

1 **Charter**
2 **Cornell University**
3 **Graduate and Professional Student Assembly**
4 *As amended on September 15, 2015*

5 **PREAMBLE**

6 To effect more extensive involvement in campus government, this charter establishes within the campus governance
7 structure the requirements for a Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, elected by graduate and professional
8 school students and concerned with those matters directly affecting graduate and professional students of Cornell
9 University. Furthermore, this body may interact with and discuss issues of common interest with the Student,
10 Employee and University Assemblies, and the Faculty Senate.

11 The purpose of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly is to ensure a direct focus for the continued
12 involvement of graduate and professional school students in the governance of non-academic affairs and in the life of
13 the University, as well as to foster an increased sense of community among all constituencies through shared
14 responsibilities.

15 The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly will actively seek to involve Cornell's diverse graduate and
16 professional student population in the Assembly's decision-making activities. Particular effort will be made to ensure
17 that underrepresented groups have access to Graduate and Professional Student Assembly positions.

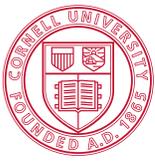
18 **ARTICLE I: ESTABLISHMENT**

19 Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board of Trustees, the President of the University hereby establishes the
20 Graduate and Professional Student Assembly. Articles I through X of this document constitute the Charter of the
21 Graduate and Professional Student Assembly.

22 **ARTICLE II: AUTHORITY**

23 **Section 2.01: Scope of Authority**

- 24 A. The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (hereinafter referred to as the GPSA) shall have a voice in
25 those activities, program areas, and non-academic policies that affect graduate and professional students.
26 B. The GPSA shall serve as a body for the exchange of views between the graduate and professional student
27 population and the administration.
28 C. The GPSA shall explore opportunities to enhance the role and function of graduate and professional students,
29 and their contribution to the well-being of the University.



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30 **Section 2.02: Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee**

- 31 A. The GPSA, during the fall semester of odd-numbered years, through the authority delegated by the President
32 of the University and the Board of Trustees, shall be charged with recommending the amount and the
33 allocation of the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee, subject to the approval of the President of
34 the University.
- 35 B. Neither an opt-out option nor an option to pay extra will be allowed to exempt a student from paying the
36 Student Activity Fee.
- 37 i. Exceptions may be considered if recommended and approved by the GPSA, and approved by the
38 President of the University.
- 39 C. These procedures shall be reviewed by the Student Assembly, the GPSA, and a representative of the President
40 of the University, at least every four years in a non-fee-setting year.

41 **Section 2.03: Legislative Authority Over Policies**

- 42 A. The GPSA shall have the authority to examine the University policies that impact graduate and professional
43 school students.
- 44 B. The GPSA shall have the authority to make recommendations to the appropriate bodies and University
45 administrators concerning these matters.
- 46 C. The GPSA shall be consulted with respect to the modification and development of non-academic policies,
47 which directly affect graduate and professional school students.

48 **Section 2.04: University Calendar**

- 49 A. The Provost is requested to consult with the GPSA in the formulation of the University calendar.
- 50 B. The GPSA may review and ask for reconsideration of the calendar before it becomes final.
- 51 C. The GPSA may propose changes in the calendar to the Provost.

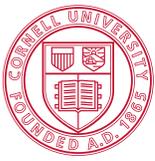
52 **Section 2.05: Requests for Information from the President of the University**

- 53 A. The GPSA may obtain specific information from the President regarding any subject which it requests to
54 fulfill its responsibilities.
- 55 B. If the information requested is not provided, the President will report to the GPSA the reasons why the
56 information cannot be furnished.

57 **Section 2.06: Public hearings, forums, and referendums**

- 58 A. The GPSA may conduct public hearings, forums, and referendums concerning topics of current graduate and
59 professional student interest, and determine other appropriate ways to assess student needs and opinions.

