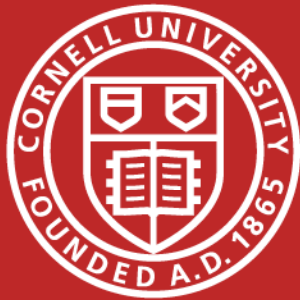


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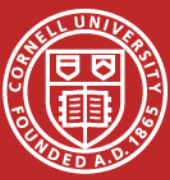
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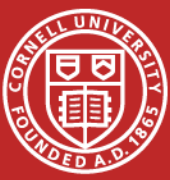
**Business Meeting of the Voting Council**

**25 January 2010**



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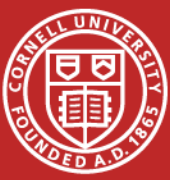


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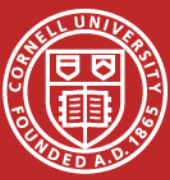
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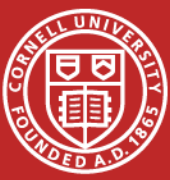
**GPSA Events Committee presents...**

**ICE SKATING!**  
**Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**10pm – 11:30pm**  
**Lynah Rink**



The Graduate School Orientation and the GPSA Events Committee have come together to bring you free ice skating at Lynah Rink.

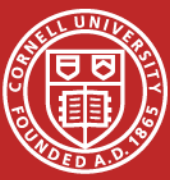
\$2 rental fee for skates (student ID required)  
Free if you bring your own skates!



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<http://www.naggps.org/>



## Resolution R.5: Right to Research

**WHEREAS**, writing research papers is a requirement of many Cornell University courses, and

**WHEREAS**, such assignments require access to articles published in academic journals, and

**WHEREAS**, student access to scholarly literature is primarily provided by subscriptions through the Cornell University libraries, and

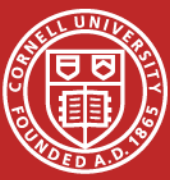
**WHEREAS**, the high cost of academic journals – in some fields, more than \$20,000 per year for a single journal subscription – restricts access to knowledge, and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of these subscriptions has been accelerating at a rate greater than inflation for the past decades, and

**WHEREAS**, authors of scholarly articles are not paid for their work, with journal profits accruing solely to the publishers, and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of research funding comes from public sources, supported by taxpayers, and

**WHEREAS**, all students deserve access to the full body of published scholarly literature, and



## Resolution R.5: Right to Research (continued)

**WHEREAS**, “open access” is an alternative to the traditional closed, subscription-access system of scholarly communication, and

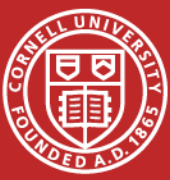
**WHEREAS**, open access provides free online access to the results of scholarly research while maintaining quality controls, such as peer review, and

**WHEREAS**, several national and international student organizations and student governments have developed the Student Statement on the Right to Research to explain student interests in the scholarly communications system and to rally students in support of open access,

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the graduate and professional students of Cornell University endorse the Student Statement on the Right to Research and open access to academic research, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the students of the Cornell University laud the administration’s decision to support open access research and call on governments, research funders, researchers, and fellow students to support open access to academic research.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution will be sent to David Skorton, Kent Hubbell, Alison Power and Kevin McComber.



## Resolution R.6: Cornell Cinema

**Whereas**, in Fall 2009, the GPSA was charged with setting the 2010-2012 Graduate & Professional Student Activity Fee (GPSAF);

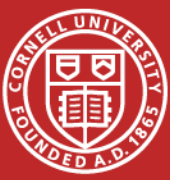
**Whereas**, Cornell Cinema is currently one of the by-line funding groups that receives money from the GPSAF;

**Whereas**, the allocation of Cornell Cinema was of serious concern to the GPSA as it spent three of its Fall 2009 meetings and sent ninety three emails between its members over the appropriate allocation of Cornell Cinema;

**Whereas**, the GPSA currently has no representation to the student advisory board of Cornell Cinema.

**Be it therefore resolved** that the GPSA acknowledges the quality of programming that Cornell Cinema has available for the community and wishes to ensure that Cornell Cinema continues to meet the needs and desires of all graduate and professional students;

**Be it further resolved** that the following addition (indicated in bold) be made to Appendix A, Section VI.1(b) of the GPSA Eligibility Criteria and Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations :



## Resolution R.6: Cornell Cinema (continued)

### Section VI.1(b): Cornell Cinema

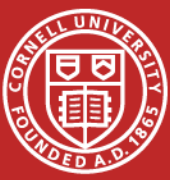
- (i) Cornell Cinema shall not increase student ticket prices without the express approval of the Student Assembly and the GPSA.*
- (ii) Cornell Cinema shall, at every film showing, provide a suggestion box or similar medium for determining student preferences.*
- (iii) Cornell Cinema shall maintain the range, quality and amount of programming it currently provides.*
- (iv) Cornell Cinema shall allocate one seat to a representative of the GPSA to their advisory board.**
- (v) Cornell Cinema shall collect information on how many graduate and professional students attend Cornell Cinema events and present this information to the GPSA.**

**Be it further resolved** that the GPSA identifies an individual for the Cornell Cinema advisory committee by Fall 2010;

**Be it further resolved** that the Office of Assemblies post the revised GPSA Eligibility Criteria and Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations on the website for public access and download;

**Be it finally resolved that** this resolution be sent to David Skorton, Peggy Beach, Mary Fessenden, Christopher Riley, Amy Villarejo, Kent Hubbell and Alison Power





## Resolution R.7: Geneva (SAGES)

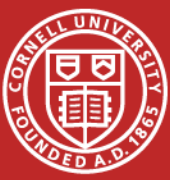
**Whereas**, the GPSA represents all graduate and professional students, both in Ithaca and at the Geneva Experimental Station;

**Whereas**, the graduate students stationed in Geneva established The Student Association of the Geneva Experimental Station (SAGES) in 1994;

**Whereas** The GPSA was invited up to Geneva by SAGES in August, 2008 as a way for bridging the gap between the two campuses;

**Whereas**, representatives from the SAGES have been attending GPSA Council of Representatives / GPSA Advisory Board meetings for at least the past two years to ensure that GPSA and SAGES continue to work together to represent all graduate and professional students.

**Be it therefore resolved** to ensure continued collaboration between the GPSA and SAGES in the future, the following addition (indicated in bold) be made to Article IV, Section 4.02 of the GPSA Charter



## Resolution R.7: Geneva/SAGES (continued)

### Article IV, Section 4.02: GPSA Members

(a) *The composition of the GPSA non-voting body of members shall be:*

(i) *One representative elected in the fall from each individual graduate field (two from fields with over 100 students), plus three elected by each professional school.*

(ii) *The students in each individual field/professional school may prescribe their own election procedures. If not filled through election, a representative may be appointed by the field's Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) or Dean of a professional school, subject to the approval of the students. For fields without a DGS, the graduate field representative (GFR) will serve in place of a DGS.*

**(iii) One seat on the Advisory Body of the GPSA will be reserved for a student from the Geneva Experimental Station, selected by the students of the experimental station (regardless if their field is already represented on the non-voting body).**

**Be it further resolved** that the Office of Assemblies post the revised GPSA Charter on the website for public access and download;

**Be it finally resolved that** this resolution be sent to David Skorton, Peggy Beach, Masa Seto, Randy Worobo, Kent Hubbell and Alison Power, Dean of the Graduate School.



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## OPEN FORUM:





**Relay For Life of Cornell University**  
Feb 27th-28th, 6pm-6am at Cornell University, Barton Hall  
33 days left until Relay! Participants: 117

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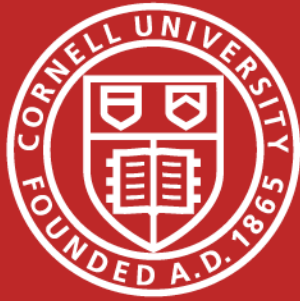
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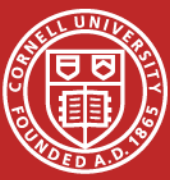




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**Discussion Meeting of the Advisory Body #5**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**



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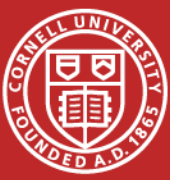
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# CORNELL'S STRATEGIC PLAN

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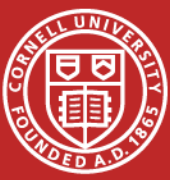
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**Edward J. Lawler**

**Kent Fuchs**

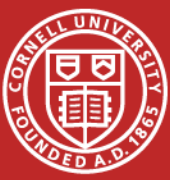
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# KEY QUESTIONS

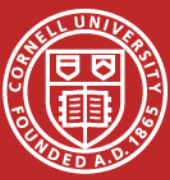
- **Who are we?**
- **Where do we want to go?**
- **How can we get there?**
- **How will we tell if we have?**



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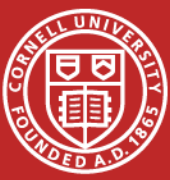
# THE CHALLENGE

**HOW CAN CORNELL PRESERVE AND ENHANCE  
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN A PERIOD OF  
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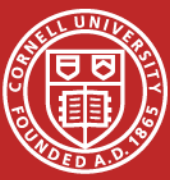
## STRUCTURE AND PROCESS

- **Strategic Planning Advisory Council** (8 faculty)
- **Four Working Groups** (63 faculty, staff, and students)
  - **Education**
  - **Research, Scholarship, and Creativity**
  - **Public Engagement**
  - **Organizational Stewardship**



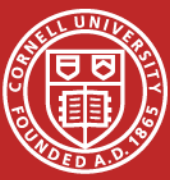
## SOME HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. Cornell as a Singular Unit**
- 2. Culture in Support of Teaching**
- 3. Leadership in Research**
- 4. Redefining “land grant” mission as “public engagement”**
- 5. Faculty Renewal**
- 6. Diversity and Inclusion**



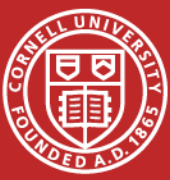
# GRADUATE EDUCATION

- **Consolidate or reorganize small fields (under certain conditions)**
- **Mechanisms for supporting the development of graduate students as teachers**
- **More organized web presentation**
  
- **Competitive stipends and benefits**
- **Make Fellowships more available to entering students**
- **Tuition differentials of Endowed and Contract Colleges**



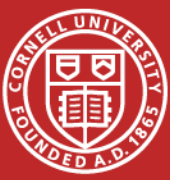
# HOW CAN YOU PROVIDE INPUT?

- Today's meeting
- Upcoming public forum:
  - February 24, 2010 from 4:30-5:30p in G10 Biotech**
  - A brown bag lunch:
    - March 3 from 12:15-1:15p in the Ramin Parlor Rm of Sage Hall**
  - Send e-mail comments on the draft to:
    - [strategicplanning2010@cornell.edu](mailto:strategicplanning2010@cornell.edu)** (see the website:  
**<http://www.cornell.edu/reimagining/>**)
- NOTE:** You will have a chance to provide input on two drafts
  - The first draft currently on the web at:
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  - The second and complete draft to be posted the week of  
**March 8th**



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## Executive Vice President Update:

### •New GPSA Logo!! Nathan Wasilewski

→ Plan to use it on the blog, facebook, merchandise



### •BYOMugs to TGIF

→ To boost GPSA presence on campus, AND promote sustainability

→ In the process of selecting mugs, solidifying the design; we will probably select a larger mug (in red)

→ Expected Mid-February launch; Keep a lookout for posters, etc.

→ The Graduate School is co-sponsoring this initiative.

→ These will be sold below costs and proceeds will most likely be donated to an organization in Haiti

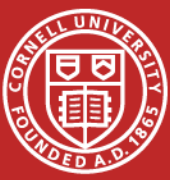
### •Haiti

→ Donation Box at the BRB

→ Proceeds from Mugs for Haiti

→ Ad-hoc Committee or Network of interested PROFESSIONALS – *Contact Ben Heavner, [bheavner@gmail.com](mailto:bheavner@gmail.com), for more information!*





# Vice President Operations Update:

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## Student Activity Fee Guideline Changes?

January 28, 2010 — Ben Heavner

Now that the Grad Student Activity Fee has been set, we're evaluating the process. The discussion about byline funding was pretty active (especially with regards to Slope Day and Cornell Cinema!), so we thought the broader Graduate and Professional community might have some good ideas of how we should change funding guidelines for future allocations.

Representative Chris Clarke recently sent an email out to Voting Members of the GPSA. He gave me permission to post his note on the blog to seek more feedback. If you have any thoughts about how the byline funding process should work, this blog is a great forum to share them! Here's what Chris wrote:

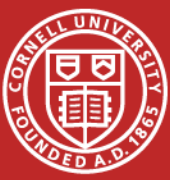
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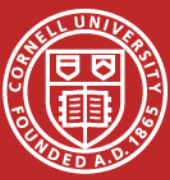
January 26, 2010 — nighthawkevensen

GPSA voting members and charter language aficionados,



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## GPSA Events Committee

# THE STOPLIGHT PARTY

Are you and your friends ready to mingle?  
Come and find out, along with students from the Law and Vet schools!  
Have a special drink from special Guest Bartenders, your SA officers!

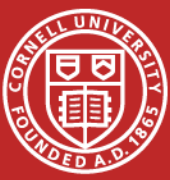
Feb 4th, 2010 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. **Free!**  
At Level B, Collegetown

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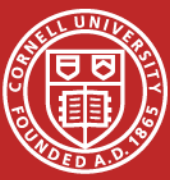
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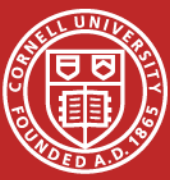
- Organized several meetings last semester
- Met with Fred Cowett (USC), Dan Roth (On campus Sustainability Coordinator), Christina Copeland (Sustainability Hub)  
→ Join Sustainability at Cornell on Facebook!
- Participated in the Student Sustainability Summit & Tree Planting on campus
- “Lights Off, Cornell” Task Force  
→ Contact: Jolyon Bloomfield, [jkb84@cornell.edu](mailto:jkb84@cornell.edu) for more information and about joining the Task force!
- Big Red Bikes  
→ Contact: Tom Knipe, [tom.knipe@gmail.com](mailto:tom.knipe@gmail.com) for more information and upcoming meetings!  
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- Meetings  
→ Month meeting next week  
→ Upcoming USC meeting about proposed teach-in for Earth Day – February 9, 2010



## GPSA Ad-hoc Graduate Committee on Mental Health

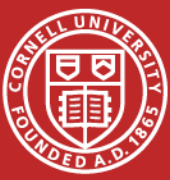
- Met with both Gannett/CAPS representatives, and EARS representatives, currently working on collating our findings
- Will attend Cornell Mental Health and Welfare committee meetings, and on February 24th we are looking to present thoughts from our group to CMHW at their meeting, with an plan of making a reviewed statement to them at their March 31st meeting.
- “We are looking into ways of making grad students better aware of the many mental health and support services Cornell provides from different departments on campus; whether that be more information during orientation, or being included in the emails from GPSA/grad school.”

*For more information contact Chair, Ed Miles, [ejm55@cornell.edu](mailto:ejm55@cornell.edu)*



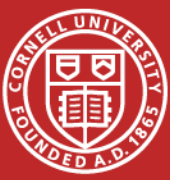
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### **GPSA Charter Section 4.05 Filling Vacant Voting Member Seats**

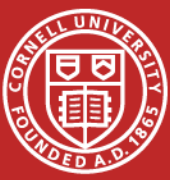
If one of the seats representing an area of the Graduate School becomes vacant during the term of office, the seat shall be filled by special election at the next discussion meeting.

Professional school seats vacated during the term of office shall be filled according to procedures outlined by the specific professional school.

Vacant seats shall be designated “at-large,” and any member of the GPSA may run and vote in this election.

