group has a clear direction, and foundation to build on, our members were not convinced of the need for increased funding. The one major use of a funding increase would be to spend more on Grad Ball while remaining under the 50% total budget obligation set by the GPSA, which could allow more attendees to participate. It is the opinion of the committee to support the direction of the group, ensure they have access to financial information, and consider funding increases for the following cycle.
International Student Union (ISU)
Primary Reviewer – Jack Satterlee
Secondary Reviewer – Elena Michel

Group Profile
The International Students Union (ISU) promotes cultural exchange and dialogue by hosting and funding international events. This is done through co-sponsorship of events and activities organized by student organizations within the Cornell community as well as ISU hosted and organized events. Recently, ISU has also taken on the role of advocate for Cornell international students in matters pertaining to the Cornell administration and student life. This includes peer mentorship programs for international students and the peer-to-peer storage service Ezra’s Box.

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Committee Analysis
The committee believes that ISU plays an important role in facilitating international exchange and awareness at Cornell, particularly for undergraduate students. Several members of the executive team participated and answered questions at the public hearing, and the group voiced interest in expanding graduate and professional student input, including the goal for future membership to be made up of 50% undergraduates and 50% graduate and professional students (GPS).

The committee’s concerns lie with the belief that ISU has not adequately targeted its funding or membership towards GPS:

- In our conversations with ISU it came to our attention that there is currently only one GPS member of ISU and there are no GPS serving on the ISU executive or planning boards.
- The contributions of the GPSAF are being used to subsidize primarily undergraduate student events. This is especially the case for events co-sponsored by ISU. In several conversations it became apparent that many GPS organizations were unaware that they could seek co-sponsorship and funding from ISU.
- The funding role of ISU far outweighs its role as an advocate for GPS in spite of past requests by previous appropriations committees to limit the funding function.
- The group had no attendance or feedback data to illustrate the events hosted and actions taken on by the group were valued by GPS.

From this position, the committee recommends a 10% reduction in the ISU allocation for the 2018-2020 funding cycle. The committee believes this amount will support the work ISU does
while also addressing our concerns about the use of GPSA funds allocated to ISU as they contribute specifically to the enrichment of the GPS community.

The committee acknowledges the challenge of developing GPS connections that can increase their participation in student groups, and hope to provide a conduit to achieve this. In the future we aim to encourage ISU to more strongly target their international student advocacy, event sponsorship, and membership towards the GPS community.
Orientation - Graduate School
Primary Reviewer – Tyler McCann
Secondary Reviewer – Kriszta Pozsonyi

Group Profile
The Graduate School holds an orientation for all incoming graduate students during the fall and spring semesters. These events are developed, augmented, and shaped by graduate student feedback and input to the Steering Committee in the form of a survey and small group discussions with incoming students. Historically the GPSA has played some role in the program’s events.

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Committee Analysis
The committee applauds the quality of orientation events, and emphasis on orientation as a continuous process rather than a single event to build an inclusive campus.

To the best of its knowledge the Steering Committee for orientation, the GPSA began funding Orientation as a by-line organization at least as early as 2007. From 2013-2015 breakfast was provided to students to meet with current members of the GPSA. In 2016 the venue was changed and breakfast was replaced with the GPSA being incorporated as part of the formal program.

The committee decided to recommend no funding for the following by-line cycle for the following reasons:

- Orientation events are mandatory, in practice, for all educational institutions. It is unheard of by the Steering Committee or Appropriations Committee members for graduate and professional students to subsidize their own orientation events at our sister institutions. The committee believes this is the institution’s responsibility.
- In 2016 the Graduate School delegated responsibilities for professional student orientation events to the professional schools. As a result the professional students were subsidizing an event intended exclusively for graduate students.
- It was suggested by the group that it was not financially stressed, and any decrease in funding could be made up from within the Graduate School.
- The committee was told that a reduction in funding would not harm the relationship between GPSA and the Graduate School.
- The organization explicitly asked for more feedback from students, and indicated this was highly valued by the Steering Committee.
**Risk Management: Club Insurance**

Primary Reviewer – Kriszta Pozsonyi
Secondary Reviewer – Jon Cicoski

**Group Profile**

All independent registered graduate and undergraduate student clubs are covered by the student club insurance policy, which is purchased via a nominal portion of the Student Activity fee. The program:

- protects club officers from lawsuits (and enables students to pursue leadership positions without worrying about personal liability as a result);
- enables clubs to use off-campus facilities;
- allows clubs a more liberal use of the Cornell name;
- allows clubs to avoid filing for their own insurance policies which would usually be not as strong;
- lowers the cost per student, and obviates insurance on a per-club basis;
- meets national league organization requirements for insurance coverage;
- provides host liquor legal liability coverage for graduate student events that follow guidelines for responsible use of alcohol.