60 **Section 2.07: Committees**



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- 61 A. The GPSA may appoint graduate and professional students to serve on committees of the GPSA and other
62 Assemblies that have designated seats for graduate and professional student representatives.
63 B. The GPSA may nominate graduate and professional students to serve on other University committees.

64 **Section 2.08: Representatives to the Student and Employee Assemblies and Faculty Senate**

- 65 A. The GPSA will interface with the Student and Employee Assemblies and Faculty Senate by sending one
66 representative to each group as an ex-officio, non-voting delegate.

67 **Section 2.09: GPSA Standing and Ad Hoc Committees**

- 68 A. The GPSA will have authority over matters concerning the internal operation and maintenance of the GPSA,
69 including the proposal of amendments to the GPSA Charter pursuant to Article X and creation of bylaws and
70 procedures consistent with the obligations of the GPSA, as set forth in this charter for the GPSA.
71 B. The GPSA will have authority over matters concerning its standing and ad hoc committees and may establish
72 standing and ad hoc committees, as are appropriate to the performance of its functions.

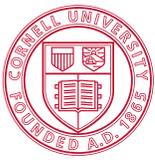
73 **ARTICLE III: RESPONSIBILITY**

74 **Section 3.01: Reporting of Actions**

- 75 A. Actions of the GPSA will be reported to the President of the University in writing by the President of the
76 GPSA.
77 B. The GPSA will respond to the President of the University's requests for information regarding GPSA actions.
78 C. The President of the University shall respond in writing to the GPSA recommendations pursuant to Section
79 2.03.A above.
80 D. The GPSA will report its actions in writing to the Employee, Student and University Assemblies and the
81 Faculty Senate, in conjunction with reporting of the actions to the President of the University.

82 **Section 3.02: Semi-Annual Report**

- 83 A. The GPSA will present a semi-annual, written report at the end of each academic term to the President of the
84 University and the graduate and professional student population.
85 B. The report will include:
86 i. a summary of the GPSA's work during the preceding term,
87 ii. a description of any unresolved issues,
88 iii. an exploration of issues that are expected to arise in the future.
89 C. The GPSA of the following year is required to respond formally to the unfinished business presented in the
90 semi-annual report.
91 D. All members of the Cornell community will have access to this report.



92 **Section 3.03: Agendas and pending resolutions**

- 93 A. Agendas and pending resolutions will be distributed to the leadership of the other Assemblies at least 24 hours
94 prior to the GPSA meeting at which they are to be presented.
95 B. Agenda and pending resolutions will be distributed to the GPSA at least 24 hours prior to the GPSA meeting
96 at which they are to be presented.

97 **Section 3.04: Objection to Actions**

- 98 A. Objections
99 i. Upon receipt of the semi-annual report of the GPSA, other constituent bodies may object, by a two-
100 thirds vote at its next regularly scheduled meeting, to an action taken by the GPSA.
101 ii. The objecting bodies will report back to the GPSA within five working days of the vote to object.
102 iii. At its next regularly scheduled meeting, the GPSA will review the objection and either modify the
103 original position to account for the objections of the other constituencies or will reaffirm the original
104 action.
105 iv. The GPSA shall report to the objecting bodies within five working days of reviewing the objection(s).
106 B. Reconciliation of the differences
107 i. If the GPSA determines by a two-thirds vote that the action of another constituency body impacts its
108 constituency, comparable procedures for the reconciliation of the differences will be pursued.

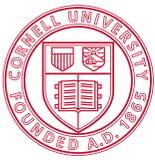
109 **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

110 **Section 4.01: Graduate and Professional Student Rights**

- 111 A. All graduate and professional students shall have the following rights to:
112 i. Contribute to a rich academic and social community that benefits all graduate and professional
113 students;
114 ii. Regularly attend GPSA meetings and remain informed about issues brought before the GPSA;
115 iii. Apply to and, if selected, serve on committees staffed by the GPSA,
116 iv. Engage in discussion and, where appropriate, bring before the GPSA issues or concerns affecting
117 graduate or professional students at the University;
118 v. Bring before the GPSA resolutions concerning issues affecting graduate and professional students at
119 the University.
120 B. Graduate and professional students shall have additional rights, should they become members of the GPSA.