The seat reverts to its original designation at the next regular election

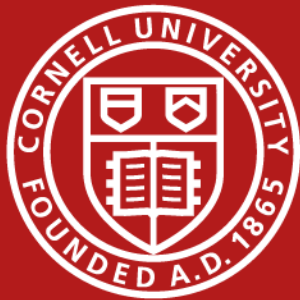




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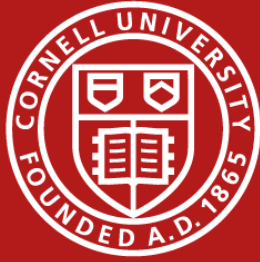
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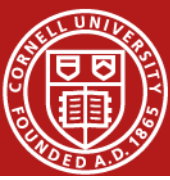


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# **Discussion Meeting of the Advisory Body & Town Hall Meeting Regarding Reimagining Cornell**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

**LIMITED copies of the GPSA's Response to the  
Task Force Reports is available up front.**



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## Executive Vice President Updates

- **Composting at GPSA Meetings!**

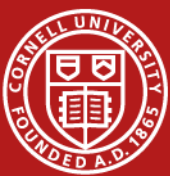
Thanks to Billie Gould, our new Compost Coordinator, Amy O'Donnell and various representatives from Cornell Dining

- **Communications:** “About GPSA Reps” on the website

Profiles of several members on the blog

- **BYOMug to TGIF-** Week Before or After Spring Break (March 12 or 26)

Any proceeds will go for Haiti, as well as possibly to a new Sustainability Hub  
Ways to incorporate into orientation, and B-school socials



# Executive Vice President Updates

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*Big Red Barn*



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## About Representatives

### GP SA Representatives

Representatives make up the bulk of the GP SA membership, coming from every field on campus. The GP SA currently has approximately 80 non-voting members that represent all of the fields on campus. Representatives act as liaisons, serving as conduits of information, attending monthly GP SA discussion meetings, and reporting back to their fields. Most representatives serve for one to two years, and/or go on to become committee chairs, voting members, or part of the executive body for the GP SA. Representatives are expected to attend monthly discussion meetings, usually held in Willard Straight Hall. These meetings are meant to be not only informative, but also enjoyable and fruitful. Refreshments are always served at meetings, and we encourage representatives to arrive early to mix and mingle with other graduate students.

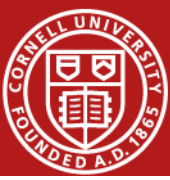
**Selection & Duties:** Most representatives volunteer to represent their field and are either elected by means of a democratic process within their field, or endorsed by their Director of Graduate Studies or Student Manager. In monthly GP SA meetings, reps interact with other graduate students, discuss initiatives and themes, and listen to committee updates and other presentations by various leaders and organizations on campus. Ideally, representatives should report back to their field, and communicate with their colleagues and friends about some of the most important highlights from GP SA meetings, and critical topics affecting graduate student life.

**Benefits:** Serving as a representative helps graduate students gain a broader perspective of the inner-workings of Cornell as an institution. It is also a great way for students to meet other graduates outside of their fields. In this role, representatives become more fully engaged as graduate students, and as part of the greater Cornell community. Also, GP SA representatives often simultaneously serve as members of committees, as well as on other independent and field organizations, amounting management or civic service experience that can help build professional skills for a resume, and job options after graduation!

**Advancement to Voting Membership:** GP SA representatives have the potential option of running for a voting position of the GP SA. Currently there are 19 voting members of the GP SA. Voting members attend two meetings and month, and are much more involved in the decision-making process. Decision involve, for example, attending Ivy Summit, setting the Student Activity Fee and a Charter review process every two years, and voting on important resolutions brought forth to the GP SA Voting Body.

*The GP SA is always looking for ways to help representatives feel engaged, and part of a community! Your feedback is always welcome at: [gpsa@cornell.edu](mailto:gpsa@cornell.edu)*





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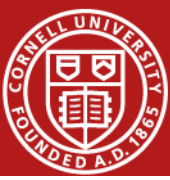


## V.P. Operations Update: Resolution R.8

# The Cornell Daily Sun







## V.P. Operations Update: Resolution R.7 Letter

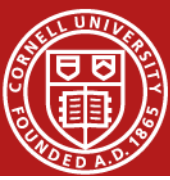
GPSA Resolution R.7 (Regarding the Representation of Graduate Students at the Geneva Experimental Station to the Cornell Graduate & Professional Student Assembly) failed to pass as a 2/3 vote in support of R.7 was not achieved.

Re-examine GPSA Membership for students in Geneva  
Letter requests 2010-2011 Operations & Staffing Committee reconsider R.7 next year.

When should charter changes be made?

Should they be made only in charter review years?

Should they be made when the need arises?



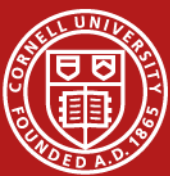
## Slope Day: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

GP SA Representatives:

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Email</b>
Travis Chapin	tkc24
Shanshan Qiao	sq45
Steven An	ssa38

Performances by:

**Drake**  
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# Appropriations Update: Activity Fee Webpage

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## **GPSA @ Cornell**



### Recent Posts

- Resolution R.8 Request
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*The GPSA, during the fall semester of every odd-numbered year, through the authority delegated by the President of the University and the Board of Trustees, shall be charged with recommending the amount and the allocation of the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee (GPSAF), subject to the approval of the President of the University.*

*Listed below are the by-line funded groups that receive an allocation of the GPSAF, who they are and what benefits you get for paying the GPSAF.*

### **2010-2011 GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE: \$76.00**

#### **Athletics and Physical Education**

*Allocation: \$7.00 per student*

The fee provides graduate and professional students with the following benefits:  
Free Big Red Sports Pass. Provides graduate & professional students and their immediate families with free admission to all home athletic contests except Men's Ice Hockey. [Sign Up Now!](#)

Discounted Men's Ice Hockey season tickets. 200 season tickets at a price that is \$5 per game less than the regular season ticket price. No price increase through at least 2011-2012.

Access to physical education facilities and programs. Fitness center, PE classes, intramurals, outdoor education activities, etc.

#### Contact information:

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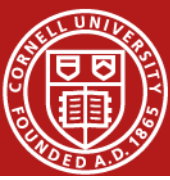


#### **Big Red Barn Graduate & Professional Student Center**

*Allocation: \$7.00 per student*

Over 300 programs a year for G/P students, organizations and departments. These include but are not limited to:





## **Ad-hoc Sustainability – NEXT MEETING:**

**Friday, March 5, 2010 115 Sibley Hall 1-3pm**

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- **Resolution#4 Lights Off, Cornell**
- **Resolution#9 Including Strategic Planning into Cornell**
- **Working with Communications to launch BYOMug, Projects that are looking to infuse sustainability into Grad Orientation in the fall, Lab Training, Recycling/Composting at Meetings**

### **LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE**

- **How can sustainability best become a integral part of the GPSA and with the graduate community in general?**
- **As a new committee or infuse aspects of sustainability in other parts of the charter? In the Graduate Community Initiative (GCI)?**
- **Ideas: “Green Mandates” associated with GPSA funding or “Green Tax” in the student Activity Fee?**

*Ideas? Email me at: eg357*



## Resolution R.12: GPSA Activity Fee Amount

**Whereas** the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) is tasked with recommending to the President of Cornell University and the Board of Trustees an amount for the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee (GPSAF);

**Whereas** the purpose of the GPSAF, as specified by the GPSA Eligibility Criteria and Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations (created by Article IX of the GPSA Charter), is “to support organizations and programs that are operated primarily for students, by students...[and which] directly and primarily serve and benefit the entire graduate and professional student community at Cornell”;

**Whereas** the GPSA recently recommended (and the Board of Trustees approved) an increase in the GPSAF from \$70 per graduate student per year to \$76 per graduate student per year, covering the period 2009 to 2011;

**Whereas** the current fee guidelines, as set for by the GPSA Byline Allocation Procedures (Item III – x), specify that once approved by the GSPA, the GPSAF shall “automatically be rounded up to the nearest whole even number”;

**Whereas** the “whole even number” standard presented challenges during the GSPAF approval process (in terms of allocating funding amounts to each organization requesting byline funding) and proved an unnecessary, inflexible requirement;

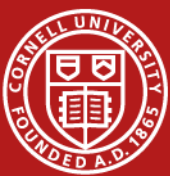


## **Resolution R.12: GPSA Activity Fee Amount**

**Whereas** the GPSA has learned from Susan Murphy (Vice President of Student and Academic Services) and Paul Streeter (Vice President of Planning and Budget) that it is possible to change the GSPAF standard to a “whole dollar” amount;

**Be in therefore resolve that** the GPSA amend the GPSA Byline Allocation Procedures (Item III – x) to read as follows (proposed changes are underlined): *“after the GPSAF allocation is approved, it will automatically be rounded up to the nearest whole number. The difference between the GPSAF and the new, rounded figure will be allocated to GPSAFC.”*

**Be in finally resolved that** this resolution be delivered to President David J. Skorton, Vice President of Student and Academic Services Susan Murphy, Vice President of Planning and Budget Paul Streeter, Dean of Students Kent Hubbell and Graduate School Dean Alison Power.



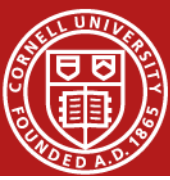
# Graduate Community Initiative Review

VISION STATEMENT FOR A  
**GRADUATE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**

Presented by the  
Graduate and Professional Student Assembly  
Cornell University

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President David J. Skorton  
Provost Eddy Martin  
Vice Presidents Susan Murphy and Tommy Bruce  
Deans Alison Power and Kent Hubbell  
Executives of the EA, UA, and SA  
And the Cornell Board of Trustees  
March 12, 2007

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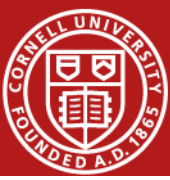


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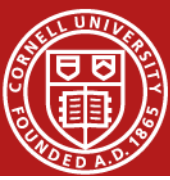
# Open Doors: Towards a Graduate Student Center GCI Proposals & Progress





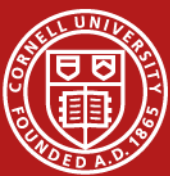
## Big Red Barn - Space

- The Big Red Barn (BRB) has limited multipurpose spaces. The GCI proposes:
  - Expansion and improvements to BRB.
  - Creation of flexible spaces, where multiple events can be hosted, with a capacity of ~400-800 people
  - Creation of more storage space
  - Technological improvements in BRB
    - TV, Projector, Multimedia systems
- The GCI also proposes the creation of other BRB-like places on campus where graduate students can meet and interact.



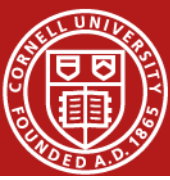
## Big Red Barn - Dining

- Extended dining hours (till midnight) as campus cafeterias close down by 9 pm.
- Creation of a pub with where graduate students and faculty can interact
  - The pub would “provide an excellent multicultural and cross-departmental atmosphere for social interaction”.



## Big Red Barn – Other Suggestions

- Offices for GPSA
- Allocation of centralized meeting space for graduate student groups.
- Reading lounge
- Recreation space
- “Advancement Nights” where graduate students interact with senior undergraduates.



## Big Red Barn - Summary

- Lot of the suggestions in the GCI are constrained because of the space limitation in the BRB.
- Unless the graduate community space (currently available only in BRB) is expanded, most of the suggestions can't be implemented



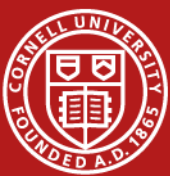
## SPACE

- Current operations in BRB
  - Past 10 years operations have exploded
  - Max capacity is 165 people (vs 6K grad students) and space constraints means that many people have to be turned away. this in turn discourages people from coming.
- Other campus locations
  - No good spaces having intermediate capacity (500-1000 people)
  - Resources (time/people) don't exist for multiple location events
  - Other location specific issues (like alcohol permits - alcohol bought for one location can't be sold in another – problem of leftovers)



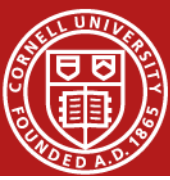
## SPACE

- “Long range strategic plan” (before GCI)
  - Proposed moving graduate student center to a new location near east hill plaza
  - Met with a lot of resistance from students and administration (people think that the graduate student center should exist in central campus - a small barn is better than a bigger center which is off campus)



## SPACE

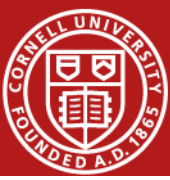
- Possibilities exist to make the BRB a bigger place, but no action has been taken
- Expanded BRB
  - Will create more office space and storage space
  - Allow implementation of proposals in the GCI
- Funding is an issue as funding for developmental work in Cornell is centralized



## Funding for Improving BRB

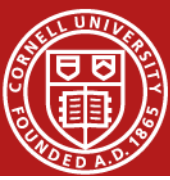
- Structural improvements to roof - university is funding it. Won't affect BRB's operations.
- Raising money from alumnus/grad students
  - University doesn't allow collection of money for specific purposes (like BRB)
  - Centralized collection of money from alumnus (this is supposed to be more efficient as the university can get a bigger chunk of money as opposed to small small contributions)
- Related problems
  - Administration need not give priority to BRB or the graduate community space
  - Grad school has decided to ask money for funding tuition etc. instead of funding for the BRB





## Dining

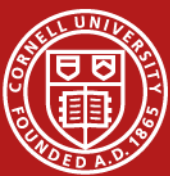
- Currently catering is by Cornell Dining
  - Problem of using big red bucks
    - Initially introduced so that some graduate students can use BRB's dining facilities
    - Undergrads are crowding and thus faculty and graduate students are not coming anymore
- Pub related issues
  - Right now BRB has space for 5 kegs. To start a pub, a refrigeration capacity of 20 kegs is required.
  - This is constrained mainly by space requirements - a pub is a inflexible space and will further limit the number of people allowed in the BRB.



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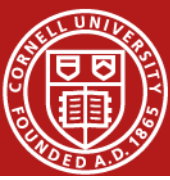


## Cornell Career Services



## Many improvements to Cornell Career Services (CCS) since publication of the GCI:

- **CCS Survey: 31.1% of graduate students visited the CCS offices**, with an average of 4.74 contacts/visits per student.
- **Graduate career services team was formed** and now meets every 3 weeks.
  - members from Graduate and Professional Dept.'s across campus meet to collaborate on career programs
- **Graduate career-related newsletter** has been published twice with another issue currently in the works
- **Old CornellTRAK website has been replaced by CCNet** website for career networking and resume posting.
- **CCS Graduate student career guide publication** will be available by mid 2010.
- **Workshops** for grads on aspects of applying for non-academic jobs now offered about 4 times/year; workshops 5 times/year on finding and applying for international positions.



## GCI Vision for Improved Graduate Student Career Services

- 1) Establishment of a **Graduate Resource Center**, co-located with the Student Center
- 2) Increased **academic career resources** developed in collaboration with individual departments. (Now currently led by CTE and the Postdoc program.)
- 3) Job **information for grad student spouses** for job searches in Ithaca area.
- 4) Information on **Internships** and temporary positions
- 5) Career **workshops** specifically on Resume/CV building.
- 6) An extended **alumni database** for job related networking.
- 7) Information on **sources of legal advice** for international students.
- 8) An **entrepreneurship program** similar to the existing Johnson school program
- 9) An **expanded networking website** for posting of job opportunities + resumes.
- 10) A **career survey** among recent PhDs to aid development of career services.



## Some questions to address tonight:

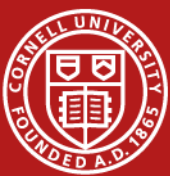
- Career services is in need of **funding for at least two additional staff positions** in order to meet the needs of the graduate community. Can we support this request in the GCI?
- **What other career services are we in need of other than those listed in the current GCI?**
- **What GCI Career services goals still need significant improvement?**
  - The **academic job search help** is currently available in a limited amount from the Center for Teaching Excellence and from individual departments. What additional resources would be most helpful to you in this area?
  - **Opinions of the CNet website:** have you used it? Was it useful? What could be improved?
  - Have you been notified or attended **CCS workshops**? Were they useful and sufficient? Should more be offered?



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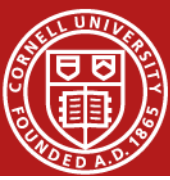


# **Integrating the Graduate & Professional Student Community** **& Other Issues**



## GCI Vision for integrating Graduate/Professional Student Community

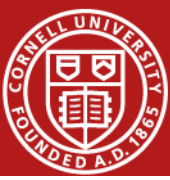
- 1) Construction of **Graduate Student Housing Communities**
- 2) Better communication between departments to determine 'what's on'.
- 3) Leveraging of International Student skills
- 4) Development of **mentorship** networks between faculty/grad and grad/undergrad.
- 5) Broad based **teaching workshops** to incorporate best practices across fields
- 6) Academic and professional **job training**
- 7) Increasing the value of **minor committee members** to offset the potential advisor hazard
- 8) Investigate ways to **credit** graduate students for extra curricular activities
- 9) Support **larger social events** that promote cohesion (BRB, Grad Ball, etc.)



