

Cornell University
Graduate and Professional
Student Assembly

Discussion Meeting of the Advisory Body #1

August 31st, 2009



Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- Background of the GPSA & Executive Updates
- Election of four Assembly Seats
- Break-out Sessions/Presentations
- Open Forum
- Motion to Adjourn



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Meeting Schedule

Advisory Body

Monday, 31 August 2009

Monday, 5 October 2009

Monday, 2 November 2009

Monday, 7 December 2009

WSH Art Gallery

Voting Body

Monday, 21 September 2009

Monday, 19 October 2009

Monday, 16 November 2009

BRB Greenhouse

**All GPSA Information & Meeting Information can be
found on the GPSA Website:**

<http://assembly.cornell.edu/GPSA>



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Ivy Summit Update

Erica Gutierrez
Executive Vice President

Posted on the
GPSA website under
“Documents”

Conference Materials

The following information is available regarding the 2009 Ivy Summit at Cornell:

- [Registration Survey](#)
- [Agenda](#)

Lodging Information

- Rooms are on hold for Ivy Summit 2009 participants at the Statler Hotel until September 9. You still need to make reservations yourself. Please contact the Statler Hotel first. The other hotels listed are back-ups.
- Lodging will be on site at the [Statler Hotel](#).
- Additional lodging information can be found at: [Other Lodging](#).

Directions, Maps, and Transportation Information

Driving

- [Maps of Cornell Campus](#)
- [Driving directions to Cornell University and the Statler Hotel](#)

Bus Information

- [Campus to Campus](#) is a Cornell operated shuttle that has twice daily bus trips between New York City and Ithaca, NY.
 - It leaves from 2 locations in New York City:
 - The Cornell Club (6 East 44th Street)
 - Weill Cornell Medical College (1300 York Ave.)
 - And stops at Sage Hall (which is across the street from the Statler Hotel).
- [Greyhound](#) has buses that depart/arrive in Ithaca. The Ithaca bus depot is located downtown on West State St.
- [Short Line](#) buses depart from Port Authority Bus Terminal (625 8th Avenue, Manhattan), and also goes to the Ithaca bus terminal.

Flight Information

The closest airport is the [Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport \(ITH\)](#) located on Brown Road in Ithaca approximately a 10-minute drive from campus and downtown Ithaca. Airlines served at Ithaca Tompkins Regional are Continental Connection (From Newark) and US Airways (Philadelphia & La Guardia). *The Statler Hotel has a complimentary Shuttle that goes to the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport. To make arrangements, simply call the Statler Hotel at (607)257-2500.*

Other local airports and shuttles include:



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Ivy Summit Update

Erica Gutierrez
Executive Vice President

Ivy League University Addresses

Session 1 (1 hour & 15 minutes): Workshops 1 through 3

Annual President's Meeting

- D. Nighthawk Evensen

The Role of Student Trustees on Campus

- Mike Walsh

Dialogue About Diversity on Campus

- Srich Murugesan, Erica Gutierrez

Session 2 (1 hour & 15 minutes): Workshops 3 through 6

The Economic Situation and its Impacts

- Cresten Mansfeldt

Affordable and Adequate Housing for Students

- Ed Strong, Svante Myrick

Intercampus Collaboration

- Brian M. Forster, Jonathan Oliver

Session 3 (1 hour & 15 minutes): Workshops 7 through 9

Graduate Student Participation

- Michelle Leinfelder

Graduate Student Benefits

- Amy Richter, Kate McCarthy

Sustainability Culture, Practices and Initiatives

- Erica Gutierrez, Mike Walsh

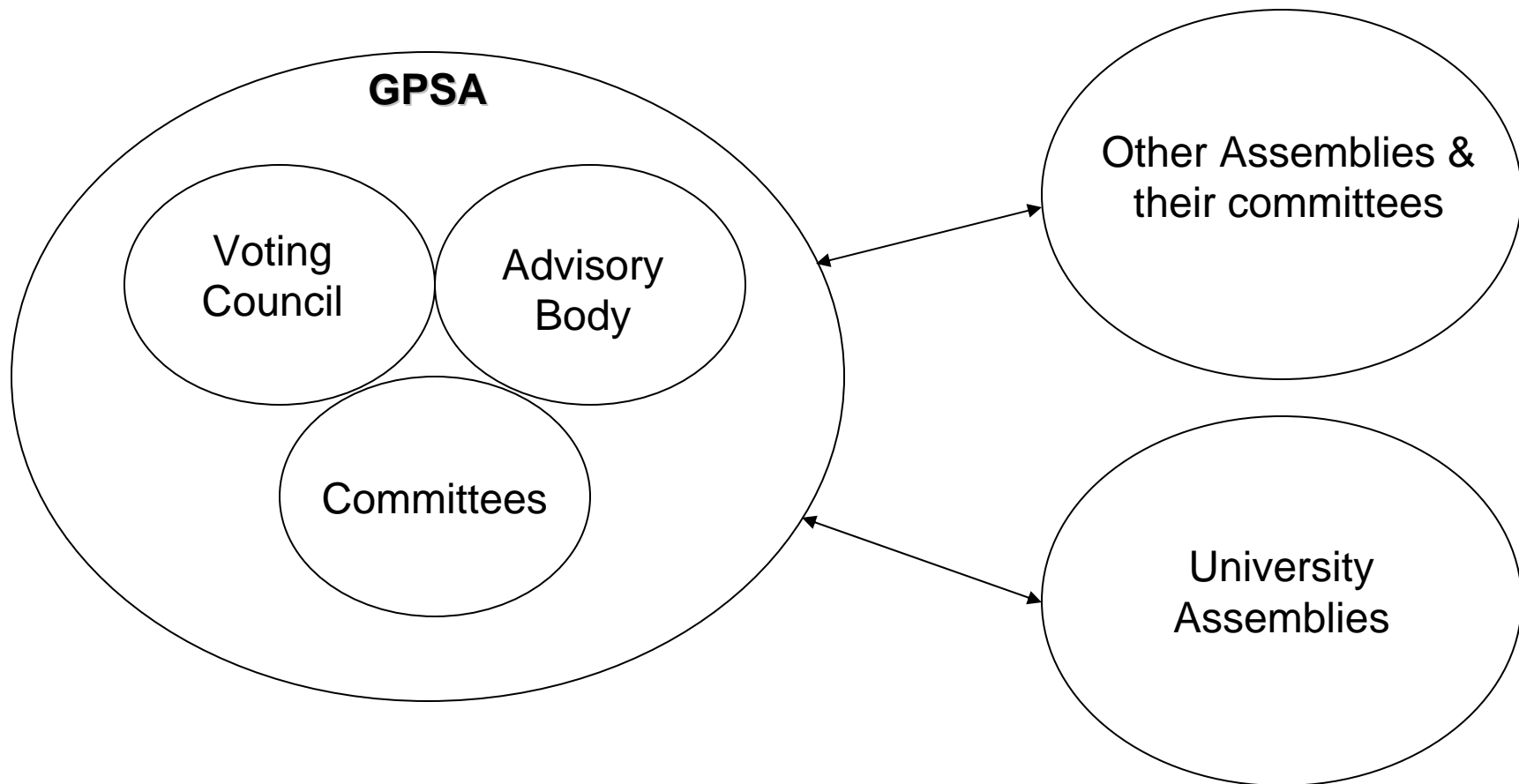


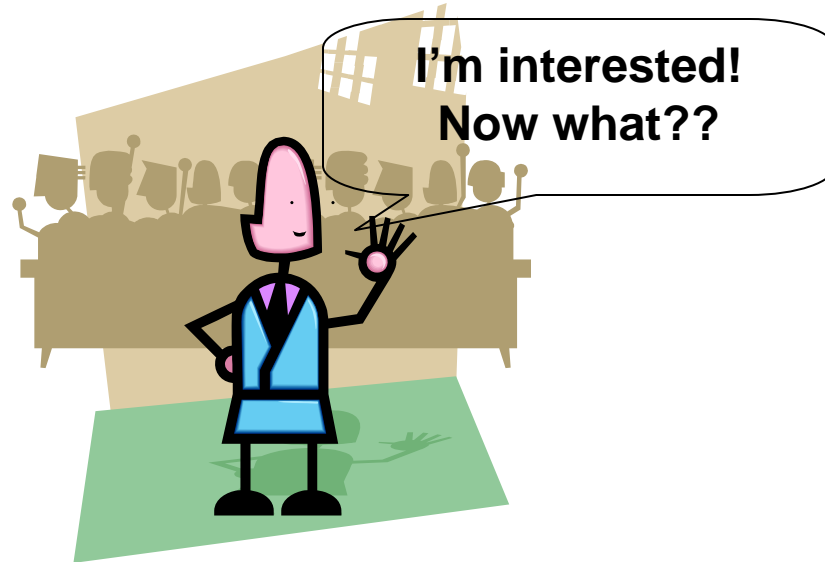
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Operations & Staffing Committee

Brian M. Forster
Vice President Operations

Committee Appointments





You fill out a simple online application.

The Operations & Staffing Committee approves appointments

Once “staffed”, you represent the GPSA in your committee

You serve as a conduit:

- bringing GPSA issues to the committee
- report back committee findings to the GPSA



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GPSA Operations & Staffing Committee
109 Day Hall Email: gpsa@cornell.edu
<http://assembly.cornell.edu/GPSAOperations/Home>

Listed below are Cornell Committees that are currently open for Graduate & Professional Students to become members of. Click the Committee Title to go to the committee's webpage. If you wish to join a committee, click the Application Form next to the Committee name. Any questions, please contact the GPSA Vice President of Operations at: yoperations@assembly.cornell.edu

Committee Name	
GPSA Appropriations	Application Form
GPSA Communications	Application Form
GPSA Events	Application Form
GPSA Financial Commission	Application Form
GPSA Student Advocacy	Application Form
GPSA Liaison to Employee Assembly	Email: yoperations@assembly.cornell.edu
GPSA Liaison to Faculty Senate	Email: yoperations@assembly.cornell.edu
GPSA Liaison to Student Assembly	Email: yoperations@assembly.cornell.edu
Academic Freedom & Professional Status	Application Form
Academic Integrity	Application Form
Alcohol & Other Drugs	Email: yoperations@assembly.cornell.edu
Athletics & Physical Education	Application Form
Board University Health Services	Email: yoperations@assembly.cornell.edu
Budget Planning	Application Form
Campus Planning	Application Form
Child-Care	Application Form
Codes & Judicial	Application Form
Dining Services	Application Form
Diversity Council	Application Form
Family Services	Application Form
Financial Aid Review	Application Form
General Committee Graduate School	Application Form
Information Technology	Application Form
Mental Health & Welfare	Application Form
Graduate Mental Health Subcommittee	Email: yoperations@assembly.cornell.edu
Multicultural Issues	Application Form
ROTC-University Relations	Application Form
Slope Day	Email: yoperations@assembly.cornell.edu
Student Insurance Advisory	Application Form
Student / Faculty Library Board	Student Board App. / Faculty Board App.
Sustainability	Application Form
Transportation Advisory Council	Application Form
Transportation Hearing & Appeals	Application Form
Trustee Nominating	Email: yoperations@assembly.cornell.edu
United Way	Email: yoperations@assembly.cornell.edu
University Hearing & Review Boards	Application Form
University Lectures	Application Form
Collegietown Neighborhood	Email: yoperations@assembly.cornell.edu
University Neighborhood	Email: yoperations@assembly.cornell.edu
Woman's Issues	Application Form

Posted on the GPSA website are the committees open to you

- Link to their webpage
- Application Form

If you are interested in joining a committee, please fill out the form you received this evening. Hand into any of the Officers.