121 **Section 4.02: Overview of GPSA Membership**

- 122 A. Membership in the GPSA shall be made available to all matriculated graduate and professional students of the
123 University.
124 B. Members from demographic backgrounds reflecting the diverse nature of the University are especially
125 encouraged to participate.



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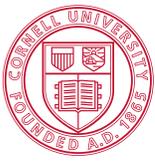
- 126 C. Membership shall consist of:
127 i. Representatives selected from each graduate field and professional school (hereafter referred to as Field
128 representatives);
129 ii. Voting members.

130 **Section 4.03: GPSA Field Representatives**

- 131 A. Field representatives shall have the following responsibilities:
132 i. Provide updates to constituents regarding GPSA events and initiatives, and solicit feedback where
133 appropriate;
134 1. Such communication will include information forwarded over the GPSA electronic mailing
135 list, as well as any other information deemed appropriate by the representatives for
136 dissemination to constituents.
137 2. Members are encouraged to use existing communications channels within their fields or
138 professional school or (if none exist) create a dedicated electronic mailing list.
139 ii. Elect and empower the GPSA Voting members as described in Section 4.05;
140 iii. Elect GPSA Officers and standing committee chairs;
141 B. The composition of Field representatives shall be:
142 i. One representative elected in the fall from each graduate field (two from fields with over 100
143 students);
144 ii. Three representatives elected by each professional school;
145 iii. One elected representative from the Cornell NYC Tech campus in New York, NY and one elected
146 representative from the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, NY (regardless of
147 whether their field or professional school is already represented by a field representative);
148 iv. The students in each individual field/professional school may prescribe their own election procedures.
149 If not filled through election, a representative may be appointed by the field's Director of Graduate
150 Studies (DGS) or Dean of a professional school, subject to the approval of the students.
151 C. Field representatives may be removed by obtaining signatures from 51% of the matriculated students in the
152 field/professional school.
153 D. Vacant seats remain open until a Field representative is selected by election or appointment.
154 E. Field representative seats are not transferable.
155 F. Field representatives may serve as many one-year terms as they like, but they must be elected or appointed
156 annually.

157 **Section 4.04: GPSA Voting Members**

- 158 A. Voting members shall have the following responsibilities:
159 i. Remain sufficiently informed about issues brought before the GPSA to cast informed votes on
160 resolutions, formation of committees, and other matters;
161 ii. Elect GPSA Voting members;
162 iii. Elect GPSA Officers and standing committee chairs.



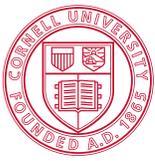
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- 163 B. There shall be nineteen (19) Voting members, composed as follows:
164 i. Two (2) graduate students enrolled in Master's degree programs.
165 ii. Fourteen (14) from the divisions of the Graduate School as follows: three (3) from Humanities, three
166 (3) from Biological Sciences, four (4) from Physical Sciences, and four (4) from Social Sciences.
167 iii. Three (3) professional students, one each from the Samuel Curtis Johnson School of Business, Cornell
168 Law School, and College of Veterinary Medicine.
- 169 C. Voting members do not count as Field representatives from their respective graduate fields or professional
170 schools.