## Other Issues Covered in the GCI

- 1) Housing
- 2) Childcare
- 3) Diversity
- 4) Transportation and Environment
- 5) Professional Schools and Satellite campuses

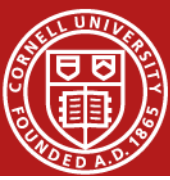




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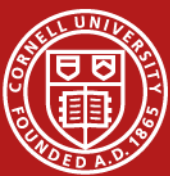
- Look into using alternative locations for TGIF.
- Expand locations for GPSA meetings.
- A graduate/prof student center is necessary to show a cohesive community.
- A common space is necessary for community building.

### **Virtual Community Center:**

- Pool information for grad/professional students in 1 location.

### **Services during the semester:**

- Look into keeping campus services open to graduate/professional students even when the undergraduates are away (i.e. winter break, spring recess)



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### **Pay & Benefits:**

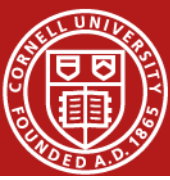
- Necessary to maintain a competitive graduate population

### **Diversity:**

- The graduate/professional student population is the most diverse population here at Cornell. That diversity should be maintained.

### **Support:**

- We should demonstrate support for all graduate and professional students (career services, mental health, etc...)
- Demonstrate support for graduate/professional students with spouses and/or children.

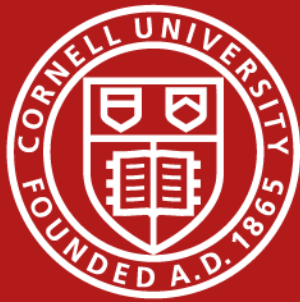


## **Concerns & Recommendations from the Audience**

**Need to consider more than just academics in the Strategic Planning Document.**

**Concerns about graduate student issues discussed in the research working group being placed in the Education section of the Strategic Plan where graduate students were not represented.**

**The GPSA should coordinate and work with the Faculty Senate regarding our feelings on the Strategic Plan.**

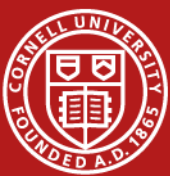


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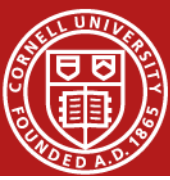
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## Open Forum:





# Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Assembly



## The James A. Perkins Prize for Interracial Understanding and Harmony

The Perkins Prize is presented each spring to recognize the Cornell professor, student, administrator, or program making the most significant contribution to furthering the ideal of university community while respecting the values of racial diversity. Other individuals devoted to advancing University community through interracial understanding and harmony will also be honored. In 1995, Trustee Thomas W. Jones '69 established the James A. Perkins Prize for Interracial Understanding and Harmony in honor of Cornell's seventh president.

**\$5000 First Prize**

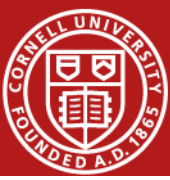


Cornell faculty, staff or students are invited to apply for the prize.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 27, 2010**

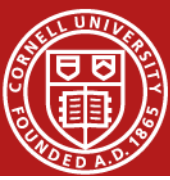
Application forms are available online at:  
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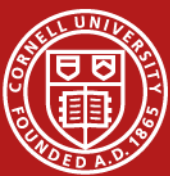
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## ELECTIONS Committee

CHAIR:

NIGHTHAWK EVENSEN

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SOCIAL SCIENCES CAUCUS:

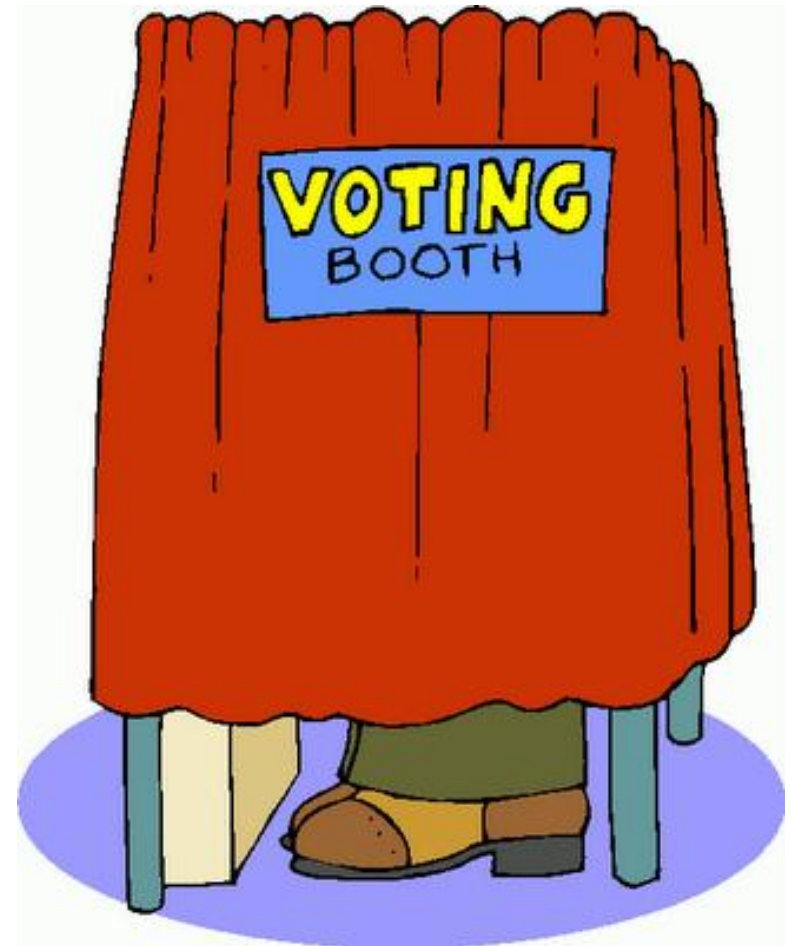
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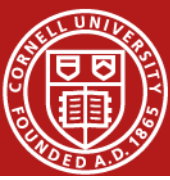
HUMANITIES CAUCUS:

BERNIDA WEBB-BINDER

PHYSICAL SCIENCES CAUCUS:

ERICA GUTIERREZ





## Vice President Operations Update:

*Working Group:*

Email Brian Forster (bmf34) if interested in joining.



*Big Red Barn*

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## **Resolution R.7 Letter:**

In Spring 2010, GPSA Resolution R.7 (Regarding the Representation of Graduate Students at the Geneva Experimental Station to the Cornell Graduate & Professional Student Assembly) requested that an additional item be inserted into Article IV, Section 4.02 (GPSA Members) of the GPSA Charter. R.7 requested that a seat on the non-voting body of the GPSA be reserved for a student from the Geneva Experimental Station, selected by the students of the experimental station. You may find R.7 attached to this letter. R.7 was voted on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and failed to pass as a 2/3 vote in support of R.7 was not achieved.

As 2010-2011 will be a charter review year for the GPSA, I specifically request that the 2010-2011 Operations & Staffing Committee consider this addition to the GPSA charter. Currently 1-2 students representing Geneva students attend non-voting body meetings as their representative; however our current charter makes no reference to them.

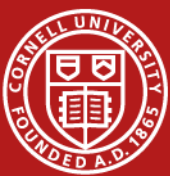
In addition, R.7 sparked a discussion and a series of questions as to when charter changes should be made. Please refer to the GPSA blog “GPSA@Cornell” (<http://gpsaatcornell.wordpress.com/2010/02/16/gpsa-resolution-r-7-geneva-representation/>).

Should they be made only in charter review years? Should they be made when the need arises? I additionally request that during the upcoming charter review this issue be re-addressed and more clearly defined.



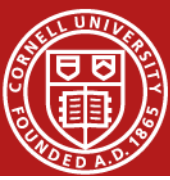
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## GPSAFC Update:

- Applications for summer funding due.
  - Deadline: Friday April 2 – NO EXCEPTIONS
- Spring 2010-2011 Annual Budget Submission
  - Available online at:  
<http://assembly.cornell.edu/GPSAFC/ApplyingForFunds>
  - Deadline: Friday April 30 – NO EXCEPTIONS
  - Review: Saturday May 8 – VOLUNTEERS WELCOME 😊
  - Funding Workshop: Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 12pm, 153 MVR.
- Questions: **Asia Sikora - [jes259@cornell.edu](mailto:jes259@cornell.edu)**



## Resolution R.12: Activity Fee Amount

**Whereas** the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) is tasked with recommending to the President of Cornell University and the Board of Trustees an amount for the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee (GPSAF);

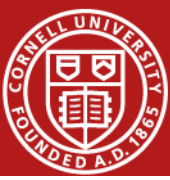
**Whereas** the purpose of the GPSAF, as specified by the GPSA Eligibility Criteria and Obligations for Byline Funded Organizations (created by Article IX of the GPSA Charter), is “to support organizations and programs that are operated primarily for students, by students...[and which] directly and primarily serve and benefit the entire graduate and professional student community at Cornell”;

**Whereas** the GPSA recently recommended (and the Board of Trustees approved) an increase in the GPSAF from \$70 per graduate student per year to \$76 per graduate student per year, covering the period 2009 to 2011;

**Whereas** the current fee guidelines, as set for by the GPSA Byline Allocation Procedures (Item III – x), specify that once approved by the GSPA, the GPSAF shall “automatically be rounded up to the nearest whole even number”;

**Whereas** the “whole even number” standard presented challenges during the GSPAF approval process (in terms of allocating funding amounts to each organization requesting byline funding) and proved an unnecessary, inflexible requirement;



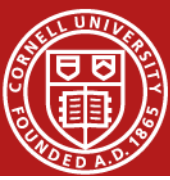


## **Resolution R.12: Activity Fee Amount**

**Whereas** the GPSA has learned from Susan Murphy (Vice President of Student and Academic Services) and Paul Streeter (Vice President of Planning and Budget) that it is possible to change the GSPAF standard to a “whole dollar” amount;

**Be in therefore resolve that** the GPSA amend the GPSA Byline Allocation Procedures (Item III – x) to read as follows (proposed changes are underlined): *“after the GPSAF allocation is approved, it will automatically be rounded up to the nearest whole number. The difference between the GPSAF and the new, rounded figure will be allocated to GPSAFC.”*

**Be in finally resolved that** this resolution be delivered to President David J. Skorton, Vice President of Student and Academic Services Susan Murphy, Vice President of Planning and Budget Paul Streeter, Dean of Students Kent Hubbell and Graduate School Dean Alison Power.



## **Resolution R.13: Strategic Planning**

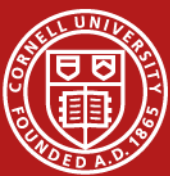
**Whereas** the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) presented the Graduate Community Initiative (GCI) Vision Statement to the Board of Trustees in March 2007;

**Whereas** the President of Cornell University David Skorton designated Vice President of Cornell University Susan Murphy and the Dean of the Graduate School Sunny Power as co-chairs of a task force to formulate a response to the GCI Vision Statement;

**Whereas** the GCI Task Force membership consisted of representatives from a broad cross-section of the Cornell Community actively involved with Cornell University Graduate and Professional Students

**Whereas** the GCI Task Force developed and charged four subcommittees to focus on improvements to Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student concerns relating to Career Services, Housing, Graduate and Professional Life and Programs, and Communication;

**Whereas** the January 23, 2008 "Status of the Graduate Community Initiative Task Force" Memo to President of Cornell University David Skorton from Vice President Susan Murphy and Dean of the Graduate School Sunny Power notes that "the work of the Task Force is preliminary and much work lies ahead";



## **Resolution R.13: Strategic Planning**

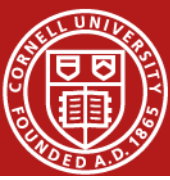
**Whereas** in consideration of how to best contribute to the Strategic Planning Process, the GPSA reviewed the GCI Vision Statement in a community forum on March 1, 2010;

**Whereas** the GPSA remains committed to the initiative of building a more cohesive graduate community;

**Whereas** the GPSA considers the work of the GCI Task Force to be a reflection of previous efforts by the University to realize the strategic benefits of prioritizing graduate community building;

**Be it therefore resolved** the GPSA expresses its appreciation of Cornell University's commitment to supporting the development of a cohesive graduate community, as evidenced by the broad cross-section of stakeholders involved in the GCI Task Force;

**Be it further resolved** the attached letter entitled "Raising the Bar" represents a concise overview of aspects of the GCI and current Graduate and Professional Student needs across campus that we believe merit consideration in the ongoing strategic planning process;



## **Resolution R.13: Strategic Planning**

**Be it further resolved** the GPSA encourages Cornell University Administration's continued engagement and partnership of the Graduate and Professional Student Community in the design and implementation of strategic decisions;

**Be it finally resolved** the GPSA forwards this resolution and attached letter to Provost Kent Fuchs and Professor Ed Lawler, the Strategic Planning Advisory Council, Vice President Susan H. Murphy, and Dean of the Graduate School Sunny Power for their consideration of the strategic benefits of continued cross-university commitment to developing a cohesive graduate community.



# Resolution R.14: Mental Health



## MAIN MENU

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## COMING EVENTS

TGIF  
 Mar 12 @ 4:30 pm

Latest News: | [Join Cornell grad and professional students on Facebook](#)

## Graduate Student Life

### Welcome



Cornell is not just about academics. The Office of Graduate Student Life is here as a support to help you *actually* have a balanced life while in graduate school. Balance, in turn, will make you a better student. For ways to find balance, get connected and live well, please explore this Web site and feel free to [contact us](#).

### Life at Cornell

In *Life at Cornell*, you'll find information on health care, housing, dining options, shopping, emergency services,



### The Big Red Barn

The Barn is your place! It's a center to meet students from other fields and schools; a





## **Resolution R.16: GPSA Membership**

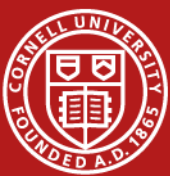
**Whereas**, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA), as discussed in our Charter, is a representative body established to “*involve Cornell’s diverse graduate and professional student population in the Assembly’s decision-making activities*” as they apply to issues affecting graduate and professional students at Cornell University.

**Whereas**, the GPSA currently consists of an advisory body of non-voting members and a voting body elected by members of the former;

**Whereas**, the advisory body was originally designed to serve as a discussion forum among voting and non-voting members regarding issues of concern to graduate and professional students at Cornell University;

**Whereas**, only the 19 members of the voting body are responsible for conducting all official business affecting graduate and professional students, including voting on resolutions to this effect;

**Whereas**, the current GPSA structure was outlined in the charter with the intention of creating an efficient voting body to conduct all official business, while facilitating discussion amongst the many diverse graduate and professional student constituencies;



## **Resolution R.16: GPSA Membership**

**Whereas** the current GPSA structure instead has had the negative effect of creating several levels of bureaucracy that have inadvertently led to a hierarchical system – one that distantly remove the voting members and officers of the GPSA from the advisory body members and graduate and professional student community as a whole;

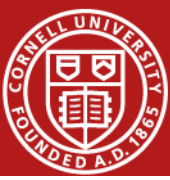
**Whereas**, Advisory Body members have no governing authority and thus are put at a disadvantage in terms of making the voices of their field members heard;

**Whereas**, a number of advisory body and voting body members have further expressed concern that (1) advisory body members are not sure of their responsibilities as field representatives, (2) (2) no institutional provision exists that facilitates correspondence between field representatives and the voting council members that represent their fields and, thus, (3) advisory body members are not able to meaningfully contribute to GPSA policy-making beyond alerting their fields of pertinent happenings within the GPSA;

**Whereas**, problems of engaging non-voting GPSA members were designated as “perennial GPSA issues” by the GPSA since at least 1998;

**Whereas**, each graduate field, in addition to each graduate and professional student, has distinct interests that should be given voice;





## **Resolution R.16: GPSA Membership**

**Whereas**, structural changes to the GPSA that designate voting privileges for all GPSA members and clearly articulate members' responsibilities could increase engagement by all GPSA members when it comes to topics of concern to the graduate and professional student community;

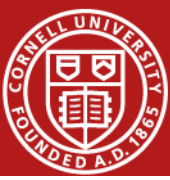
**Whereas**, the graduate and professional student governments at many of Cornell's peer institutions (including all Ivy League institutions, MIT and Johns Hopkins, etc.) allocate voting privileges to all field representatives to ensure that the views of each field are represented to the fullest possible extent;

**Whereas**, a working group consisting of advisory body and voting body members has been meeting over the last 2 months to discuss the rationale for and implementation of these structural changes;

**Whereas**, the working group has continuously updated the advisory body and voting body as to its progress;

**Be it therefore resolved** that the GPSA approve the changes to the GPSA Charter attached to this resolution to effect a more efficient GPSA that is more responsive to the input and concerns of all members and constituents;

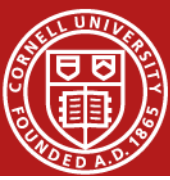




## **Resolution R.16: GPSA Membership**

**Be it further resolved** that the major structural changes in the revisions are the giving of equal voting rights to all GPSA members and the re-designation of member and officer positions and responsibilities.