We will contact you with the online application form and the committee's website.

Full listing/websites/applications will be emailed to you.
Please forward this to your fields.

Any questions – please see any of the Executive Officers or Committee Chairs.

GOAL:

100% Graduate Positions on Committees Staffed



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Name:

Field:

Degree:

Expected Graduation Date:

How long have you been involved with the GPSA?

Position(s) held/Affiliation with GPSA:

Some of the topics that will be discussed at this year's IVY Summit include:

Graduate Student/Affordable Housing

Student Participation

Graduate Student Benefits/Services

The Economic Crisis on Campus

Diversity Issues on Campus

Sustainability Initiatives on Campus

Student Trustees

Technology on Campus

Which of these issues are of most interest to you? Circle all that apply. What aspects of these would you like to see addressed?

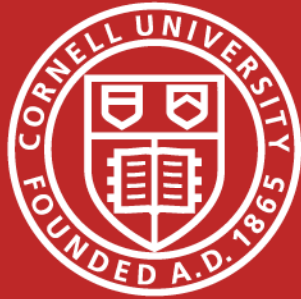
Which other topic(s) would you like to see discussed at the Ivy Summit or alternatively, in upcoming GPSA meetings?

Do you have any suggestions on how to improve participation and discussion at GPSA meetings?



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Business Meeting of the Voting Body #1

September 21st, 2009



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Harold Lloyd
Safety Last!
(1923)



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- Old Business: Resolution R.1 / GPSAFC Bylaws & Guidelines
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Committee Staffing

1. Staffing notices have begun to be sent.
2. Remaining vacancies. ALL OTHERS ARE STAFFED 😊
 - (2) Slope Day
 - (1) Collegetown Neighborhood
 - (2) Environmental Issues
 - (1) Transportation Advisory Council
3. University Sustainability Committee
 - Fred Cowett has the graduate seat until June 2010.
 - New GPSA Ad-Hoc Committee with Erica as Chair.



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Cornell University
Graduate School

**Cornell University Graduate &
Professional Student Group**



GPSA 2009-2010

(combined with old GPSA group)



R.1: Regarding the 2009-2010 Operating Bylaws of the Cornell GPSA

Whereas in April 2009, the 2008-2009 Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) passed a resolution entitled R9: Regarding Charter Revisions & Recommendations, which established the current GPSA Charter and the GPSA Bylaws; and

Whereas in July 2009, the currently standing GPSA Committee Chairs reviewed the working procedures set for their respective committees, as outlined in the GPSA Bylaws; and

Whereas it is stated in the GPSA Bylaws (Sect III.2 (iv)-2):

The revised GPSA Bylaws document is to be presented as a resolution at the first business meeting of the Fall Semester for approval.

a) A simple majority is required for approval.

b) If the revised GPSA Bylaws document is passed, the revised document is accepted as the operating GPSA Bylaws.

Be it therefore resolved that the GPSA accepts the 2009-2010 GPSA Bylaws document presented with this resolution as the operating procedures that the 2009-2010 GPSA will follow; and

Be it further resolved that the Office of Assemblies post the new 2009-2010 GPSA Bylaws on the GPSA Website for public access and download; and

Be it finally resolved that this resolution be sent to Peggy Beach, Director of the Office of Assemblies; Kent Hubbell, Dean of Students; and Alison Power, Dean of the Graduate School.



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Concurrent Assemblies Resolution

Expressing Support for the Cornell University Climate Action Plan

Whereas, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly recognizes that Cornell University is a signatory of the American Colleges and Universities Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), which pledges the University to a goal of climate neutrality;

Whereas, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly recognizes that Cornell University is uniquely positioned to demonstrate leadership in addressing global climate change by combining academic, research, and operational efforts along with campus community member participation under a comprehensive action plan for energy efficiency, energy conservation, and renewable energy;

Whereas, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly supports an institutional Climate Action Plan that is visionary; technically, financially, and programmatically feasible; capable of adapting new technological and scientific discoveries; responsive to evolving regulatory environments; and protects the university from risk associated with the potential for energy and fossil fuel scarcity;

Whereas, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly embraces the concept of the Cornell campus as a living laboratory for teaching and research projects confronting the challenge of climate neutrality;



Whereas, the Cornell University Climate Action Plan (CAP) seeks to dramatically reduce emissions of greenhouse gases associated with purchased electricity, on - site fossil fuel combustion, commuting, and university sponsored air travel by:

Conducting a rigorous review of the need for and scope of new construction, building materials and equipment and optimizing efficiency of space and systems in new construction;

Reducing future campus energy use and related greenhouse gas emissions through energy standards for new buildings;

Improving the energy performance of existing buildings by expanding energy conservation through renovations, new technologies, and occupant behavioral changes;

Replacing high - carbon energy sources with lower or no - carbon fuel and increasing the use of “renewable” energy;

Enhancing commuter options to reduce use of single - occupancy vehicles, including alternative work strategies to reduce commuter impacts; and

Promoting less carbon intensive alternatives for University - related travel; and

Developing a program of specific University-oriented offsets to make up for emissions unable to directly mitigate.