171 Section 4.05: Election of Voting Members

- 172 A. Registered students from Divisions defined by the Graduate School are eligible to run for Voting member
173 positions:
174 i. The 14 Voting members who represent the divisions of the Graduate School will be elected at the
175 second to last GPSA meeting of the current GPSA term.
176 ii. At this meeting, field representatives and Voting members shall form caucuses by Division to elect
177 new Voting members from constituent fields.
178 a. In the Physical Sciences, at least one seat shall be from an engineering field and at least one
179 seat shall be from a non-engineering field.
180 b. If no person is elected pursuant to the above procedure, the seat is thrown open as "at-large,"
181 and a member may be elected from among the entire GPSA membership. The seat shall
182 revert to its original Division designation at the next regular election.
- 183 B. The professional schools shall select one Voting member each by whatever means they choose.
- 184 C. Master's Degree Specific Members
185 i. The two (2) Voting members who represent graduate students enrolled in Master's degree programs
186 will be elected by GPSA members at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the fall semester.
187 ii. Candidates for these seats must be enrolled in Master's degree programs administered by the Graduate
188 School.
189 iii. At least one of the Master's degree seats shall be from an engineering field.
190 iv. If, by the third regularly scheduled meeting, no eligible candidate from an engineering field has been
191 nominated for the engineering seat, the seat shall be opened to any student enrolled in any Master's
192 degree program administered by the Graduate School.
193 v. If filled by a non-engineering student, the engineering seat reverts to its original designation at the
194 next regular election.
195 vi. If no Master's degree students are nominated, these seats may remain vacant until eligible candidate(s)
196 can be identified.

197 Section 4.06: Filling Vacant Seats



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- 198 A. If one of the seats representing a Division of the Graduate School becomes vacant during the term of office,
199 that seat is thrown open as “at-large,” and a member may be elected from among the entire GPSA
200 membership.
201 B. A special election shall be held at the first regularly scheduled meeting following the existence of the vacancy.
202 C. Professional school seats vacated during the term of office shall be filled according to procedures outlined by
203 the respective professional schools.
204 D. Both Field representatives and Voting members shall elect at-large members.

205 **Section 4.07: Presidential Appointments**

- 206 A. The President of the University may appoint one member of the administration to serve as a consultant to the
207 GPSA at its meetings.

208 **ARTICLE V: OFFICERS OF THE GPSA**

209 **Section 5.01: Definitions**

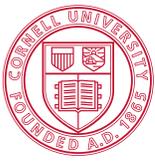
- 210 A. The officers of the GPSA shall be the President, the Executive Vice President, the Vice President for
211 Operations, and the Vice President for Communications.
212 B. The Counsel to the Assembly shall serve as an ex-officio officer of the GPSA

213 **Section 5.02: Officer Elections**

- 214 A. Officers of the GPSA will be elected at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the current GPSA term.
215 B. All GPSA members shall be eligible to elect the officers of the GPSA.
216 C. The order of election shall proceed as follows: President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for
217 Operations, Vice President for Communications, and Counsel to the Assembly.
218 D. To be elected to office, a nominee shall be subject to a majority approval of the GPSA members.

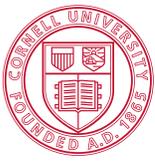
219 **Section 5.03: Officer Responsibilities**

- 220 A. President
221 i. It shall be the responsibility of the President of the GPSA to:
222 a. Assure the smooth and effective operation and maintenance of the GPSA,
223 b. Delegate responsibilities as needed to accomplish the duties of the office and the goals set
224 forth in the this Charter and associated Bylaws,
225 c. Chair, or appoint a delegate chair to, all meetings of the GPSA,
226 d. Transmit notice of the actions and recommendations of the GPSA
227 e. Serve as spokesperson of the GPSA, correspond with the President of the University,
228 enumerate actions taken by the GPSA, and submit the semi-annual year-end report to the
229 University President.