**Be it finally resolved** that the GPSA forward this resolution to Kent Hubbell, Dean of Students, Alison Power, Dean of the Graduate School, and to President David Skorton for his approval.



## **Resolution R.15: Booklists**

**Whereas**, universities across the nation compete for the same limited supply of used textbooks;

**Whereas**, according to Student Watch Data, the average price of required course materials in 2008 was \$702;

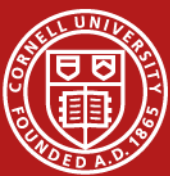
**Whereas**, in a survey conducted by the SA in November 2009, 88.4% of respondents (130 students) felt that the price of books on campus were “too expensive”;

**Whereas**, buying used textbooks and selling back unneeded textbooks yields students great savings, comparable to or exceeding other options (e.g. textbook rentals, sharing books);

**Whereas**, whenever possible, the Cornell Store attempts to purchase as many available used books required for courses in order to reduce costs for students;

**Whereas**, a longer duration to shop wholesale book markets increases the number of used books that the Cornell Store can purchase and make available to students;

**Whereas**, deadlines for booklist submissions for the fall and spring semesters are generally mid-April and the first Friday in November, respectively;



## **Resolution R.15: Booklists**

**Whereas**, we respect the dynamic academic process of restructuring course syllabi from year to year;

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) requests, in concert with the SA, that all Cornell faculty to do their utmost in abiding by the booklist submission deadlines of the Cornell Store when not in conflict with pedagogical aims. This will make an enormous difference in the way textbooks are sourced, in the prices students will receive when selling their books, and in the prices students will pay when purchasing books from the Cornell Store.

**Be it finally resolved**, that upon passage of this resolution, the GPSA shall forward a copy of this text to the Faculty Senate for its further consideration.

“Higher Education Retail Market Facts & Figures 2009.” National Association of College Stores.  
[http://www.nacs.org/public/research/higher\\_ed\\_retail.asp](http://www.nacs.org/public/research/higher_ed_retail.asp)



# Resolution 17: GPSA Environmental Sustainability Committee

## **Ad-hoc Committee on Sustainability Members:**

Erica Gutierrez

Billie Gould

Tymothy McGuire

Jolyon Bloomfield

Hadi Fathallah

Jaclyn Hood

Fred Cowett

Chen Li

Gabby Voeller

GPSA Voting Meeting – March 15, 2010

# Organic Beginnings

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- ▶ Started in the fall semester of 2009
- ▶ In response to great graduate interest joining the newly formed University Sustainability Committee (USC)
- ▶ The USC only has one space for a graduate student
- ▶ This committee fills the need for a graduate voice in addressing environmental issues



# Major Accomplishments

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- ▶ **Resolution 4:** Lights Off, Cornell – In collaboration with the undergraduate Environmental Advisory Committee

- ▶ November 2, 2009
- ▶ GPSA vote: 12-0-1



- ▶ **Resolution 10:** Environmental Sustainability & Strategic Planning & Cornell, in collaboration with members of the University Sustainability, who passed a “mirror” resolution.

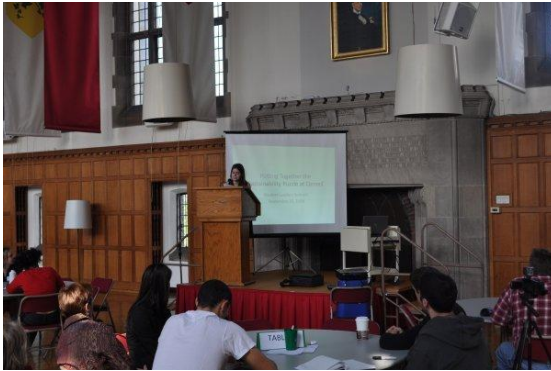
- ▶ February 15, 2009
- ▶ GPSA vote: 10-0-1



# Participation in Campus Events

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- ▶ **Student Leadership Sustainability Summit**
  - ▶ Several sustainability members were involved
  - ▶ Sponsored by the Communications committee



- ▶ **Arbor Day Tree Campus USA Program**
  - ▶ Represented the GPSA and the graduate population at-large





# In the Works

- ▶ Lights Off, Cornell
  - ▶ Pilot Program
  - ▶ Volunteers, Building Maps, etc.

**FACT:** *Lighting is the single largest end-use of building energy: ~30%, and ~ 40% of building's electricity use*



- ▶ BYOMUG to TGIF
  - ▶ Graduate School & the GPSA Communications Committee
  - ▶ Fundraising

**FACT:** *Switching to reusable cups for just one day will save as much energy as using 1,000 gallons of gasoline."*



- ▶ Composting/Recycling at Meetings
  - ▶ Compost Coordinator
  - ▶ Student Office of Assemblies & Cornell Dining

**FACT:** *Food and paper are the two largest contributors to landfill, and make up more than half of all landfill waste – more than all plastics, diapers, Styrofoam, and tires, COMBINED.*



- ▶ Raising Awareness about Sustainability
  - ▶ Graduate orientation in collaboration with the Graduate School
  - ▶ Earth Day/Month



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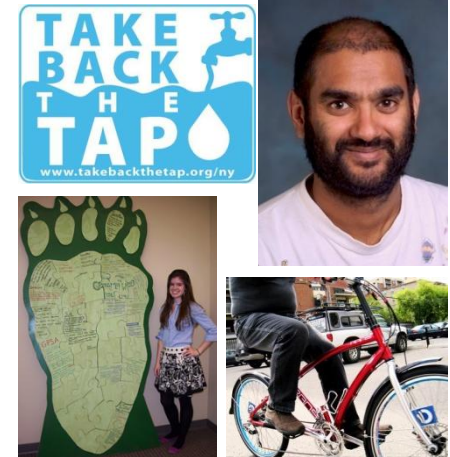




# Looking Forward

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- ▶ **Enhancing Relations with other Sustainability Groups**
  - ▶ Big Red Bikes & other transportation initiatives
  - ▶ Take Back the Tap
  - ▶ Sustainability Hub, Christina Copeland
  - ▶ Sustainability Coordinator, Dan Roth
  - ▶ Cornell Center for a Sustainable Future, Anurag Agrawal
- ▶ **Current Environmental Issues**
  - ▶ Marcellus Shale, Jeffrey Jaquet
  - ▶ Climate Action Plan (CAP)
- ▶ **Expanding Current Projects**
- ▶ **Introducing Sustainability Incentives in GPSA Funding Processes**



# Becoming a Standing Committee

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- ▶ **Unique Responsibility**
  - ▶ Forum for graduate involvement in sustainability initiatives
  - ▶ Greater participation by graduate students in the GPSA
- ▶ **Establish Legitimacy**
  - ▶ Represent the GPSA and graduate students on issues related to sustainability
  - ▶ Work with other sustainability leaders, organizations and standing committees
  - ▶ Create funding opportunities & incentives within the GPSA
- ▶ **Allow for Greater Continuity & Momentum**
  - ▶ Strong start for 2010 – 2011 and...for posterity
  - ▶ Enhance membership & organizational capacity



# Thank you!

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### News

#### Arbor Day Foundation Recognizes C.U.'s Commitment to Sustainability

October 23, 2009 - 1:35am  
By *Patricio Martinez*

Because of its commitment to sustainability and environmental conservation, Cornell was recently recognized as a Tree Campus U.S.A. for 2009; the first time an Ivy League institution has received such a title.

The Tree Campus U.S.A. program was created last year by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor colleges and universities "that practice sound campus forestry," according to a press release.

Yesterday, as part of the University's official Sustainability Day, the Tree Campus U.S.A. program brought together members of the Cornell and Ithaca communities on the Arts Quad to participate in a tree planting event.

Similar events will also be held this fall at Duke University, the University of Washington, the University of Maryland and Tulane University. Approximately 400 trees will be planted through these events.

Michelle Scribner, representative of the Arbor Day Foundation, said that her organization aims "to inspire the planting of trees."



According to Scribner, universities are designated as a Tree Campus U.S.A. if they have an environmental advisory committee, engage the student body with environmental awareness initiatives and provide evidence for a campus tree-care plan with a prepared budget and annual expenditures.

Those who assisted the event planted trees around campus which are destined to provide shade for

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#### Big Red Bikes: Seeking Graduate Student Involvement

February 2, 2010 — Erica Guberrez



Big Red Bikes' proposal for a Bike Share Program at Cornell was funded by the Student Association in the amount of about \$13,000 a year for the next two years (beginning fall 2010).

There is lots of exciting work to do to get it off the ground and ensure a sustainable program at Cornell...

Interested graduate students are invited to join the effort to move this from

concept to reality.

- New officer and team member positions have been designed around vital roles ranging from: operations, grantwriting, sponsorship, events and fundraising, marketing & PR, and partnerships.
- A recruitment meeting will be held at 4:30pm on Wednesday 2/17, location TBD. Mark your calendars! Contact Tom Knipe (MRP Candidate, 2011) at: [trk44@cornell.edu](mailto:trk44@cornell.edu) to stay in the loop

Posted in Sustainability. Comments Off

#### BYO cup to TGIF?

October 22, 2009 — Cornell GPSA Account

Recently, the GPSA has been considering the "TGIF goes cup-less" project (inspired by Yale's Happy hour example). Some of us think this would a) send a strong message about sustainability, while at the same time, hopefully, b) helping to boost GPSA's visibility amongst the graduate community with new GPSA merchandise. So what do you think? We want your opinion, so we made some polls!

[Read the rest of this entry >](#)

Posted in Sustainability, Uncategorized. Tags: BRB, Sustainability, 10 Comments >

#### Lights off, Cornell!

October 21, 2009 — Jolyn Bloomfield



Hi grads!

My name's Jolyn, and I'm a physics graduate student. Like most of you, I work late nights, and I often wander home late at night, marvelling at the beautifully lit structures that dot Cornell. Then I think to myself, hang on, how much energy is that wasting? So, I ran some numbers.

But, I don't have enough data. I want YOU to tell me what buildings you know have lights left on egregiously at night. Who knows a building at night better than the grad students, honestly? Let us



#### GPSA Ad-hoc Committee on Sustainability

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#### Basic Info

Name: GPSA Ad-hoc Committee on Sustainability

Category: Common Interest - Beliefs & Causes

Description: We are graduate students committed to seeing the GPSA infuse sustainability throughout its activities-- inspiring and encouraging other graduates to take personal responsibility-- and think and behave more sustainably. Our aim is to serve as a vehicle for information-sharing, and to support graduate student initiatives that promote environmental sustainability on campus. We hope to facilitate the initiation and progress of unique and progressive sustainability projects by seeking out resources,... (read more)

Privacy Type: Open: All content is public.

#### Contact Info

Email: [eg357@cornell.edu](mailto:eg357@cornell.edu)

Website: <http://gpsaatcornell.wordpress.com/categ...>

Office: 115 Sibley

Location: Ithaca, NY

#### Recent News

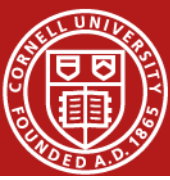
News: Upcoming Meetings: Every First Friday of the Month in 115 Sibley Hall

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## Resolution R.18: Data Collection & Analysis





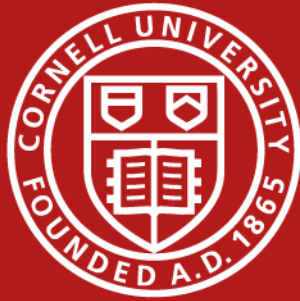
## **Resolution R.19: Condolences**

**Whereas**, in academic year of 2009-2010, the Cornell community learned about the deaths of several students;

**Whereas**, this loss of life has resulted in Cornell University coming together as one community not only to celebrate the lives of these Cornellians but to ensure that as a community, we reaffirm the value of life.

**Be it therefore resolved** that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly wishes to extend its condolences for the recent tragedies Cornell University and the families have endured;

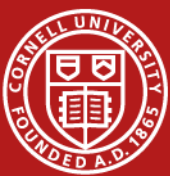
**Be it finally resolved** that the GPSA will send a copy of this resolution to Rammy Salem, President of the Student Assembly; Susan Murphy, Vice President Student & Academic Services; Kent Hubbell, Dean of Students & David Skorton, President of Cornell University.



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Graduate and Professional  
Student Assembly

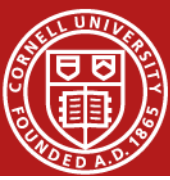
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**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010**



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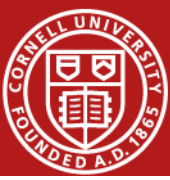
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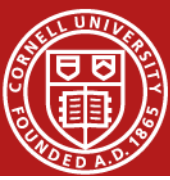
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## Communications/Ad-hoc Sustainability Updates



A green mug is shown with a white price tag of "\$2\*" on its side. Below the price tag, it says "(14 oz. of biodegradable goodness)".

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recyclable  
reduce waste

\*\$3 including the dollar beer

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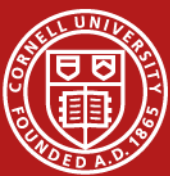
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April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 4:30pm

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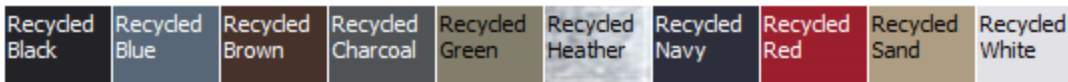


# T-shirts ??



## ***“Any grad, any study since 1993.”***

Anvil: Recycled T-Shirt



## **“An earth-friendly choice that uses recovered fibers.”**

- 5.5 oz., pre-shrunk 69/29/2 pre-consumer recycled Cotton/Acrylic/Other fibers
- Double-needle stitching throughout
- 1” seamed collarete
- Shoulder-to-shoulder taping



Cornell University  
Office of the Assemblies

*The Cornell Daily Sun*

**Graduate/Professional  
Student Elected Trustee Candidates  
Open Forum**

**APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**  
**6:30pm - 7:45pm**  
**BIG RED BARN**

- Meet the candidates
- Learn their platforms
- Discuss your concerns



# Focus Groups: Rand Corporation regarding means restriction on our bridges.

## Graduate Students

Chairs, GPSA

Graduate Student Trustee

GRAs

PhD students

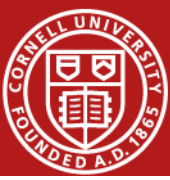
International students

Other?



*Brian Stern  
Cornell Daily Sun*





## GPSAFC Update:

- Applications for summer funding due.
  - Deadline: Friday April 2 – NO EXCEPTIONS
- Spring 2010-2011 Annual Budget Submission
  - Available online at:  
<http://assembly.cornell.edu/GPSAFC/ApplyingForFunds>
  - Deadline: Friday April 30 – NO EXCEPTIONS
  - Review: Saturday May 8 – VOLUNTEERS WELCOME 😊
  - Funding Workshop: Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 12pm, 153 MVR.
- Questions: **Asia Sikora - jes259@cornell.edu**



# Grads Movie Night: Cornell Cinema - WSH

## Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15pm



### AN EDUCATION



**Directed by: Lone Scherfig**  
**With Carey Mulligan, Peter Sarsgaard, Alfred Molina, Emma Thompson**

In the post-war, pre-Beatles London suburbs, a bright schoolgirl is torn between studying for a place at Oxford and the more exciting alternative offered to her by a charismatic older man. "Invariably funny and inexpressibly moving in the way it looks at a young girl's journey from innocence to experience, **An Education** does so many things so well, it's difficult to know where to begin when cataloging its virtues. What's easy is knowing where you'll end up, which is marveling, like everyone else, at the performance by Carey Mulligan that is the film's irreplaceable centerpiece. With just a few film roles behind her...Mulligan seizes the character of 16-year-old Jenny in a once-in-a-lifetime way. The notion of the single performance that creates a star overnight is surely one of Hollywood's

#### Playing on

- Thursday, April 8, 9:00, WSH
- Friday, April 9, 7:15, URIS
- Saturday, April 10, 9:45, URIS
- Sunday, April 11, 4:30, WSH

#### Film Series

#### Popular Hits

# Masquerade Grad Ball

*(2010 Grad Ball)  
Friday, April 23rd  
9:00 pm - 1:00 am*

*Music by DJ DJY  
Price: \$15  
includes dinner & 2 drinks*



*Don't  
have a mask?  
Just cut out &  
decorate the one on  
this poster!*

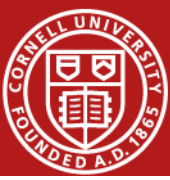
**GRAD BALL**

**Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00pm – 1:00am**

**Willard Straight Hall**





## Resolution R.14: Graduate Mental Health

### **Prior to 2009:**

- ✓ Graduate Students attended Council Mental Health & Welfare
- ✓ Mental Health care mentioned in the Graduate Community Initiative

### **2009:**

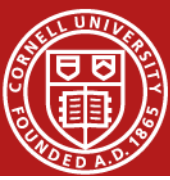
- ✓ GPSA Passed Resolution R.6 calling for working group to focus on graduate mental health in conjunction with the CMHW

### **2009-2010:**

- ✓ Ad-Hoc Graduate Mental Health Committee Formed
- ✓ Met with CAPS/EARS to discuss their services for graduate students
- ✓ Evaluated current mental health care offerings & information online
- ✓ **Feels more proactive mental health care needs to be stressed**

### **Future Plans:**

- ✓ Hope to re-establish the ad-hoc committee next year & serve as sounding board.
- ✓ Work with Gannett on the Health Survey that went out.
- ✓ Determine graduate community needs & how the committee can serve it.



