MINUTES
Graduate & Professional Student Assembly
March 7th, 2016
Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall
5:30 – 7:00 P.M.

I. Welcome and Introductions
R. Walroth called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Started meeting with a moment of silence in honor of President Garrett.

1. Introduction of voting members, 1 min.
   Voting Members Absent: A. Molitoris, J. Veintimilla, T. Bollu

II. Approval of the Minutes
1. December 7th, 2015, 1 min.
   The minutes were approved as presented

III. Presentations
1. Maplewood Development Team, 30 min.
   Maplewood is being demolished and a private development firm has been hired to develop housing in the area. EdR was chosen since it is the 2nd best development firm in the country and the administration is confident they can deliver a great product. The firms representatives began their presentation by sharing that they have a lot of experience with similar projects from Johns Hopkins and have a unique perspective of graduate student housing and living. They will come back in a few months to share updates. EdR’s priorities for Maplewood housing will be affordability, walkability, sustainability, and creating a community. Affordability was also at the top of Cornell’s priorities.

IV. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates, 10 min.
   Committee and Officer updates were not mentioned due to lack of time.
1. Executive Committee
2. Operations
3. Appropriations
4. Faculty Awards
5. Finance Commission
6. Student Advocacy
7. Diversity and International Students
8. Programming Board

V. New Business
1. Break out session: Peer Mentoring for Incoming Students
   The break out session was an opportunity for field representative to learn about their field and take it back to their constituency.
2. For introduction: GPSA R6: Resolution to Bring Cornell University Policy into Compliance with Federal Civil Rights Legislation
   The resolution was introduced and the sponsors mentioned they’re bringing it to the Assembly because some of Cornell’s policies are in violation of Title IX.
3. For introduction: GPSA R7: Resolution on Supervisor-Student Relationships
   The sponsors are bringing the resolution to the meeting because advisor-advisee relationship guidelines are found written down only in one place and they would like to make the document more accessible.

VI. Open Forum, 4 min.

Sincerely Submitted,
Aastha Wadhwa