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- 230 B. Executive Vice President
- 231 i. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Vice President of the GPSA to:
- 232 a. Assist the President as needed;
- 233 b. Recruit graduate and professional students reflecting the diverse nature of the University to
- 234 serve on the GPSA,
- 235 c. Maintain an accurate list of members,
- 236 d. Maintain attendance records at all GPSA meetings,
- 237 e. Distribute the agenda and meeting materials for all GPSA meetings,
- 238 f. Chair the Executive Committee of the GPSA,
- 239 g. Chair meetings of the GPSA in the absence of the President.
- 240 C. Vice President for Operations
- 241 i. It shall be the responsibility of the Vice President for Operations to:
- 242 a. Chair the Operations and Staffing Committee,
- 243 b. Maintain accurate lists of committee appointees,
- 244 c. Maintain communication with committee appointees and chairs,
- 245 d. Coordinate committee reporting procedures,
- 246 e. Review and update the GPSA Charter and Bylaws,
- 247 f. Chair meetings of the GPSA in the absence of both the President and Executive Vice
- 248 President.
- 249 D. Vice President for Communications
- 250 i. It shall be the responsibility of the Vice President for Communications to:
- 251 a. Chair the Communications Committee.
- 252 b. Oversee and manage the timely and accurate communication between the Executive
- 253 Committee, the GPSA, the Graduate and Professional Student Community, and Cornell
- 254 University.
- 255 c. Chair meetings in the absence of the President, Executive Vice President, and Vice President
- 256 for Operations.
- 257 E. Counsel to the Assembly
- 258 i. It shall be the responsibility of the Counsel to the Assembly to:
- 259 1. Help maintain continuity of the GPSA agenda between administrations,
- 260 2. Keep track of GPSA history and precedents,
- 261 3. Serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Executive Committee and the Operations and
- 262 Staffing Committee, at the discretion of these committees.
- 263 ii. The Counsel to the Assembly shall not be charged with performing any tasks other than advising the
- 264 GPSA and the Executives, unless the Counsel wishes to take on a task.
- 265 iii. Eligibility
- 266 1. The Counsel to the Assembly is not required to be a current member of the GPSA.
- 267 2. The Counsel to the Assembly must be a matriculated graduate or professional student at
- 268 Cornell.
- 269 3. The position may remain vacant if a qualified candidate is not found.



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- 270 4. The Counsel to the Assembly must have previously served as a GPSA President, Executive
271 Vice President, Vice President for Operations, or Vice President for Communications.

272 **Section 5.04: Replacement of Officers**

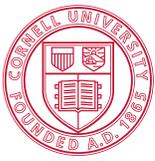
- 273 A. In the case that an officer resigns or is unable to perform the duties of the office, the following general
274 procedures shall be used to find a replacement:
- 275 i. Nominees to fill officer positions during the current GPSA term shall be subject to a majority approval
276 of the GPSA members.
 - 277 ii. Elections will be held at regularly scheduled meetings.
- 278 B. The following specific procedures for the replacement of GPSA officers shall be used:
- 279 i. President
 - 280 a. The Executive Vice President shall assume the position of President.
 - 281 b. If the Executive Vice President declines the position, the GPSA members will elect a new
282 President from among the Voting members.
 - 283 ii. Executive Vice President
 - 284 a. The Vice President for Operations shall assume the position of Executive Vice President.
 - 285 b. If the Vice President for Operations declines the position, the GPSA members will elect a
286 new Executive Vice President from among the Voting members.
 - 287 iii. Vice President for Operations
 - 288 a. The Vice President for Communications shall assume the position of the Vice President for
289 Operations.
 - 290 b. If the Vice President for Communications declines the position, the GPSA members will elect
291 a new Vice President for Operations from among the Voting members.”
 - 292 iv. Vice President for Communications
 - 293 a. The GPSA Members will elect a new Vice President for Communications from among the
294 Voting members.
 - 295 v. Lack of Available Voting Members
 - 296 a. Should all eligible voting members refuse to be nominated to the any of the officer positions,
297 the GPSA Members will elect a new officer from amongst the Field Representatives.”;

298 **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**

299 **Section 6.01: Establishment**

- 300 A. The GPSA shall create and staff the standing committees pursuant to Section 2.10.
- 301 B. The GPSA may establish ad hoc committees, pursuant to Section 2.10, for the proper performance of its
302 functions, and may prescribe their responsibilities and their membership.
- 303 C. The GPSA shall appoint representatives to University committees and assemblies.