## **Resolution R.14: Graduate Mental Health**

### **Graduate Student Mental Health: Needs Assessment and Utilization of Counseling Services**

Jenny K. Hyun   Brian C. Quinn   Temina Madon   Steve Lustig

*Journal College Student Development (2006)*

“Rather, students are more likely to seek out information themselves, from the university health center website, or to gain information through orientations or university health center flyers.”

“An effective information dispersal strategy for graduate students would rely on multiple dispersal sources around campus and at satellite campuses, emphasizing electronic and web communications, and satellite counseling sites”



## Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

***Working to improve the quality of life for 6,000 Graduate & Professional Students at Cornell.***

### GPSA News

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- [Raising the Bar: Graduate & Professional Student Community Response to the Strategic Plan](#)
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[Actions and Reports](#) or read the latest issue of [GPSAINFO](#), our bi-monthly e-newsletter.



### Get Involved!

Get involved in community leadership! Join a [committee](#). Become a [field representative](#) for the GPSA Advisory Board. Run for a seat on the Assembly. Come to one of our [meetings](#).



# Student Advocacy Resource List

Revised: April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Notice something missing? Send an email to [gpsa@cornell.edu](mailto:gpsa@cornell.edu)

## Notes:

1. All links to the Graduate School are intended for MS/MFA/MEng/PhD degree seeking students.
2. JD, MBA, and DVM degree seeking students should contact their school's administrative office for academic issues
3. For more detailed information on many of these subjects, see
  - Graduate Student Life Website: <http://studentlife.gradschool.cornell.edu>
  - Office of the Dean of Students: <http://www.dos.cornell.edu/>

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## ACADEMICS

Many academic issues can be handled by the following contacts:

- (1) **Your Director of Graduate Studies (DGS)** - the faculty member in your field responsible for all dealings with the graduate school and graduate students, including setting degree requirements, admissions, fellowships, and program quality.
- (2) **Your Graduate Field Assistant** - the staff member in your field that serves as a liaison between students and the faculty, can answer most questions about the graduate program, and can help you with all the necessary paperwork.
- (3) **Your Graduate Student Services Representative (GSSR)** - The GSSR is the graduate school staff member assigned by academic field and is responsible for admissions, records, fellowships, and financial aid.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Office/Contact Person</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Website</u>
Academic Appeals (Grades/Courses)	(1) Course instructor (2) GSSR		(607) 255-5820	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Academic Calendar	Office of the University Registrar	<a href="mailto:univreg@cornell.edu">univreg@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-4234	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Academic Integrity	Official Hearing Board for your College			<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Degree Requirements	DGS			
Field Issues	(1) DGS (2) Graduate Field Assistant (3) GSSR		(607) 255-5820	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
In Absentia Request (International Students)	Graduate Student Services Representative		(607) 255-5820	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Leave of Absence	Graduate Student Services Representative		(607) 255-5820	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Registration Status	Graduate Student Services Representative		(607) 255-5820	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Registration Status (International Students)	International Students and Scholars Office	<a href="mailto:isso@cornell.edu">isso@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5243	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Schedule of Classes	Office of the University Registrar	<a href="mailto:univreg@cornell.edu">univreg@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-4234	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Special Committee Selection	Graduate Student Services Representative	<a href="mailto:dean_gradschool@cornell.edu">dean_gradschool@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5820	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Thesis Aid/Help	Graduate School Thesis Advisor	<a href="mailto:thesis@cornell.edu/">thesis@cornell.edu/</a>	(607) 255-5828	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Transcripts, Student Records	Office of the University Registrar	<a href="mailto:univreg@cornell.edu">univreg@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-4234	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

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## BIG RED BARN GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT CENTER

<u>Location</u>	<u>Office/Contact Person</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Website</u>
Big Red Barn	Kris Corda	<a href="mailto:bigredbarn@cornell.edu">bigredbarn@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 254-GRAD	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

## CAMPUS & STUDENT SERVICES

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Office/Contact Person</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Website</u>
Campus Operating Status			(607) 255-3377	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
CIT Computing Operating Status	Cornell Information Technologies (CIT)	<a href="mailto:helpdesk@cornell.edu">helpdesk@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-8990	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Disabled Students	Student Disability Services	<a href="mailto:sds_cu@cornell.edu">sds_cu@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 254-4545	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Graduate & Professional Student Activity Fee	Graduate & Professional Student Assembly (GPSA)	<a href="mailto:gpsa@cornell.edu">gpsa@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-3715	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
ID Cards	Office of the University Registrar	<a href="mailto:univreg@cornell.edu">univreg@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-4232	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Laundry Services (on-campus housing)	Campus Life: Laundry Services	<a href="mailto:dining@cornell.edu">dining@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5368	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community	- LGBT Resource Center - Haven	<a href="mailto:mc879@cornell.edu">mc879@cornell.edu</a> <a href="mailto:jcs14@cornell.edu">jcs14@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 254-4987 (607) 255-4406	<a href="#">Click Here</a> <a href="#">Click Here</a>
Meal Plans	Campus Life: Dining	<a href="mailto:dining@cornell.edu">dining@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5368	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Religious Worship	Cornell United Religious Work (CURW)		(607) 255-4214	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Student Disabilities	Student Disabilities Services	<a href="mailto:sds_cu@cornell.edu">sds_cu@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 254-4545	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Sustainability & Climate Action	Cornell Sustainable Campus	<a href="mailto:sustainability@cornell.edu">sustainability@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-6375	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Tuition	Bursars Office	<a href="#">Contact Information</a>	<a href="#">Contact Information</a>	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

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## EMERGENCIES

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Office/Contact Person</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Website</u>
Advocacy, Support & Resources for Victims	Cornell Victim Advocate		(607) 255-1212	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Alcoholism & Intervention	Gannett Health Services: BASICS	<a href="mailto:dki24@cornell.edu">dki24@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-4782	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Medical Amnesty Program	Office of the Judicial Administrator		(607) 255-4680	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Nearest Emergency Room	Cayuga Medical Center		(607) 274-4011	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Off Campus Emergencies	Call 911		911	
On Campus Emergencies	Cornell Police		(607) 255-1111	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Sexual Assault, Abuse, or Domestic Violence Hotline	The Advocacy Center 24 Hour Hotline <b>(Call Police for emergency service)</b>	<a href="mailto:info@theadvocacycenter.org">info@theadvocacycenter.org</a>	(607) 277-5000	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Student Distress	Notice & Respond			<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Suicide Prevention	Suicide Prevention Hotline		(607) 272-1616	<a href="#">Click Here</a>



## **ENTERTAINMENT**

<b><u>Issue</u></b>	<b><u>Office/Contact Person</u></b>	<b><u>E-mail</u></b>	<b><u>Phone Number</u></b>	<b><u>Website</u></b>
Big Red Sports Pass	Cornell University Athletics	<a href="mailto:athletictickets@cornell.edu">athletictickets@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 254-BEAR	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Graduate & Professional Student Activity Fee Byline Funded Grps	Graduate & Professional Student Assembly (GPSA)	<a href="mailto:gpsa@cornell.edu">gpsa@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-3715	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Intramural Sports	Cornell Recreation Services			<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Off-Campus Movie Theaters				<a href="#">Click Here</a>
On-Campus Movies	Cornell Cinema		(607) 255-3522	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Outdoor Recreation Classes/Equipment Rent	Cornell Outdoor Education	<a href="mailto:coed@cornell.edu">coed@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-6183	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

## **FAMILY**

<b><u>Issue</u></b>	<b><u>Office/Contact Person</u></b>	<b><u>E-mail</u></b>	<b><u>Phone Number</u></b>	<b><u>Website</u></b>
Child Care Services Listings	Day Care and Child Development Council of Tompkins County	<a href="mailto:daycare@daycarecouncil.org">daycare@daycarecouncil.org</a>	(607) 273-0259	
Child Care Grants	Graduate and Professional Student Child Care Grants	<a href="mailto:childcare@cornell.edu">childcare@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 254-5437	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Family Planning	Planned Parenthood Ithaca Clinic (314 W State Street)		(607) 273-1513	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Parental Accommodation	Cornell University Graduate School	<a href="mailto:dean_gradschool@cornell.edu">dean_gradschool@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5820	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Parenting Education, Informal Child Care Arrangements, Lactation Support	Work/Life Services within the Office of Workforce Diversity and Inclusion, Cornell Human Resources	<a href="mailto:wellbeing@cornell.edu">wellbeing@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-3976	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

## **FINANCIAL AID & FELLOWSHIPS**

<b><u>Issue</u></b>	<b><u>Office/Contact Person</u></b>	<b><u>E-mail</u></b>	<b><u>Phone Number</u></b>	<b><u>Website</u></b>
Emergency Loans	Student Loan Office	<a href="mailto:gfao@cornell.edu">gfao@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5821	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
External Fellowships	Fellowship Database			<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Financial Support	Student Loan Office	<a href="mailto:gfao@cornell.edu">gfao@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5821	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Internal Fellowships	Graduate Student Services Representative		(607) 255-5820	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

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## HEALTH

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Office/Contact Person</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Website</u>
Advocacy, Support & Resources for Victims	Cornell Victim Advocate		(607) 255-1212	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Alcoholism & Intervention	Gannett Health Services: BASICS	<a href="mailto:dkl24@cornell.edu">dkl24@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-4782	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Dental Insurance	Office of Student Health Services		(607) 255-6363	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Dental Options	Gannett Health Services			<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Dental Organizations (NY State)				<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Hazardous Laboratory or Field Conditions	Environmental Health and Safety	<a href="mailto:dehs-mailbox@cornell.edu">dehs-mailbox@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-8200	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Health Education/Promotion	Gannett Health Services		(607) 255-4782	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Health Insurance	Student Health Insurance Program (SHIP)	<a href="mailto:sicu@cornell.edu">sicu@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-6363	<a href="#">Click Here</a> <a href="#">Click Here</a>
Health Leave of Absence	Gannett Health Services	<a href="mailto:healthleaves@cornell.edu">healthleaves@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5155	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Medical Amnesty Program	Office of the Judicial Administrator		(607) 255-4680	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Medical Care	Gannett Health Services	<a href="mailto:gannett@cornell.edu">gannett@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5155	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Patient Advocate	Gannett Health Services	<a href="#">Contact Information</a>	<a href="#">Contact Information</a>	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Pharmacy	Gannett Health Services		(607) 254-MEDS	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Suicide Prevention	Suicide Prevention Hotline		(607) 272-1616	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Vision Insurance	Office of Student Health Services			<a href="#">Click Here</a>

## MENTAL HEALTH & STRESS MANAGEMENT

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Office/Contact Person</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Website</u>
Art of Living Club	Yoga + Empowerment + Service	<a href="mailto:pshrivatsav.ram@gmail.com">pshrivatsav.ram@gmail.com</a>	(607) 229-2700	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Intramural Sports	Cornell Recreation Services			<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Mental Health - Anonymous, Walk-In Counseling	Let's Talk	<a href="mailto:mb352@cornell.edu">mb352@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5208	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Mental Health - Clinical Services	Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)	<a href="mailto:gannett@cornell.edu">gannett@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5208	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Mental Health – Peer Counseling Referrals – Walk In or Phone	Empathy, Assistance, and Referral Service (EARS) Hotline	<a href="mailto:ears@cornell.edu">ears@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-EARS	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Mental Health – Peer Support	Cornell Minds Matter	<a href="mailto:kc64@cornell.edu">kc64@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-3897	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Mental Health – Therapy, Marriage Counseling, Veterans, Crisis Intervention	Mental Health Association in Tompkins Co.	<a href="mailto:info@mhaedu.org">info@mhaedu.org</a>	(607) 274.6200	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Gyms and Fitness Classes	Cornell Fitness Centers	<a href="mailto:fitness@cornell.edu">fitness@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 254-5232	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Outdoor Recreation Classes	Cornell Outdoor Education	<a href="mailto:coed@cornell.edu">coed@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-6183	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Stress Management	Gannett Health Services			<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Student Distress	“Recognizing and Responding to Students in Distress” Handbook	<a href="mailto:klh4@cornell.edu">klh4@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-6839	<a href="#">Handbook</a>
Student Distress	Notice & Respond			<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Suicide Prevention	Suicide Prevention Hotline		(607) 272-1616	<a href="#">Click Here</a>



## HOUSING

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Office/Contact Person</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Website</u>
Off-Campus Housing Assistance	Off-Campus Housing Office (OCHO)	<a href="mailto:OCHO-mailbox@cornell.edu">OCHO-mailbox@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 254-8718	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
On-Campus Housing	Campus Life: Graduate Housing	<a href="mailto:mar13@cornell.edu">mar13@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5368	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Office/Contact Person</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Website</u>
Immigration and Visas	International Students and Scholars Office	<a href="mailto:isso@cornell.edu">isso@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5243	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Tax Help	International Students and Scholars Office	<a href="mailto:isso@cornell.edu">isso@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5243	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

## LEGAL

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Office/Contact Person</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Website</u>
Academic Grievances	Graduate School	<a href="mailto:dean_gradschool@cornell.edu">dean_gradschool@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-7374	
Academic Integrity	Official Hearing Board for your College			<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Campus Code of Conduct	Cornell Assemblies Office	<a href="mailto:amk328@cornell.edu">amk328@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-3715	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Intellectual Property Rights	Vice Provost Office for Research	<a href="mailto:vp_research@cornell.edu">vp_research@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-7200	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Medical Amnesty Program	Office of the Judicial Administrator		(607) 255-4680	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Patents	Cornell Center for Technology Enterprise & Commercialization (CCTEC)	<a href="mailto:cctecconnect@cornell.edu">cctecconnect@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 254-4698	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Police	Cornell University Police		(607) 255-1111	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Policy Listings, Clarification & Interpretation	Office of the Judicial Administrator		(607) 255-4680	
University Grievances	Cornell Ombudsman	<a href="mailto:ombudsman@cornell.edu">ombudsman@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-4321	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Health Insurance	Student Health Insurance Program (SHIP)	<a href="mailto:sicu@cornell.edu">sicu@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-6363	<a href="#">Click Here</a> <a href="#">Click Here</a>

## RESEARCH, TEACHING & GRANTS

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Office/Contact Person</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Website</u>
Conference and Research Travel Grants*	Graduate Student Services Representative*		(607) 255 5820*	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Human Participant Clearance	Institutional Review Board for Human Participants	<a href="mailto:irbhp@cornell.edu">irbhp@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-5138	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Lab Safety & Training	Environmental Health and Safety	<a href="mailto:dehs-mailbox@cornell.edu">dehs-mailbox@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-8200	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Research Help	Any library on campus		(607) 255-4144	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Social Science Data Support Services	Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research (CISER)		(607) 255-4801	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Statistical Analysis Help	Statistical Consulting Unit (CSCU)	<a href="mailto:fmv1@cornell.edu">fmv1@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-8211	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Teaching Assistance	Center for Teaching Excellence	<a href="mailto:cornellcte@cornell.edu">cornellcte@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-4406	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

\* Graduate Students working in the College of Veterinary Medicine (regardless of Field) should contact the [CVM Office of Graduate Education](#).

