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President David J. Skorton
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Dear President Skorton:

On behalf of the out-going and in-coming officers of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA), I would like to inform you of some Charter amendments, approved by the Assembly in the Spring 2008. According to Article 3.2 of our Charter, such changes require your approval. Below I have summarized the changes made, and the resolutions are attached. With your approval, we will be able to enact these changes in the year to come.

The resolutions of interest are R.8, R.9, and R.10. **Resolution 8 renames the GPSA Pay and Benefits Committee the Student Advocacy Committee.** The Assembly agreed that the name change would allow the committee to address issues beyond those traditionally undertaken – like stipend and health insurance – to include such topics as financial aid, mental health, and housing. **Resolution 9 renames the GPSA Vice-President the Executive Vice-President, and the Secretary the Vice-President for Operations.** Given the responsibilities of these offices, the Assembly agreed that these new names better described the positions and their duties. **Resolution 10 updates our Charter Appendix B to reflect the approved 2008-2010 Activity Fee.** Provision updates were made for the Cornell Concert Commission, Cornell Cinema, Cornell University Program Board, Emergency Medical Services, Big Red Barn, Athletics, and the newly-incorporated Slope Day Programming Board. **All three of these resolutions were passed unanimously by the Assembly.**

We thank you for your attention on these matters. As a member of both the out-going and in-coming executive committees, and on behalf of the other in-coming officers, I look forward to working together in the year to come. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or any of the GPSA executive committee, at the address specified above.

Cordially,

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