Whereas, on September 10, 2009 the Building & Properties Committee of the Cornell University Board of Trustees adopted the CAP and following that meeting Cornell University submitted the CAP to the ACUPCC in fulfillment of its **pedge**;



Be it therefore resolved that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly finds that the CAP for the Ithaca Campus is needed to:

Achieve the goal of climate neutrality by 2050;

Establish interim targets for goals and actions that will lead to climate neutrality, and mechanisms for tracking progress on goals and actions; and

Establish a portfolio of proposed actions that will enable progress toward the goal of climate neutrality, will demonstrate fiscal stewardship and will enhance the University's research, academic, and outreach missions and programs.

Be it further resolved that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly commends and supports Cornell University for adopting the Climate Action Plan;

Be it finally resolved that this resolution be sent to Cornell University President David Skorton as well as the co-chairs of the President's Climate Commitment Implementation Committee, Professor Tim Fahey and Vice President for Facilities Services Kyu Whang.



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GPSA Internal Budget: Source of Funds

FY2009-2010 Allocation	\$15,700
Surplus from Prior Year	\$8,600
TOTAL	\$24,300



Budget Comparisons

No Surplus/Deficit		Surplus	
TOTAL GPSA Budget FY09-10	\$14,695	TOTAL GPSA Budget FY09-10	\$15,670
TOTAL GPSA Budget (from FY08-09 funds)	<u>\$4,000</u>	TOTAL GPSA Budget (from FY08-09 funds)	<u>\$4,000</u>
TOTAL GPSA Request	\$18,695	TOTAL GPSA Request	\$19,670
FY 2009-2010 Allocation	\$15,700	FY 2008-2009 Allocation	\$15,700
Remainder from Prior Year	<u>\$8,600</u>	Remainder from Prior Year	<u>\$8,600</u>
Total GPSA Funds	\$24,300	Total GPSA Funds	\$24,300
GPSA FY09-10 Budget Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,005	GPSA FY09-10 Budget Surplus/(Deficit)	\$30
GPSA Surplus (current surplus +/- FY09-10 surplus/deficit)	\$5,605	GPSA Surplus (current surplus +/- FY09-10 surplus/deficit)	\$4,630



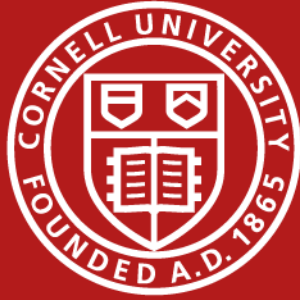
Open Forum

Discussion of Action Items for the GPSA to Undertake:

- Activity Fee
- Increase publicity & presence on campus
- Re-examing the Graduate Community Initiative
- Reimagining Cornell Initiative
- Child-Care (Student Advocacy)
- How to better respond to graduate/prof student needs?

- ???





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Discussion Meeting of the Advisory Body #2

October 5th, 2009

Please pick up the handouts at front!



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- Dean Hubbell
- Byline Funding Group Presentations
- Election of Masters Engineering Seat
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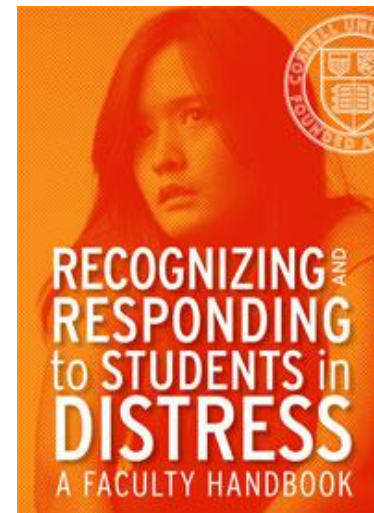
Vice President Operations Update

1 Committee Seat remains!
All other vacancies have been filled
(reports due 10/31/09)



CALS Dean Search:
(see Brian after meeting if interested)

Students in Distress Handbook





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<http://assembly.cornell.edu/GPSA/20091009IvySummit>



Ivy Summit 2009
October 9-11, 2009





What Will Guide Our Decisions?

1. Decisions on reorganizing our programs and activities should be made based on the importance of those activities to the university's core mission with the objectives of enhancing academic excellence, increasing effectiveness and efficiency of functions, and reducing expenditures.
2. Expenditure reductions should be greatest in administrative operations, consonant with appropriate processes and risk management, recognizing that those operations occur across the university in colleges and central units and must be viewed holistically.
3. All units across the university will contribute to reducing the structural financial deficit of the university.
4. Final decisions will be made by the president and provost after broad and transparent consultation, with special consideration of the opinions of those most conversant with the areas under review.
5. Decisions should be made as much as possible with the intention of optimizing the quality and value of colleges, individual units, and the entire university but, if a conflict exists, it should be decided in favor of the greater university.



<http://www.cornell.edu/reimagining>

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Reimagining Cornell

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[Process / Timeline](#)

[Project Team](#)

[Task Forces](#)



Upcoming Events

Reimagining Cornell University forums

Oct. 1, 2009

Staff forum with President Skorton and Provost Fuchs at **noon** in Barnes

The Latest

Downloads

[Strategic Planning presentation by Provost Kent Fuchs](#)

Updated Sept. 16, 2009

Video

[Student Forum on Cornell's Strategic Planning Process](#)

Sept. 17, 2009

Cornell Chronicle

[Skorton asks for students' input on strategic plan](#)

Sept. 18, 2009

[Skorton: Strategic plan will give faculty flexibility](#)

Sept. 17, 2009



Cornell University

University Accreditation

through the
Middle States Commission on Higher Education



What is accreditation?

- Cornell is accredited through the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE, or “Middle States”)
- Our accreditation is up for renewal in Spring 2011
- Accreditation is required to access federal funds including student financial aid
- University accreditation is distinct from specialized/professional accreditation



What is the accreditation process?