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Office/Contact Person</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Website</u>
Graduate & Professional Student Assembly (GPSA)	Office of Assemblies	<a href="mailto:gpsa@cornell.edu">gpsa@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-3715	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
University Assembly (UA)	Office of Assemblies	<a href="mailto:univ_assembly-mailbox@cornell.edu">univ_assembly-mailbox@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-3715	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
University Committees	Office of Assemblies		(607) 255-3715	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

## TECHNOLOGY

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Office/Contact Person</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Website</u>
CIT Computing Operating Status	Cornell Information Technologies (CIT)	<a href="mailto:helpdesk@cornell.edu">helpdesk@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-8990	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Computing / Media Assistance / Network Assistance	Cornell Information Technologies (CIT)	<a href="mailto:helpdesk@cornell.edu">helpdesk@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-8990	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Software/Hardware Education Discounts	Cornell Store	<a href="mailto:store-mailbox@cornell.edu">store-mailbox@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 257-1909	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

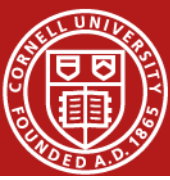
## TRANSPORTATION

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Office/Contact Person</b>	<b>E-mail</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Website</b>
Car & Van Rentals	Cornell Fleet Office	<a href="mailto:fleet@cornell.edu">fleet@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-3247	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Car Share	Ithaca Car Share	<a href="mailto:info@ithacacarshare.org">info@ithacacarshare.org</a>	(607) 277-3210	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Car Trouble on Campus	Motorist Assist Program (M*A*P)	<a href="mailto:transportation@cornell.edu">transportation@cornell.edu</a>	607 255-PARK	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Corporate Car Rental & Business Travel	Cornell Travel Office	<a href="mailto:cuto@cornell.edu">cuto@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 255-4284	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Ithaca to Cornell Weill Medical (NYC)	Campus to Campus Shuttle		(607) 255-4628	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Ithaca to Regional Cities and Syracuse Airport	Cornell Regional Travel Guide			<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Local Buses & Schedules	Tompkins Consolidated Area Transport (TCAT) Bus System	<a href="mailto:tcat@tcatmail.com">tcat@tcatmail.com</a>	(607) 277-RIDE	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Local Taxis Services				<a href="#">Click Here</a>
On Campus Transport for the Disabled and Injured	CU-LIFT (via Student Disabilities Services)	<a href="mailto:culift@cornell.edu">culift@cornell.edu</a>	(607) 254-4545	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Parking Questions / Tickets	Commuter & Parking Services	<a href="mailto:transportation@cornell.edu">transportation@cornell.edu</a>	607 255-PARK	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Street Closures				<a href="#">Click Here</a>



*The GPSA Student Advocacy Resource List was prepared by:  
Briony Horgan, Jay Worley & Brian M. Forster  
Cornell University GPSA Student Advocacy Committee '08-'09*

*Last Update:  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 by the GPSA Ad-Hoc Graduate Mental Health Committee*



## Resolution R.16: GPSA Membership

**Whereas**, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA), as discussed in our Charter, is a representative body established to “*involve Cornell’s diverse graduate and professional student population in the Assembly’s decision-making activities*” as they apply to issues affecting graduate and professional students at Cornell University.

**Whereas**, the GPSA currently consists of an advisory body of non-voting members and a voting body elected by members of the former;

**Whereas**, the advisory body was originally designed to serve as a discussion forum among voting and non-voting members regarding issues of concern to graduate and professional students at Cornell University;

**Whereas**, only the 19 members of the voting body are responsible for conducting all official business affecting graduate and professional students, including voting on resolutions to this effect;

**Whereas**, the current GPSA structure was outlined in the charter with the intention of creating an efficient voting body to conduct all official business, while facilitating discussion amongst the many diverse graduate and professional student constituencies;



## Resolution R.16: GPSA Membership

**Whereas** the current GPSA structure instead has had the negative effect of creating several levels of bureaucracy that have inadvertently led to a hierarchical system – one that distantly remove the voting members and officers of the GPSA from the advisory body members and graduate and professional student community as a whole;

**Whereas**, Advisory Body members have no governing authority and thus are put at a disadvantage in terms of making the voices of their field members heard;

**Whereas**, a number of advisory body and voting body members have further expressed concern that (1) advisory body members are not sure of their responsibilities as field representatives, (2) (2) no institutional provision exists that facilitates correspondence between field representatives and the voting council members that represent their fields and, thus, (3) advisory body members are not able to meaningfully contribute to GPSA policy-making beyond alerting their fields of pertinent happenings within the GPSA;

**Whereas**, problems of engaging non-voting GPSA members were designated as “perennial GPSA issues” by the GPSA since at least 1998;

**Whereas**, each graduate field, in addition to each graduate and professional student, has distinct interests that should be given voice;



## Resolution R.16: GPSA Membership

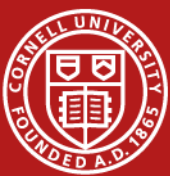
**Whereas**, structural changes to the GPSA that designate voting privileges for all GPSA members and clearly articulate members' responsibilities could increase engagement by all GPSA members when it comes to topics of concern to the graduate and professional student community;

**Whereas**, the graduate and professional student governments at many of Cornell's peer institutions (including all Ivy League institutions, MIT and Johns Hopkins, etc.) allocate voting privileges to all field representatives to ensure that the views of each field are represented to the fullest possible extent;

**Whereas**, a working group consisting of advisory body and voting body members has been meeting over the last 2 months to discuss the rationale for and implementation of these structural changes;

**Whereas**, the working group has continuously updated the advisory body and voting body as to its progress;

**Be it therefore resolved** that the GPSA approve the changes to the GPSA Charter attached to this resolution to effect a more efficient GPSA that is more responsive to the input and concerns of all members and constituents;



## Resolution R.16: GPSA Membership

**Be it further resolved** that the major structural changes in the revisions are the giving of equal voting rights to all GPSA members and the re-designation of member and officer positions and responsibilities.

**Be it finally resolved** that the GPSA forward this resolution to Kent Hubbell, Dean of Students, Alison Power, Dean of the Graduate School, and to President David Skorton for his approval.



# Resolution 17: GPSA Environmental Sustainability Committee

## **Ad-hoc Committee on Sustainability Members:**

Erica Gutierrez  
Billie Gould  
Tymothy McGuire

Jolyon Bloomfield  
Hadi Fathallah  
Jaclyn Hood

Fred Cowett  
Chen Li  
Gabby Voeller



# Organic Beginnings

- Started in the fall semester of 2009
- In response to great graduate interest in joining the newly formed University Sustainability Committee (USC)
- The USC only has one space for a graduate student
- This committee fills the need for a graduate voice in addressing environmental issues



# Major Accomplishments

- **Resolution 4:** Lights Off, Cornell – In collaboration with the undergraduate Environmental Advisory Committee
  - November 2, 2009
  - GPSA vote: 12-0-1
  
- **Resolution 10:** Environmental Sustainability & Strategic Planning & Cornell, in collaboration with members of the University Sustainability, who passed a “mirror” resolution.
  - February 15, 2009
  - GPSA vote: 10-0-1



# Lights Off, Cornell!

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## Project Status

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Since our pilot project began in March 2010, we have had 16 volunteers turn off 2805 lights. We estimate energy savings on the order of 981.32 kWh, corresponding to 353.26 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> and financial savings of \$92.24.

Building	Volunteers	Lights Turned Off	Energy Savings (kWh)	CO <sub>2</sub> Savings (kg)	Financial Savings
Rockefeller Hall	14	2287	815.56	293.59	\$76.66
Baker Lab	2	518	165.76	59.67	\$15.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>16*</b>	<b>2805</b>	<b>981.32</b>	<b>353.26</b>	<b>\$92.24</b>

\* Total number of volunteers may be less than the sum of this column, as volunteers may do multiple buildings.

# Participation in Campus Events

- Student Leadership Sustainability Summit
  - Several sustainability members were involved
  - Sponsored by the Communications committee



- Arbor Day Tree Campus USA Program
  - Represented the GPSA and the graduate population at-large





# In the Works

- Lights Off, Cornell
  - Pilot Program
  - Volunteers, Building Maps, etc.
- BYOMUG to TGIF
  - Graduate School & the GPSA Communications Committee
  - Fundraising
- Composting/Recycling at Meetings
  - Compost Coordinator
  - Student Office of Assemblies & Cornell Dining
- Raising Awareness about Sustainability
  - Graduate orientation in collaboration with the Graduate School
  - Earth Day/Month

**FACT:** *Lighting is the single largest end-use of building energy: ~30%, and ~ 40% of building's electricity use*



**FACT:** *Switching to reusable cups for just one day will save as much energy as using 1,000 gallons of gasoline."*



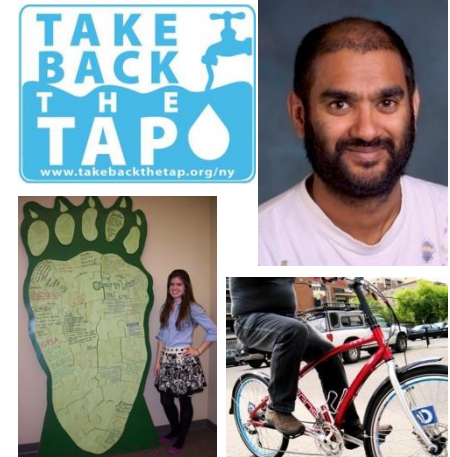
**FACT:** *Food and paper are the two largest contributors to landfill, and make up more than half of all landfill waste – more than all plastics, diapers, Styrofoam, and tires, COMBINED.*



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# Looking Forward

- Enhancing Relations with other Sustainability Groups
  - Big Red Bikes & other transportation initiatives
  - Take Back the Tap
  - Sustainability Hub, Christina Copeland
  - Sustainability Coordinator, Dan Roth
  - Cornell Center for a Sustainable Future, Anurag Agrawal
- Current Environmental Issues
  - Marcellus Shale, Jeffrey Jaquet
  - Climate Action Plan (CAP)
- Expanding Current Projects
- Introducing Sustainability Incentives in GPSA Funding Processes



# Becoming a Standing Committee

- Unique Responsibility
  - Forum for graduate involvement in sustainability initiatives
  - Greater participation by graduate students in the GPSA
- Establish Legitimacy
  - Represent the GPSA and graduate students on issues related to sustainability
  - Work with other sustainability leaders, organizations and standing committees
  - Create funding opportunities & incentives within the GPSA
- Allow for Greater Continuity & Momentum
  - Strong start for 2010 – 2011and...for posterity
  - Enhance membership & organizational capacity

# Thank you!

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### News

#### Arbor Day Foundation Recognizes C.U.'s Commitment to Sustainability

October 23, 2009 - 1:35am  
By *Patricio Martinez*

Because of its commitment to sustainability and environmental conservation, Cornell was recently recognized as a Tree Campus U.S.A. for 2009; the first time an Ivy League institution has received such a title.

The Tree Campus U.S.A. program was created last year by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor colleges and universities "that practice sound campus forestry," according to a press release.

Yesterday, as part of the University's official Sustainability Day, the Tree Campus U.S.A. program brought together members of the Cornell and Ithaca communities on the Arts Quad to participate in a tree planting event.

Similar events will also be held this fall at Duke University, the University of Washington, the University of Maryland and Tulane University. Approximately 400 trees will be planted through these events.

Michelle Scribner, representative of the Arbor Day Foundation, said that her organization aims "to inspire the planting of trees."



According to Scribner, universities are designated as a Tree Campus U.S.A. if they have an environmental advisory committee, engage the student body with environmental awareness initiatives and provide evidence for a campus tree-care plan with a prepared budget and annual expenditures.

Those who assisted the event planted trees around campus which are destined to provide shade for



#### Recent Posts

- 2010 Perkins Award
- Slope Day Announcements
- Haitian Students Association Banquet
- GPSA-INFO: Monday March 8, 2010: May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow...
- Chile Earthquake

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#### Big Red Bikes: Seeking Graduate Student Involvement

February 2, 2010 — Erica Guberrez



Big Red Bikes' proposal for a Bike Share Program at Cornell was funded by the Student Association in the amount of about \$13,000 a year for the next two years (beginning fall 2010).

There is lots of exciting work to do to get it off the ground and ensure a sustainable program at Cornell...

Interested graduate students are invited to join the effort to move this from

concept to reality.

- New officer and team member positions have been designed around vital roles ranging from: operations, grantwriting, sponsorship, events and fundraising, marketing & PR, and partnerships.
- A recruitment meeting will be held at 4:30pm on Wednesday 2/17, location TBD. Mark your calendars! Contact Tom Knipe (MRP Candidate, 2011) at: [trk44@cornell.edu](mailto:trk44@cornell.edu) to stay in the loop

Posted in [Sustainability](#). Comments Off

#### BYO cup to TGIF?

October 22, 2009 — Cornell GPSA Account

Recently, the GPSA has been considering the "TGIF goes cup-less" project (inspired by Yale's Happy hour example). Some of us think this would a) send a strong message about sustainability, while at the same time, hopefully, b) helping to boost GPSA's visibility amongst the graduate community with new GPSA merchandise. So what do you think? We want your opinion, so we made some polls!

[Read the rest of this entry >](#)

Posted in [Sustainability](#), [Uncategorized](#). Tags: [BRB](#), [Sustainability](#). 10 Comments >

#### Lights off, Cornell!

October 21, 2009 — Jolyon Bloomfield



Hi grads!

My name's Jolyon, and I'm a physics graduate student. Like most of you, I work late nights, and I often wander home late at night, marvelling at the beautifully lit structures that dot Cornell. Then I think to myself, hang on, how much energy is that wasting? So, I ran some numbers.

But, I don't have enough data. I want YOU to tell me what buildings you know have lights left on egregiously at night. Who knows a building at night better than the grad students, honestly? Let us



#### GPSA Ad-hoc Committee on Sustainability

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Edit Information

#### Basic Info

Name: GPSA Ad-hoc Committee on Sustainability

Category: Common Interest - Beliefs & Causes

Description: We are graduate students committed to seeing the GPSA infuse sustainability throughout its activities-- inspiring and encouraging other graduates to take personal responsibility-- and think and behave more sustainably. Our aim is to serve as a vehicle for information-sharing, and to support graduate student initiatives that promote environmental sustainability on campus. We hope to facilitate the initiation and progress of unique and progressive sustainability projects by seeking out resources,... (read more)

Privacy Type: Open: All content is public.

#### Contact Info

Email: [eg357@cornell.edu](mailto:eg357@cornell.edu)

Website: <http://gpsaatcornell.wordpress.com/categ...>

Office: 115 Sibley

Location: Ithaca, NY

#### Recent News

News: [Upcoming Meetings: Every First Friday of the Month in 115 Sibley Hall](#)

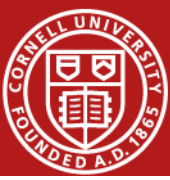
February 5, 2010  
March 5, 2010  
April 2, 2010  
May 7, 2010

#### Information

Category: Common Interest - Beliefs & Causes

Description:





## R. 17 Discussion



- **How much “demand” is there really? Plenty of Support!**

Definitely interest from graduates. Support from graduate students, voting members, from the USC and from undergraduate groups and sustainability leaders, including the Sustainability Hub & the SA.

- **How will this fit in with a possible larger university committee in the pipeline?**

No word on this big, university committee?? This will be primarily for grads, by grads...

- **Why not just join undergrad groups?**

We have worked with them and will continue to do so. Undergraduate sustainability leaders & groups have shown great support!

- **Do we really need another standing committee? What is its unique purpose?**

It will serve a very different role than all other standing committees. No other committee will commit or have similar duties as this committee. Current committee chairs certainly are busy with their own responsibilities.

- **Who will it serve?**

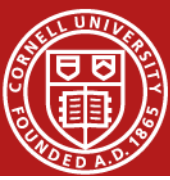
Grads & professionals & **entire** student body...& hopefully the planet. ;)

- **Why not just an independent graduate organization or club, outside of the realm of GPSA?**

More formal, represent GPSA and grads on environmental matters. Also influence GPSA committee & committee work/funding policies, etc. As chair of the ad-hoc, I already receive emails from undergraduate representatives and about all sorts of sustainability/leadership events on campus

- **More work for VPO?**

Maybe, just a little bit, but worthwhile. Arguably, not any more work than it being an Ad-hoc this year with regards to staffing and reports.