304 **Section 6.02: Standing Committees**



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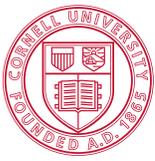
- 305 A. The standing committees of the GPSA shall be the Executive Committee, Operations and Staffing
306 Committee, Elections Committee, Appropriations Committee, the Graduate and Professional Student
307 Assembly Finance Commission (GPSAFC), the Communications Committee and other committees as
308 described in the GPSA Bylaws.
- 309 B. The standing committees of the GPSA allow for focused, detailed work on issues of concern to the graduate
310 and professional student body.
- 311 C. The standing committees may appoint sub-committees that report only to the standing committee.
312 Membership of the sub-committee must consist of members of the respective standing committee.
- 313 D. A Voting member of the GPSA shall serve as Chair of each standing committee whenever possible, but other
314 GPSA members may serve as needed.
- 315 E. Any matriculated graduate or professional student is eligible to serve on committees.
- 316 i. At the last regularly scheduled meeting of the GPSA each term, the GPSA members shall elect, by
317 majority vote, the chairs of the standing committees, with the exception of the Chair of the
318 Appropriations Committee.
- 319 ii. The Chair of the Appropriations Committee will be elected during the last regularly scheduled
320 meeting of the fall semester. It is strongly encouraged that the Appropriations Chair have served on
321 the committee for at least one semester prior to election.
- 322 iii. If no suitable candidate can be found, a vacancy shall exist.
- 323 iv. Vacancies in standing committee chairs that occur during the current GPSA term may be filled by
324 majority vote of GPSA members at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- 325 v. The Vice President for Operations may appoint an acting chair from among the committee's members
326 or Executive Committee to serve until a new chair is elected.

327 **ARTICLE VII: ESTABLISHMENT OF BYLAWS AND PROCEDURES**

- 328 A. The GPSA may establish bylaws and other procedural rules that are necessary for the normal and efficient
329 operation of the GPSA.
- 330 B. The adoption of such bylaws and rules will be subject to a majority vote of the Voting members.

331 **ARTICLE VIII: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GRADUATE AND**
332 **PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE**

- 333 A. The GPS Activity Fee is mandatory for all graduate and professional students of the University and is used to
334 support activities and programs that benefit the Cornell Community, in particular, its graduate and
335 professional student population.
- 336 B. The President of the University delegated responsibility for setting and allocating of the GPS Activity Fee to
337 the GPSA in a letter dated March 1, 1999. A set of guidelines are attached to said letter. The GPSA
338 recognizes that along with setting and distributing the GPS Activity Fee comes accountability.
- 339 C. The GPS Activity Fee shall be established every two years — with the extensive participation and active input
340 from the graduate and professional student body — by the last day of classes in the fall semester of the fee-



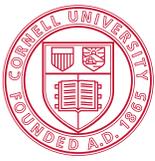
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- 341 setting year. In the event that the GPSA cannot meet this deadline, the GPS Activity Fee shall be fixed at the
342 amount and allocation in effect during the fee-setting year.
- 343 D. The GPSA shall establish three funding rules and procedures documents:
- 344 i. The GPSA Byline Allocation Procedures
- 345 a. For the purpose of allocating the activity fee, this document's rules and procedures hold the
346 same weight and precedence as the GPSA Charter.
- 347 b. Any changes to this document must be presented, in writing, at least one regularly
348 scheduled meeting prior to the vote.
- 349 c. Changes to this document require a 2/3 vote of the voting GPSA members.
- 350 ii. The GPSA Eligibility Criteria and Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations
- 351 a. For the purpose of allocating the activity fee, this document's rules and procedures hold the
352 same weight and precedence as the GPSA Charter.
- 353 b. Any changes to this document must be presented, in writing, at least one regularly
354 scheduled meeting prior to the vote.
- 355 c. Changes to this document require a 2/3 vote of the voting GPSA members.
- 356 iii. GPSAFC Funding Guidelines
- 357 a. The Appropriations Committee shall present any revisions to the GPSAFC Funding
358 Guidelines for majority vote of the voting members at least one meeting prior to a vote.
- 359 b. The Appropriations Committee shall review the GPSAFC Funding Guidelines in non-
360 activity fee setting years.
- 361 E. Funds from the Activity Fee will be allocated:
- 362 i. To the GPSA to help fulfill its mission and role in student government and advocating on behalf of
363 graduate and professional students. Funds allocated to the GPSA are overseen by the Executive
364 Committee in collaboration with the Chair of the Appropriations Committee.
- 365 ii. To the GPSA Finance Commission, no less than 35% of the total Activity Fee, to fund student
366 organizations which contribute to the graduate and professional student experience at Cornell.
367 Organizations must be registered with the Student Activities Office; further eligibility criteria and
368 procedures are outlined in the GPSAFC Funding Guidelines, which are determined by the GPSA.
- 369 iii. Direct byline funding to organizations which surpass in size and scope those typically funded through
370 the GPSAFC. Eligibility criteria, procedures and obligations for such organizations are outlined in the
371 GPSA Eligibility Criteria and Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations.
- 372 F. Guidelines and procedures regarding the GPSAF shall be reviewed by the GPSA and a representative of the
373 President of the University at least every four years in a non-fee-setting year.