- Decennial accreditation process involves
 - in-depth institutional self-study report
 - site visit by external review team
- Cornell must demonstrate that it meets fourteen “standards for accreditation” or “characteristics of excellence”
- External review team:
 - reads the report
 - visits campus
 - recommends action to Middle States



What is the self study?

- Overseen by the Accreditation Steering Committee
- Pieces drafted by six, topical Working Groups
- Demonstrates that Cornell meets each of fourteen standards
- Culminates in a ~200 page narrative
- Theme: *“Any Person ... Any Study” within One University*
- Due to Middle States early in 2011



Who is on the Accreditation Steering Committee?

- **Alan Mathios, co-chair** and Dean of Human Ecology
- **Kent Hubbell, co-chair** and Dean of Students
- **Bill Fry**, Dean of Faculty
- **Barbara Knuth**, Senior Associate Dean, CALS
- **Susan Murphy**, Vice President, Student & Academic Services
- **Paul Streeter**, Interim Vice President, Budget & Planning
- **Marin Clarkberg**, Associate Director, Institutional Research
- **Kristin Walker**, Manager of Support, Institutional Research
- **Nikhil Kumar**, undergraduate student, ILR
- **Gina Ryan**, graduate student, Microbiology
- **David Hajjar**, Weill Cornell Medical College

*And ... the six **Working Group chairs**...*



Six Working Groups

Steering Committee

Institutional Stewardship
(Standards: 1, 2, 3 and 7)

Kathy Rasmussen, Nutritional Sci

Integrity, Governance & Administration
(Standards: 4, 5, and 6)

Charles Walcott, Neurobiology & Behavior

The Faculty
(Standard: 10)

Amy Villarejo, Theater, Film & Dance

Student Admissions & Supports
(Standards: 8 and 9)

Kraig Adler, Neurobiology & Behavior

Educational Offerings
(Standards: 11, 12, 13)

Laura Brown, English

Assessment of Student Learning
(Standard: 14)

David Gries, Computer Science



CHARACTERISTICS *of*
EXCELLENCE
in HIGHER EDUCATION

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION



What are the standards?

- 1. Mission, Goals, and Objectives.** The institution's mission clearly defines its purpose
- 2. Planning, Resource Allocation, and Institutional Renewal.** The institution conducts ongoing planning and resource allocation based on its mission
- 3. Institutional Resources.** The resources necessary to achieve an institution's mission and goals are available
- 4. Leadership and Governance.** The institution's system of governance clearly defines roles in policy development and decision-making
- 5. Administration.** The institution's administrative structure and services facilitate learning and scholarship and support the institution's organization and governance
- 6. Integrity.** The institution demonstrates adherence to ethical standards
- 7. Institutional Assessment.** The institution has an assessment plan and process that evaluates its overall effectiveness
- 8. Student Admissions.** The institution seeks to admit students congruent with its mission
- 9. Student Support Services.** The institution provides services that enable students to achieve the institution's goals for them
- 10. Faculty.** The institution's programs are devised, developed, monitored, and supported by qualified professionals
- 11. Educational Offerings.** The institution's educational offerings display academic content, rigor, and coherence
- 12. General Education.** The institution's curricula are designed so that students acquire and demonstrate college-level proficiency in general education
- 13. Related Educational Activities.** Institutional programs or activities meet appropriate standards.
- 14. Assessment of Student Learning.** Assessment of student learning demonstrates that students have knowledge, skills, and competencies consistent with institutional goals



What is the time line?

Self-study plan devised; Working Groups charged and appointed (Spring 2009)

Final draft of Working Group reports due to Steering Committee (Spring 2010)

Steering Committee shares first draft of Self Study with campus (Fall 2010)

Final draft of Self Study submitted to MSCHE (March 2011)

External evaluation team visits campus (May 2011)



<http://dpb.cornell.edu/MiddleStates>

2011 Self-Study for Accreditation through Middle States

Accreditation Overview

Process and Timeline

Standards

Committees

Documentation

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[Institutional Research and
Planning](#)

Accreditation Overview

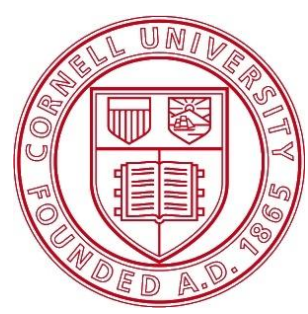
Cornell University has been accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education since 1921.

Cornell's accreditation status is up for renewal in 2011. The decennial process involves a comprehensive institutional self-study and a site visit by a team of external peers.

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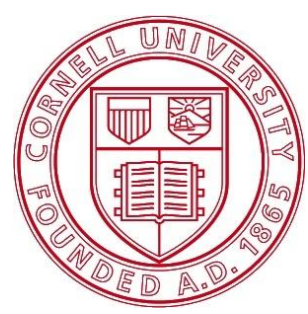
Accreditation in higher education is a process of external quality review to scrutinize colleges, universities and educational programs for quality assurance and quality improvement. Accreditation is a form of self-regulation in which colleges, universities, and programs have come together to develop standards, policies, and procedures for self-examination and evaluation by peers.