The program is currently made of two insurance policies. The current program provides $1,000,000 of general liability coverage, $1,000,000 of catastrophic medical coverage and $3,000,000 catastrophic injury cash.

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**Committee Analysis**

Club Insurance is essential to the functioning of most independent clubs on campus. Therefore, it would be unwise to eliminate funding for Club Insurance. This program allows all independent clubs on campus to run without having to purchase their own insurance plans and provides personal liability protection to the individual leaders of clubs. Due to the necessity of this service for independent clubs, the Committee recommends approving Club Insurance at the requested rate.
Cornell Tech Campus Funding

In accordance with Resolution 18 (A Resolution Concerning the Setting and Allocation of the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee for Cornell Tech Students - See Appendix Below) of the GPSA (Spring 2013), the activity fee set by the Appropriations Committee via this resolution will be applicable to all the students at the Cornell Tech students. The activity fee (GPSAF) appropriately deducted for the contributions to the GPSA & Risk Management will returned to a registered and officially recognized organization at the Tech campus in NYC.

It is to be noted that all Ithaca-based students shall be eligible to attend events organized at Cornell Tech and similarly Cornell Tech-based students shall be able to attend events organized at the Ithaca campus at the same subsidized rate as all other students of appropriate/equivalent standing.

The Cornell Tech organization formed will have to satisfy these conditions:

1. Register with the SLECA office via the OrgSync platform (or equivalent registration system needed for every student organization at Cornell University)
2. Have a university account number associated with this organization to which the total amount can be transferred
3. Submit a detailed report to the appropriations committee every two years in the activity fee setting year outlining all their expenses similar to every byline funded organization
4. Subject to all Cornell regulations as enforced by the GPSA and the Office of Assemblies
5. Review and update their bylaws & funding guidelines every year two years. It is recommended that this be performed in the spring semester of the activity fee setting year.
6. Follow all the regulations required for a byline funding organization
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* Includes funding to the grocery store in Anabel Taylor Hall

Amounts reported are per student per year
Appendix

GPSA Resolution 18 (Spring 2013): A Resolution Concerning the Setting and Allocation of the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee for Cornell NYC Tech Students

WHEREAS, In December 2011, Cornell won the competition to create Cornell NYC Tech on Roosevelt Island in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The first class of students matriculated in Spring 2013, at rented space in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, The GPSA is charged with representing all graduate and professional students, including those at Cornell NYC Tech; and

WHEREAS, Students at Cornell NYC Tech are members of the same graduate fields and departments as students based in Ithaca; and

WHEREAS, The GPSA sets and allocates the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee (GPSAF); and

WHEREAS, The majority of services and events funded by the GPSAF take place in Ithaca; and

WHEREAS, The procedures governing the setting and allocation of the GPSAF are established by in a letter dated March 1, 1999 (the Guidelines) and the GPSA Charter (the Charter), Section 2.02; and

WHEREAS, The GPSA has the ability to allocate the fee differently for different groups of students; and

WHEREAS, The GPSA leadership met with Barbara Knuth, Dean of the Graduate School, Susan Murphy, Vice President for Student and Academic Services, Cathy Dove, Vice President for Cornell NYC Tech and representatives from Counsel's Office, the Student Activities Office and the Graduate School on April 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, This resolution reflects the agreement reached at that meeting; and

WHEREAS, The GPSA will set and allocate the fee in Fall 2013; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That —

(1) All graduate and professional students, including those at Cornell NYC Tech, will pay the full dollar amount of the GPSAF;
(2) Students at Cornell NYC Tech will form a student organization, registered with the Student Activities Office (SAO).

(3) The GPSAF collected from Cornell NYC Tech students will be allocated, such that the only byline funded organizations they will fund are: (a) The GPSA, at the same amount as Ithaca-based students; and (b) Club Insurance, at the same amount as Ithaca-based students.

(3) The remaining balance of the GPSAF collected from Cornell NYC Tech students will revert to their student organization account, to be used according to the same guidelines as any other byline funded organization (GPSA Eligibility Criteria & Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations, especially Item V).

(4) Ithaca-based students will be able to attend events at Cornell NYC Tech and NYC Tech-based students will be able to attend events in Ithaca at the same price, whether free or subsidized, as all other students.

(5) This arrangement will be reevaluated in Fall 2015, with the next setting and allocation of the activity fee.

RESOLVED, That this resolution will be sent to David Skorton, President; Barbara Knuth, Dean of the Graduate School; Daniel Huttenlocher, Dean of Cornell NYC Tech; Cathy Dove, Vice President of Cornell NYC Tech; Kent Hubbell, Dean of Students; and Peggy Beach, Director of the Office of the Assemblies.

Respectfully submitted,

Vinay Pagay, Chair of the GPSA Finance Commission

Mitch Paine, President of the GPSA

Evan Cortens, Counsel to the GPSA
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