374 **ARTICLE IX: PROTECTION**

375 **Section 9.01: Community Rights**

- 376 A. The GPSA and its committees shall respect and protect the rights of individual members of the Cornell
377 community.



378 **Section 9.02: Confidentiality**

- 379 A. When a subject under discussion or examination requires the use of personal confidential information, all
380 reasonable efforts shall be made to safeguard the confidentiality of this information.

381 **ARTICLE X: CHARTER AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT**

382 **Section 10.01: Voting Requirements**

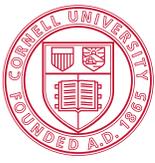
- 383 A. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Voting members shall be required to amend the Bylaws and
384 Procedures of the GPSA, and an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Voting members shall be required to
385 amend the GPSA Charter.

386 **Section 10.02: GPSA Charter Amendment**

- 387 A. The GPSA Charter may be amended in one of the following ways:
- 388 i. Upon signing of a petition by 100 Cornell graduate and professional students, any Graduate and
389 Professional student may present an amendment to the GPSA for consideration.
 - 390 a. Within two regularly scheduled meetings after the presentation of the petition, the GPSA
391 Voting members will discuss and vote on the proposed amendment.
 - 392 b. The form and wording of the amendment, as voted upon by the GPSA Voting members,
393 shall be identical in form and wording to that of the petition.
 - 394 ii. Any GPSA member may present an amendment to the GPSA for consideration. Within two regularly
395 scheduled meetings after such presentation, the GPSA Voting members will discuss and vote on the
396 proposed amendment(s).
 - 397 iii. Any amendment must be presented in writing to all GPSA Voting members at least one regularly
398 scheduled meeting prior to the meeting where the amendment will be considered.

399 **Section 10.03: Bylaws Amendment**

- 400 A. The Bylaws may be amended in one of the following ways:
- 401 i. Upon signing of a petition by 100 Cornell graduate and professional students, any Graduate and
402 Professional student may present an amendment to the GPSA for consideration.
 - 403 a. Within two regularly scheduled meetings after the presentation of the petition, the GPSA
404 Voting members will discuss and vote on the proposed amendment.
 - 405 b. The form and wording of the amendment, as voted upon by the GPSA Voting members, shall
406 be identical in form and wording to that of the petition.
 - 407 ii. Any GPSA member may present an amendment to the GPSA for consideration. Within two regularly
408 scheduled meetings after such presentation, the GPSA Voting members will discuss and vote on the
409 proposed amendment(s).



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- 410 iii. Bylaw amendments must be presented in writing to all GPSA Voting members at least 24 hours
411 before the amendment will be considered for a vote.

412 **Section 10.04 Authority and responsibility**

- 413 A. The amendments of those Articles of the Charter which appear under the headings, Authority, Responsibility,
414 Membership, and Charter and Bylaws Amendment shall require, in addition, the approval of the President of
415 the University.