In the U.S., accreditation is carried out through private, nonprofit organizations designed for this specific purpose. Cornell is accredited through the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the accrediting agency for educational institutions in the mid-Atlantic region recognized by



By-Line Funding Process

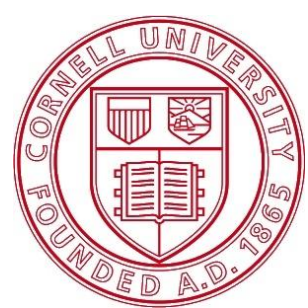
- Committee:
 - Asia Sikora (Policy Analysis)
 - Tom Balcerski (Graduate-History)
 - Anita Zhu (Engineering)
 - Steven Choi (Engineering)



By-Line Funding Process

Timeline:

- Oct. 1 - application reviewed, committee meets
- Oct. 5 – byline groups present to GPSA Advisory
- Oct. 7 & 8 – byline groups present to Appropriations Committee
- Oct. 19 – funding DRAFT presented to GPSA
- Nov. 2 – Slope Day presents to GPSA Advisory
- Nov. 16 – Final vote for funding



By-Line Funding Process

Current Funding Requests:

By-Line Group	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change from Prior Year
Athletics	6.00	7.00	1.00
Big Red Barn	7.00	7.00	0.00
Club Insurance	4.70	5.10	0.40
Cornell Cinema	11.00	11.75	0.75
Cornell Concert Commission	5.75	5.75	0.00
Cornell University Programming Board	3.55	3.55	0.00
EMS	1.30	1.76	0.46
Graduate Orientation	0.68	0.70	0.02
International Students Programming Board	1.51	2.04	0.53
Slope Day Programming Board	1.50	4.00	2.50
GPSA	2.76	3.50	0.74
GPSA Finance Commission	24.15	26.00	1.85
TOTAL	69.90	78.15	8.25

OVERALL ACTIVITY FEE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT ADVISORY MEETING



Department of Athletics & Physical Education Partnership with GPSA – 2010/11 and 2011/12



- **A&PE will provide:**

- Free Big Red Sports Pass for all graduate & professional students.
 - Provides graduate & professional students and their immediate families with free admission to all home athletic contests except Men's Ice Hockey.
- 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 2011/12.
- Access to physical education facilities and programs.
 - Fitness center, PE classes, intramurals, outdoor education activities, etc.

- **GPSA will provide:**

- Funding of \$7.00 per student per year.
 - Proposed \$1.00 increase would be the first increase in at least 10 years.
 - Further increase would not be requested through at least 2013/14.
 - Funding request is consistent with that made to the Student Assembly.



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Byline Funding Group Presentations: Cornell Cinema





*“Promoting International Understanding
and cultural awareness in Cornell”*

Purpose and Background

ISPB has served as an **umbrella group** for international and ethnic associations at Cornell University for over twenty years

ISPB consist of students from a **diverse background** committed to promoting dialogue and awareness about world events, cultures, and issues

Besides providing funding, ISPB also provides **support and advice** to various groups to help them plan and execute events

ISPB additionally hosts its own **events** to encourage involvements among students to help promote **international understanding** and **cultural awareness**. Our popular events include International Food Tasting, International Festival, Flag Painting and Mini World Cup

Budget Application Process

- Step 1:** Download Budget Application Form online
- Step 2:** Submit Application 14 days prior to event date
- Step 3:** Attend a Budget Hearing scheduled by ISPB
- Step 4:** ISPB will make a funding decision within the same day

Key regulations:

1. Each organization can be funded up to 2 events per semester
2. Events must be Open to the Cornell Community
3. Groups are not allowed to make profit from events funded by ISPB
4. ISPB do not fund events where the ticket sale goes directly to charity or donation purpose
5. The maximum that we fund will be kept at \$500 with a possible increment if the event attracts more than 500 people

Budget Hearing Process

1. Budget Hearing takes place every Sunday at 4.30pm
2. Typically 3 – 5 groups will be scheduled for each meeting
3. Each hearing takes place for about 10-15 minutes
4. ISPB will ask specific questions about groups' budget
5. ISPB may request for proofs if the costs do not seem right
6. ISPB will discuss the event, propose an appropriate funding decision and vote accordingly
7. If additional materials are requested, ISPB will postpone the funding decision
8. The VP of Finance will sent out funding decision after the hearing



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Byline Funding Group Presentations: Emergency Medical Service





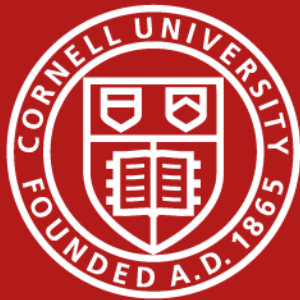
Election of Masters Engineering Seat:

If by the end of October no eligible candidate has been nominated, the seat shall become open to any student enrolled in any Master's Degree Program administered by the Graduate School (GPSA Charter Section IV.4-b(iv))



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- Welcome and Introductions
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- President David Skorton / Vice President Susan Murphy
- Dean Hubbell
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- Election of Masters Engineering Seat
- **Open Forum**



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Voting Council Meeting #2

19 October 2009



Agenda

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- Report and Resolution on Child Care Grants
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Cornell Entomologists Dance to Thriller
 October 17, 2009 — benheavner



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GPSAInfo: Well-rested after fall break?
 October 15, 2009 — gpsaatcornell

GPSAInfo Highlights: Thursday, October 15, 2009

1. Grad Night Out - Tonight!
2. TGIF at the BRB & Strategic Planning at Cornell
3. Go Big Red! Hockey Tickets Still Available for Grads and Spouses
4. Upcoming GPSA Meeting: Monday, October 19 at 5:30pm at the BRB

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Vice President Operations Update

- Committee Reports are due to Brian by **10/31/09**
(emails went out last week)
- GPSA Ad-Hoc Committee on Graduate Mental Health
- GPSA Committee List-Serv: Will send Open Forum comments to these committees to focus GPSA business
- CALS Dean Search:
~10 grad students are meeting with the Search Committee:
October 26th, 2009 **10:15-11:00am** **316 Day Hall**



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Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

The Office of the Assemblies now **closes daily from 12:15p to 1p.**

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

GPSA News

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The second Voting Body meeting of the GPSA will be held on October 19th, 2009 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm in the Big Red Barn Greenhouse. We will be continuing our discussion of the Graduate Professional Student Activity Fee. All graduate &



About the Assembly

[GPSA](#) represents nearly 6,000 graduate & professional students at Cornell to improve student life. We also set the Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee. Check out some of our [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](#). Represent your field on the GPSA Advisory Board. Run for a seat on the Assembly. Come to one of our [meetings](#).