## ELECTIONS of 2010-2011 GP SA Voting Members

CHAIR:

NIGHTHAWK EVENSEN

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (3 seats)

ED STRONG

SOCIAL SCIENCES CAUCUS (4 seats)

ASIA SIKORA

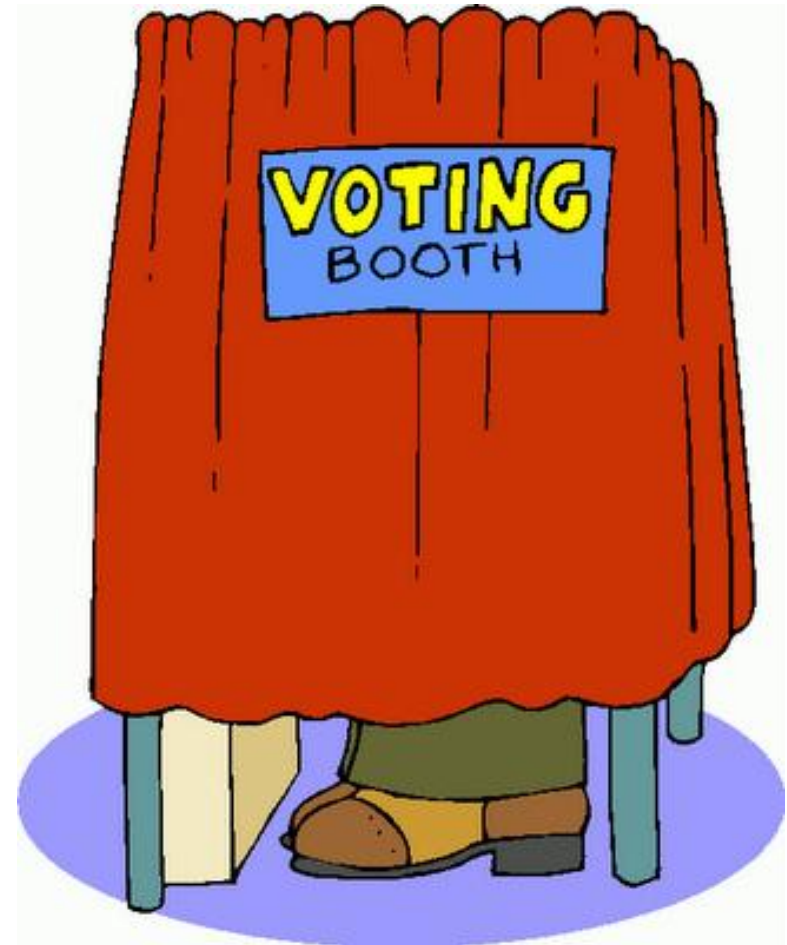
HUMANITIES CAUCUS (3 seats)

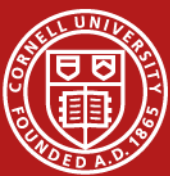
BERNIDA WEBB-BINDER

PHYSICAL SCIENCES CAUCUS: (4 seats)

ERICA GUTIERREZ

*Any vacant seats become "AT-LARGE"*



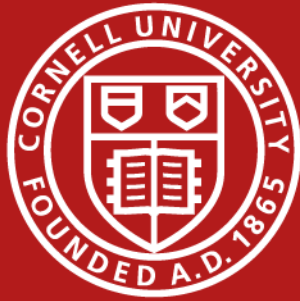


## ELECTION RESULTS: 14 seats total

Biology (3)	Social Sciences (4)	Humanities (3)	Physical Sciences (4)
Srich	Nicole	Tom	Cresten
Neith	Garance	Evan	Chris
Billie	Chris	-----	Ben
--	Kyle	--	Steven

**At-Large**

Jennifer



Cornell University  
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**FINAL Business Meeting of the Voting Body &  
Elections of the 2010-2011 GPSA Officers**

**19 April 2010**



## Agenda

- **Introductions / Open Forum / Approval of Minutes**
- Updates
- Big Red Barn Update
- 2010-2015 Academic Calendar Review
- Resolutions R.16, R.17, R.18
- Voting Member Elections



Cornell University  
Office of the Assemblies

**Graduate/Professional  
Student Elected Trustee Candidates  
ELECTIONS**

8:00 AM, Tuesday, April 20  
until 10:00 AM, Thursday,  
April 22.

**<https://assembly.cornell.edu/vote>**



## Michael Jackson tribute in Ithaca at the end of the semester (Tentative Day: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010: Slope Day)

*Gather enough people to dance a simple choreography on a famous MJ song for a few minutes maximum in one or several public locations in Ithaca.*

### Looking For:

Dancers (no, you don't have to be a professional dancer. You just need to have fun!) who would be interested in paying a small public tribute to MJ in Ithaca.

If you are interested in dancing for MJ in Ithaca or contributing to the project in any other way please contact:

Contact Ashwana Fricker: [adf27@cornell.edu](mailto:adf27@cornell.edu)

**Stockholm, 7/09**  
**“Beat It”**



# Vice President Operations Update

- **Committees:**

Check office of assemblies website or me to see how long your appointments are! **Most** end on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Ad-Hocs no longer “official” as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

- **Faculty Library Board Committee:**

Thoughts on the entomology library’s future and if it should be consolidated into Mann? Contact Alex Mellnik (arm282)

- **Slope Day: (May 7<sup>th</sup>)**

Volunteering? Questions? Email Travis Chapin (tck24)

- **Rand Focus Groups:**

Random Sampling

“Key Informants” ← GPSA members

- **Ad-Hoc Mental Health Committee**

Cornell Search Function

Next meeting to discuss the “proactive” site

Mental Health clause in course syllabi

Distribution of the Resource Sheet recently approved to all fields



## **Vice President Operations Update (continued)**

### **Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Leasing of Land for Exploration and Drilling for Natural Gas in the Marcellus Shale.**

Developing proposed guidelines for leasing of Cornell lands for horizontal drilling combined with hydraulic fracturing in the Marcellus Shale in New York State.

The University has no plans to lease lands for natural gas drilling at this time.

**Thursday, April 22, 2010**

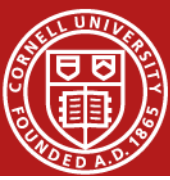
**4:30 to 6:30 PM**

**David L. Call Alumni Auditorium - Kennedy Hall**

If you wish to speak: Send a 250-word (maximum) summary of your recommendations. Committee will review and select speakers.

NAME, DEPARTMENT, STUDENT, NET ID, E-MAIL, PHONE:

Send to [adhocmarcellus@cornell.edu](mailto:adhocmarcellus@cornell.edu)



## Operations & Staffing

Cresten Mansfeldt

Asia Sikora

Dave Walden

Sricharan Murugesan

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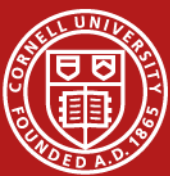
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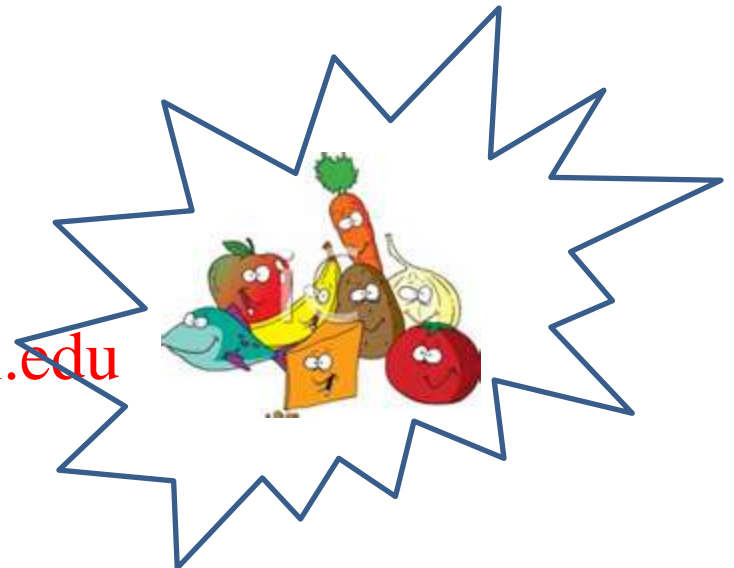
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# GPSAFC Announcements

- Spring 2010-2011 Annual Budget Submission
  - Available online at:  
<http://assembly.cornell.edu/GPSAFC/ApplyingForFunds>
  - Deadline: Friday April 30 – NO EXCEPTIONS
- Spring Application Review:
  - Saturday May 8 at 12:00pm in 157 MVR Hall
  - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** 😊
  - *Food will be provided!*
- Questions/Volunteers:
  - **Asia Sikora - jes259@cornell.edu**



# Masquerade Grad Ball

*(2010 Grad Ball)  
Friday, April 23rd  
9:00 pm - 1:00 am*

*Music by DJ DJY  
Price: \$15  
includes dinner & 2 drinks*



*Don't  
have a mask?  
Just cut out &  
decorate the one on  
this poster!*

**GRAD BALL**

**Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00pm – 1:00am**

**Willard Straight Hall**



## Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Events Committee

### Committee Home

### Members

### Meetings

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### Documents

### About the Committee

#### GPSA Shortcuts

- Grad ball information
- Grad and professional events (from University Events Calendar)
- Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Finance Commission

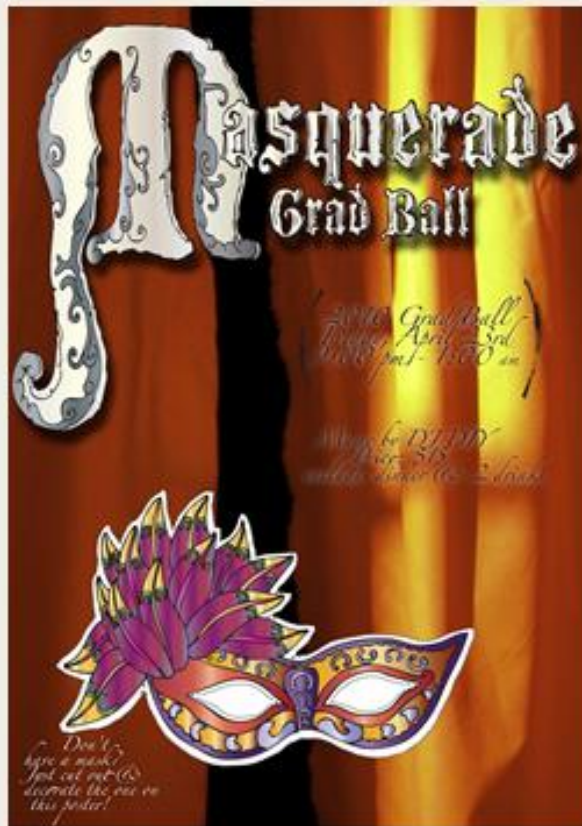
#### Contact GPSA

109 Day Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, NY 14853

ph: (607) 255-3715  
fx: (607) 255-2182

Hours: 9:00a - 12:15p, 1p - 4:00p, M - F

### Grad Ball 2010 - Masquerade



#### MASQUERADE BALL is Here!!

**Grad Ball 2010** is Back, bouncier, meaner, better than ever. Last year we broke even, this year our goal is a **\$1000** profit for *Gheekia Help, Cornell United Way* and the inaugural donation to the *Rejuvenate the Big Red Barn Fund (Rr-BRF)*.

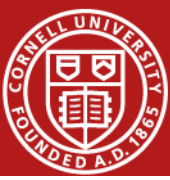
RSVP: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=116155468296173>

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**WHEN:** Friday, April 23rd, 9pm to 1am

**WHERE:** Willard Straight Hall





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## Big Red Barn Update & Resolution R.8

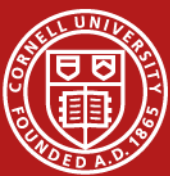


	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
<b>FALL TERM</b>					
Course Add/Drop Begins^	M 8/09	M 8/08	M 8/06	M 8/5	M 8/4
Check For Holds Preventing Registration^	M 8/16	M 8/15	M 8/13	M 8/12	M 8/11
Cornell Bound Check-In (new undergraduates)	F 8/20	F 8/19	F 8/17	F 8/16	F 8/15
Residence Halls open/Orientation begins	F 8/20	F 8/19	F 8/17	F 8/16	F 8/15
Graduate & Professional Student Welcome and Check-in	M 8/23	M 8/22	M 8/20	M 8/19	M 8/18
Instruction Begins	W 8/25	W 8/24	W 8/22	W 8/21	W 8/20
Labor Day/Holiday/NO CLASSES	M 9/6	M 9/5	M 9/3	M 9/2	M 9/1
Fall Break Begins, 1:10 PM	S 10/9	S 10/8	S 10/6	S 10/12	S 10/11
Instruction Resumes, 7:30 AM	W 10/13	W 10/12	W 10/10	W 10/16	W 10/15
Thanksgiving Recess Begins, 1:10 PM	W 11/24	W 11/23	W 11/21	W 11/27	W 11/26
Instruction Resumes, 7:30 AM	M 11/29	M 11/28	M 11/26	M 12/2	M 12/1
Last Day of Classes	S 12/4	S 12/3	S 12/1	S 12/7	S 12/6
Study Period	Su-W 12/5-8	Su-W 12/4-7	Su-W 12/2-5	Su-W 12/8-11	SU-W 12/7-10
Scheduled Exams	W*-F 12/8-10 M-F 12/13-17	W*-F 12/7-9 M-F 12/12-16	W*-F 12/5-7 M-F 12/10-14	W*-F 12/11-13 M-F 12/16-20	W*-F 12/10-12 M-F 12/15-12/19
January Graduation Recognition	S 12/18	S 12/17	S 12/15	S 12/21	S 12/20
<b>WINTER SESSION</b> Period Begins	M 12/27/10	M 12/26/11	W12/26/12	Th 12/26/13	F 12/26/14
3-Week Classes Begins	M 1/3/11	T 1/3/12	W 1/2/13	T 1/2/14	F 1/2/15
Winter Session Period Ends	F 1/21/11	S 1/21/12	S 1/19/13	S 1/18/14	S 1/17/15
<b>SPRING TERM</b>					
Course Add/Drop Begins^	M 1/17	M 1/16	M 1/14	M 1/13	M 1/12
Check For Holds Preventing Registration^	M 1/17	M 1/16	M 1/14	M 1/13	M 1/12
January Orientation Begins	W 1/19	W 1/18	W 1/16	W 1/15	W 1/14
Instruction Begins	M 1/24	M 1/23	M 1/21	M 1/20	M 1/19
Spring Break Begins, 1:10 PM	S 3/19	S 3/17	S 3/16	S 3/15	S 3/14
Instruction Resumes, 7:30 AM	M 3/28	M 3/26	M 3/25	M 3/24	M 3/23
Last Day of Classes	S 5/7	S 5/5	S 5/4	S 5/3	S 5/2
Study Period	Su-W 5/8-11	Su-W 5/6-9	Su-W 5/5-8	SU-W 5/4-7	SU-W 5/3-6
Scheduled Exams	W*-F 5/11-13 M-F 5/16-20	W*-F 5/9-11 M-F 5/14-18	W*-F 5/8-10 M-F 5/13-17	W*-F 5/7-9 M-F 5/12-16	W*-F 5/6-8 M-F 5/11-5/15
Senior Week	Su-S 5/22-28	Su-S 5/20-26	Su-S 5/19-25	Su-S 5/18-5/24	SU-S 5/17-5/23
<b>COMMENCEMENT</b>	Su 5/29	Su 5/27	Su 5/26	Su 5/25	Su 5/24
<b>SUMMER SESSION:</b>					
3-Week Session Regist/Classes Begin	W 6/1	W 5/30	W 5/29	W 5/28	W 5/27
8-Week Session Regist/Classes Begin	M 6/13	M 6/11	M 6/10	M 6/9	M 6/8
3-Week Session Final Exams	F 6/24	F 6/22	F 6/21	F 6/20	F 6/19
6-Week Session Regist/Classes Begin	M 6/27	M 6/25	M 6/24	M 6/23	M 6/22
6- and 8-Week Sessions Final Exams	M/T 8/8-9	M/T 8/6-7	M/T 8/5-6	M/T 8/4-5	M/T 8/3-4

^Verify Add/Drop appointment window and registration holds on Student Center (<http://studentcenter.cornell.edu>).