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Ivy Summit 2009
October 9-11, 2009





R.2 Regarding the Reduction in Maximum Individual Funding for Cornell Students with Children and the Graduate Student Response

Whereas the Fiscal-Year 2009-2010 Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Childcare Grant maximum available individual funding is set tentatively at \$1500 with the last two funding cycles set at \$5000;

Whereas the reduction in funding is not due to a direct cut, but rather the transfer of the Grant's administration from the Office of Human Resources to the Graduate School and the Provost's Office reinstated the existing, but not enforced, maximum individual funding of \$1500;

Whereas the Childcare Grant is a unique assistantship program for Graduate and Professional Students with Children among our Peer Ivy League Institutions;

Whereas the Graduate and Professional Student Community (hereafter referred to as the GPSC) composed and circulated a letter entitled "Reduction in Child Care Grant 09/10 for Students with Children" addressed to the Cornell University's President Skorton, outlining and addressing the benefits of the initial Childcare Grant Program and the impacts of the Grant's alteration;



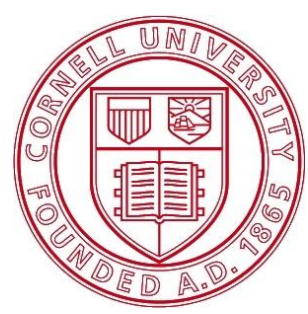
Whereas the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (hereafter referred to as the GPSA) serves as an official advocacy link between the Graduate and Professional Student Community and Cornell University's Administration as empowered in Article 2.01 of the GPSA Charter;

Be it therefore resolved that the GPSA submit with this resolution and publish on the GPSA website the letter "Reduction in Child Care Grant 09/10 for Students with Children" supporting the re-evaluation of the child care grant allocation, as suggested by the constituents that are affected, fulfilling the requirements of Article 2.01.b of the GPSA Charter;

Be it further resolved that the efforts of Cornell University's Administration to provide balanced and constructive assistance to the GPSC with Children be formally recognized;

Be it further resolved that GPSA Student Advocacy Committee be tasked with maintaining communication between Cornell University's Administration and the GPSC with Children fulfilling the requirements of Article 6.04.g of the GPSA Charter;

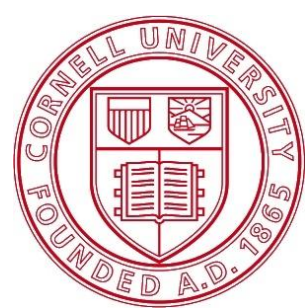
Be it finally resolved that this resolution be sent to David Skorton, President of Cornell University; Kent Fuchs, Cornell University Provost; Kent Hubbell, Dean of Students; Alison Power, Dean of the Graduate School; and Brenda Marston, Cornell Childcare Services Subcommittee Chair.



By-Line Funding Process

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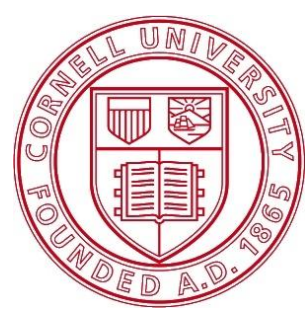
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By-Line Funding Requests

Current Funding Requests:

By-line Group	Prior By-Line Request	2010-2012 Request	Change in Dollars	% Change
Athletics	6.00	7.00	1.00	17%
Big Red Barn	7.00	7.00	0.00	0%
Club Insurance	4.70	5.10	0.40	9%
Cornell Cinema	11.00	11.75	0.75	7%
Cornell Concert Commission	5.75	5.75	0.00	0%
Cornell University Programming Board	3.55	3.55	0.00	0%
EMS	1.30	1.77	0.47	36%
Graduate Orientation	0.68	0.70	0.02	3%
International Students Programming Board	1.51	1.46	(0.05)	-3%
Slope Day Programming Board	1.50	4.00	2.50	167%
GPSA	2.76	3.50	0.74	27%
GPSA Finance Commission	24.25	26.00	1.75	7%
TOTAL	70.00	77.58	7.58	11%



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Activity Fee Voting Procedure (per group)

Appropriations Recommendation

YES

You agree with the recommendation (we do not consider the TOTAL activity fee sum at this time)

NO

- (a) You do not agree with the recommendation but feel group should receive byline funding
- (b) You do not agree that group should receive byline funding

Requires Simple Majority to pass.

If majority vote is NO, Appropriations comes up with a new Recommendation

Next meeting, re-vote occurs. If NO again, group loses byline funding for 2010-2012.

Any group losing byline funding is eligible again for 2012-2014



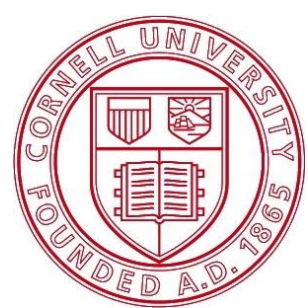
Activity Fee Voting Procedure (continued)

Considering all the byline groups that received the majority of YES votes, we now consider the Activity Fee as a whole.

You can then request “amendments” to the funding a particular group receives.
Requires Simple Majority. Charter Rules previously stated still apply

Activity Fee must pass with 2/3 vote from SEATED VOTING MEMBERS.