For complete semester start up information visit: <http://www.campuslife.cornell.edu/> and <http://registrar.sas.cornell.edu>

\*Exams begin Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



## Resolution R.16: GPSA Membership

- a. The composition of the GPSA General Assembly shall be:
- One representative selected from each individual graduate field (two from fields with over 100 students), plus three representatives selected by each professional school.
    - All representatives shall be matriculated graduate or professional students of Cornell University.
  - GPSA officers are not considered field representatives; when a GPSA General Assembly member is elected to an officer position, that field may select a new student to represent the field.
  - The students in each individual field/professional school may prescribe their own selection procedures. If not filled through election by the students in the field/school, a representative may be appointed by the field's Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) or Dean of a professional school, subject to the approval of the students. For fields without a DGS, the graduate field representative (GFR) will serve in place of a DGS.
  - One seat on the General Assembly shall be accorded to a representative from the Geneva Experimental Station, selected by the students of the Station.
    - This representative shall be a matriculated graduate student from 1 of the 4 graduate fields at the Experiment Station: Entomology, Food Science and Technology, Horticultural Sciences, and Plant Pathology.
    - Fields present at both the Experiment Station and Ithaca campus shall have at least one seat each on the General Assembly, pursuant to Section 4.02.a.i.
- b. Members may be removed by obtaining signatures from 51% of the matriculated students in the field/professional school.
- c. Vacant seats remain open until a representative is selected within the field/professional school by election or appointment at any time between regularly scheduled elections.
- d. Each graduate field or professional school may appoint one alternate, who can vote in the place of the representative from that field or school if the designated representative is unable to attend a GPSA meeting.
- Alternates shall be of the same field or professional school as the regular voting member.
  - Alternates shall be chosen by the field or professional school through the same election process as the *primary* field or professional school representative, pursuant to Section 4.02a.iii.
  - Alternates may attend GPSA meetings and have all the rights and privileges of GPSA members *except* for the right to vote.
  - Alternates may only vote in the absence of a voting representative from their field or professional school.
    - The voting member shall communicate with the alternate to ensure that the alternate is familiar with the issues currently being discussed at GPSA meetings.
    - Alternates planning to vote in place of a voting member shall inform the GPSA Executive Board prior to the meeting at which such voting shall take place.

- At any given meeting, fields that lack a regular voting member and alternate shall not be able to vote on any matters raised at that meeting, except if by proxy (as detailed in Section 6.09).
- e. Members may serve as many one-year terms as they like but must be elected or appointed annually.

### Section 4.03 GPSA General Assembly member responsibilities

#### GPSA General Assembly members shall

- Represent their field or professional school's constituents in all matters concerning the GPSA.
- Communicate with their constituents via e-mail or other forms of communication.
  - Assembly members will share with their constituents information forwarded over the GPSA e-mail listserv.
  - They will also share any other information deemed appropriate for dissemination to their field.
  - Members are encouraged to make use of existing e-mail listservs within their fields or (if none exist) to create a dedicated listserv via Cornell Information Technologies (<http://www2.cit.cornell.edu/computer/elists/lyris/admin-create.html>).
- Attend GPSA meetings during the academic year.
- Attend a GPSA orientation event prior to the first GPSA meeting of the academic year for the purposes of introducing members to each other, reviewing responsibilities and expectations, and familiarizing members with Robert's Rules of Order with which meetings are run.
- Bring before the GPSA (as he/she deems appropriate) any concerns, questions, or comments involving issues affecting graduate or professional students at Cornell University.
- Introduce, sponsor, or co-sponsor (as he/she deems appropriate) resolutions brought before the GPSA concerning matters affecting graduate and professional students at Cornell University.
- Vote on any and all resolutions and other matters brought before the GPSA for consideration.
  - Newly-elected General Assembly members shall attend three (3) meetings before attaining voting privileges so as to familiar themselves with pertinent issues of the GPSA.
  - These individuals shall have speaking and other privileges except the right to vote.
  - The fall Orientation event shall count as one of these meetings, if applicable.
- A GPSA member is considered seated if the member has not missed more than three (3) regularly scheduled GPSA meetings in a semester. If a member notifies the GPSA





# Resolution 17: GPSA Environmental Sustainability Committee

## **Ad-hoc Committee on Sustainability Members:**

Erica Gutierrez  
Billie Gould  
Tymothy McGuire

Jolyon Bloomfield  
Hadi Fathallah  
Jaclyn Hood

Fred Cowett  
Chen Li  
Gabby Voeller

# Organic Beginnings

- Started in the fall semester of 2009
- In response to great graduate interest in joining the newly formed University Sustainability Committee (USC)
- The USC only has one space for a graduate student
- This committee fills the need for a graduate voice in addressing environmental issues



# Major Accomplishments

- **Resolution 4:** Lights Off, Cornell – In collaboration with the undergraduate Environmental Advisory Committee
  - November 2, 2009
  - GPSA vote: 12-0-1
  
- **Resolution 10:** Environmental Sustainability & Strategic Planning & Cornell, in collaboration with members of the University Sustainability, who passed a “mirror” resolution.
  - February 15, 2009
  - GPSA vote: 10-0-1



# Lights Off, Cornell!

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## Project Status

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Since our pilot project began in March 2010, we have had 16 volunteers turn off 2805 lights. We estimate energy savings on the order of 981.32 kWh, corresponding to 353.26 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> and financial savings of \$92.24.

Building	Volunteers	Lights Turned Off	Energy Savings (kWh)	CO <sub>2</sub> Savings (kg)	Financial Savings
Rockefeller Hall	14	2287	815.56	293.59	\$76.66
Baker Lab	2	518	165.76	59.67	\$15.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>16*</b>	<b>2805</b>	<b>981.32</b>	<b>353.26</b>	<b>\$92.24</b>

\* Total number of volunteers may be less than the sum of this column, as volunteers may do multiple buildings.



# Participation in Campus Events

- Student Leadership Sustainability Summit
  - Several sustainability members were involved
  - Sponsored by the Communications committee



- Arbor Day Tree Campus USA Program
  - Represented the GPSA and the graduate population at-large



# In the Works

- Lights Off, Cornell
  - Pilot Program
  - Volunteers, Building Maps, etc.
- BYOMUG to TGIF
  - Graduate School & the GPSA Communications Committee
  - Fundraising
- Composting/Recycling at Meetings
  - Compost Coordinator
  - Student Office of Assemblies & Cornell Dining
- Raising Awareness about Sustainability
  - Graduate orientation in collaboration with the Graduate School
  - Earth Day/Month

**FACT:** *Lighting is the single largest end-use of building energy: ~30%, and ~ 40% of building's electricity use*



**FACT:** *Switching to reusable cups for just one day will save as much energy as using 1,000 gallons of gasoline."*



**FACT:** *Food and paper are the two largest contributors to landfill, and make up more than half of all landfill waste – more than all plastics, diapers, Styrofoam, and tires, COMBINED.*



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# Looking Forward

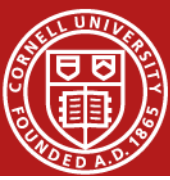
- Enhancing Relations with other Sustainability Groups
  - Big Red Bikes & other transportation initiatives
  - Take Back the Tap
  - Sustainability Hub, Christina Copeland
  - Sustainability Coordinator, Dan Roth
  - Cornell Center for a Sustainable Future, Anurag Agrawal
- Current Environmental Issues
  - Marcellus Shale, Jeffrey Jaquet
  - Climate Action Plan (CAP)
- Expanding Current Projects
- Introducing Sustainability Incentives in GPSA Funding Processes





# Becoming a Standing Committee

- Unique Responsibility
  - Forum for graduate involvement in sustainability initiatives
  - Greater participation by graduate students in the GPSA
- Establish Legitimacy
  - Represent the GPSA and graduate students on issues related to sustainability
  - Work with other sustainability leaders, organizations and standing committees
  - Create funding opportunities & incentives within the GPSA
- Allow for Greater Continuity & Momentum
  - Strong start for 2010 – 2011and...for posterity
  - Enhance membership & organizational capacity



## R. 17 Discussion



- **How much “demand” is there really? Plenty of Support!**

Definitely interest from graduates. Support from graduate students, voting members, from the USC and from undergraduate groups and sustainability leaders, including the Sustainability Hub & the SA.

- **How will this fit in with a possible larger university committee in the pipeline?**

No word on this big, university committee?? This will be primarily for grads, by grads...

- **Why not just join undergrad groups?**

We have worked with them and will continue to do so. Undergraduate sustainability leaders & groups have shown great support!

- **Do we really need another standing committee? What is its unique purpose?**

It will serve a very different role than all other standing committees. No other committee will commit or have similar duties as this committee. Current committee chairs certainly are busy with their own responsibilities.

- **Who will it serve?**

Grads & professionals & **entire** student body...& hopefully the planet. ;)

- **Why not just an independent graduate organization or club, outside of the realm of GPSA?**

More formal, represent GPSA and grads on environmental matters. Also influence GPSA committee & committee work/funding policies, etc. As chair of the ad-hoc, I already receive emails from undergraduate representatives and about all sorts of sustainability/leadership events on campus

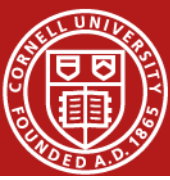
- **More work for VPO?**

Maybe, just a little bit, but worthwhile. Arguably, not any more work than it being an Ad-hoc this year with regards to staffing and reports.



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Graduate and Professional Student Assembly





## ***Rationale:***

Over the past several years there has been increasing interest in sustainability and sustainable practices at Cornell University. Additionally, the university has made significant strides in promoting sustainable research, education and stewardship through programs such as the Cornell Center for a Sustainable Future and the Cornell University Climate Action Plan. Students, faculty and staff have found various and numerous ways to engage in promoting and practicing sustainability. However, the proliferation of student groups, university committees and individual efforts has made it difficult to efficiently organize and communicate.

We believe that sustainability is everyone's issue and should be integrated with current practices. As Cornell University moves forward with its sustainability efforts and will likely face new challenges, it has become apparent that sustainability must be integrated into the shared governance structure of the university in an efficient and proactive way that is transparent, reduces redundancy, and respects the rights and concerns of all constituencies.



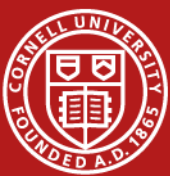
***University Sustainability Committee goals:***

1. Rename the committee to Joint Assemblies Sustainability Committee (JASC) to reflect that this committee is owned by all constituencies.
2. Expand JASC membership. 2-3 voting members appointed from each constituency, one of which has to be a voting member of each constituent assembly. Additionally one appointment should seek to place members on the committee who are from a sustainability oriented field. Ex-officio (non-voting) – President of Sustainability Hub, Sustainability Coordinator
3. JASC committee should appoint subcommittees do focus on specific areas of community action such as energy conservation.
4. JASC Sustainability committee should work in conjunction with the Sustainability Hub and ECOS to help sponsor and facilitate continue the annual Cornell Sustainability Summit.
5. JASC sustainability committee should seek to gain involvement from student groups and faculty programs.
6. Publicize meetings and meeting topics heavily to all interested sustainability groups on campus.



***Student constituent assemblies goals:***

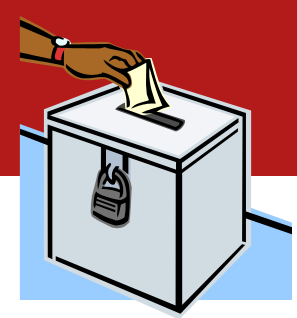
1. Establish a Joint SA/GPSA ad hoc committee to propose green guidelines and a green funded mandate for byline funded and finance commission funded organizations. This process must include representatives from each Finance Commission and each assembly's appropriations committee.
2. Have the SA and GPSA ad-hoc committees create policies in conjunction with the each assembly's operations committee to ensure that each assembly practices sustainable principles. Once this task is complete and to minimize redundancy create a plan to sunset these committees and transfer operational guidelines to each assembly's operations committee. Charters should be amended to reflect adopted practices and duties.
3. Assemblies Leadership should refer all questions regarding sustainability (not finance related) to JASC.



## Agenda

- Introductions / Open Forum / Approval of Minutes
- Updates
- Big Red Barn Update
- 2010-2015 Academic Calendar Review
- Resolutions R.16, R.17, **R.18**
- Voting Member Elections





## ELECTION RESULTS:

Position	
President	Cresten Mansfeldt
Executive Vice President	Jennifer Swartz
Vice President Operations	Tom Balcerski
Counsel to the Assembly	Brian Forster
GPSAFC Chair	Bobby Hartshorn
Appropriations Chair	Kyle Albert
Events Chair	Nicole Baran
Student Advocacy Chair	Garance Choko
Sustainability Chair	Billie Gould
UA Representatives	Evan Cortens
	Ed Strong
	Mike Walsh

# GPSA President

- Represent the GPSA in University Affairs  
(translation: attend many meetings with high-level administrators and communicate with them about graduate and professional student concerns)
- Chair Voting Council Meetings (set the agenda for the meetings as well, with Exec. Committee approval)
- Chair meetings of the Exec. Committee
- Ensure all officers and committee chairs are performing their duties
- Help the GPSA select important foci
- Realistic time commitment: 10-15 hrs./wk.

# GPSA Executive Vice President

- **Advisory Body Meetings:** Agenda, Logistics, Room reservations, Layout, Composting/Recycling (Office of Assemblies)
- **Chair, Communications Committee:** Set and manage budget, Monthly meetings, Blog, GPSA-INFO, Voting/Non-voting, (Marketing/Media)
- **Representative Recruitment & Retention:** Individual outreach, Keep online list updated, DGS..
- **Exec Committee:** Lots of other misc work as needed, i.e. Activity Fee, Ivy Summit, Charter changes, etc..... :)

- Chair Operations & Staffing (O&S) Committee: The execs and committee chairs and UA grad chair as needed to discuss the GPSA agenda and how it performs its duties.
- Next year, O&S oversees the charter review. / Review Bylaws & Resubmit 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting as a resolution.
- “The Committee Czar”: Receive applications and oversee the staffing of all grad/prof seats on committees (~40 committees), “staff them”, keep in contact with the grad/prof students on the committees, collect and review monthly reports and report committee issues to the GPSA. Coordinate Liaisons.
- Ensure all committees are functioning
- Chair Meetings when President/EVP are unable to or by request of the other execs.
- GPSA Parliamentarian
- Work with the executives with the setting of the agenda.
- Work with the Office of Assemblies to ensure all documentation is archived properly on the website
- Keep in contact with the respective officer in the other assemblies.
- Work with the GPSA President to maintain all GPSA documents and formally send resolutions to the recipients. (Ppts too if desired)

# Counsel to the GPSA

The Counsel to the Assembly will help maintain continuity of the GPSA's agenda between administrations and keep track of GPSA history and precedents.

Only a previous President or Vice President may run for the position of Counsel to the Assembly.

The Counsel to the Assembly shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee and the Operations and Staffing Committee.

The Counsel to the Assembly shall not be charged with performing any tasks other than advising the Assembly and the Executives unless the Counsel feels that it is his or her role to take on that task.

The Counsel to the Assembly is not required to hold a seat on the Assembly or be a representative from his or her field. This position may remain vacant if a suitable candidate is not found.

# GPSA Finance Commission Chair

- Hold a meeting once a month to review applications & allocate funds
- Answer the same questions hundreds of times for students who are too lazy to read online but have the time to waste e-mailing you their long-winded questions.
- Submit monthly committee report
- Hold Spring Funding Workshop and Funding Day at the end of the academic year.

# Appropriations Chair Duties

Budgeting: Create a budget for:

- 1) All standing committees and
- 2) The GPSA (could also be considered the President's budget).

## Byline Funding

Next year is not an activity fee setting year. In the meantime, keep in constant communication with the advisory and voting boards and the byline groups. Make sure that the process is transparent to all grads and professionals.

<http://gpsaatcornell.wordpress.com/activityfee-2/>

## Finance Commission

As Appropriations Chair, you are automatically on the Finance Commission. The Appropriations Chair is to make recommendations every year on how to improve the Finance Committee.



# Events Committee Chair Duties

- GRAD BALL (90-100% of our budget)
- Monthly Grad's Night Out at rotating locations
- Grad Mixers at Bars (monthly or bi-monthly)
- GPSA 'get to know each other events' such as Coffee Hour
- Fund Raising Events for Cornell United Way and other charities: eg- Gheskio Haiti, Rejuvenate the Big Red Barn (Re-BRB)
- Co-hosting Orientation Events eg: Ice Skating Night
- Advertising/marketing existing events on Facebook, GPSA Blog, GPSA info etc.
- Being really awesome.