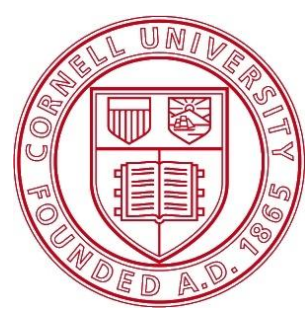
If we fail to pass an Activity Fee by the end of the semester, the activity fee will revert back to the 2008-2010 activity fee (currently @ \$70.00)



Recommendation Summary

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Next Steps

Call to Vote Today:

- BRB
- Club Insurance
- Cornell Concert Commission
- CUPB
- Grad Orientation
- International Students Programming Board
- GPSA

Discussion Only Today:

- Cornell Cinema
- Athletics
- EMS
- Slope Day

TBD

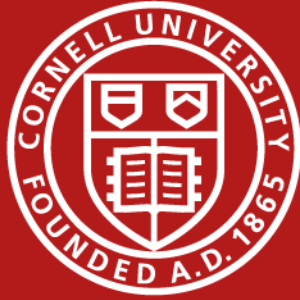
- GPSA FC → 35% rule



Line Item Votes (as of 10/19/09)

By-Line	YES	NO
Athletics *		
Big Red Barn	X	
Cinema	X	
Club Insurance	X	
Concert Commission	X	
CUPB	X	
EMS *		
GPSA	X	
Grad Orientation	X	
ISPB	X	
Slope Day *		
GPSA FC	X	

** = not voted on at
voting meeting*



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Discussion Meeting of the Advisory Body #3

November 2nd, 2009



Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
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GPSA Fall 2009 Survey

October 26, 2009 — Cornell GPSA Account

The GPSA wants YOUR opinion! Just a few minutes of your time, will help us learn more about how the GPSA can better serve you this year! This survey includes timely questions on the Activity Fee, TGIF at the BRB, Events and Sustainability issues. There are about 30 questions in all.

[Take the GPSA Fall Survey Now!](#)

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GPSA VPO & GPSA Meetings

October 22, 2009 — bmforster

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Brian Forster. I am currently the Vice President of Operations for the GPSA and one of the three executive officers for the GPSA this year. I am a Biological Sciences Representative & serve on the President's Alcohol & Other Drugs Committee. I oversee the appointments of graduate & professional students onto university committees.

It was recently suggested to me by fellow graduate students that we try to increase awareness & participation of the GPSA by setting up a form of webcast so people interested in "attending" the meeting, but unable to, could watch online. Anyone have any thoughts or suggestions on how we can go about this??

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GPSA Fall 2009 Survey

Graduate Student Demographic Data

Please tell us a little about bit about yourself. All of these questions are optional, but they will give us a better idea of who our audience is.

1. Filling in this information will help us learn more about you.

Name:

Age:

Field:

Building(s) you spend the most time in on campus:

Expected graduate date:

Family/Lifestyle type:

Single, Dating, Married
w/kids, Married w/o kids

Where do you live? e.g.

Lower Collegetown, Fall
Creek, etc.

Where are you from originally?

What's your Net ID (for unique response purposes):



GPSA Logo Design Competition

Show us those design skills and flaunt your creative side!

GPSA is looking to update its look this year, to unify web presence as well as for GPSA Merch. Some of the themes we have embraced this year include: Participation, Sustainability, and Diversity. We are looking for a logo that reflects these values, setting us apart. The GPSA Communications committee invites all students to submit their work!

Deadline: Monday, November 30th. Use: dropbox.cornell.edu and send files to eg357. For more information contact Ben Heavner: bdgh32, Jamie Guillory: jeg258 or Erica Gutierrez: eg357



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Events Committee Update

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Party like its \$19.99 (Recession joke!..too soon??)

November 2, 2009 — Srich

The Events Committee 2009-2010 would like to welcome everyone to our first blog posting. As many of you know, our committee is given a substantial portion of the internal GPSA budget. However a full 100% of the budget this year will be allocated towards the very popular Grad Ball on April 23rd, 2010 (mark your calendars!). This is due to a predicted decline in co-sponsorships from various colleges across campus. As a means of overcoming this we are considering a price increase of \$2 per ticket, i.e. \$15 per ticket. Please let us know your opinions on this matter by commenting on our blog post.

At this years Ivy Summit conference, we were quite startled to learn that the budgets of other Ivy league Events Committees are sometimes upwards of 10 times the amount we receive. So in order to provide great events at a very economical (i.e. free) cost, we will continue to coordinate Grads Night Out at least once a month. A primary goal of this years Events Committee is to provide a wide variety of events. As such we are considering hosting events where we charge for entrance in order to cover our costs. For example, we could host another semi-formal in november, organize a subsidized ski trip to Greek Peak, co-ordinate a wine tour, rock climbing, ice skating...the list goes on. Again, please let us know what type of social events you would like to see us host and any other thoughts on those that we already provide. More specific questions can be found on the GPSA survey which we strongly recommend you to take at this link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rG9qRmk8iUbb5sOLYJ6AZg_3d_3d

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Cornell Cinema allocation from the Student Assembly

October 30, 2009 — [bmforster](#) | [Edit](#)

If you have not had a chance to read about the (undergraduate) Student Assembly's recommendation to give Cornell Cinema \$8.60 of their activity fee, there are 3 articles in the Daily Sun you should read!

-[October 29th Story](#) (following the SA Appropriation Committee Recommendation)

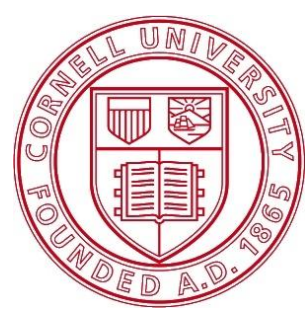
-[October 30th Story](#) (following the SA Appeals Meeting)

-[November 2nd Story](#) (Response to the SA Recommendation)

Possibly related posts: (automatically generated)

- [Cornell Daily Sun Article re: Cornell Cinema](#)
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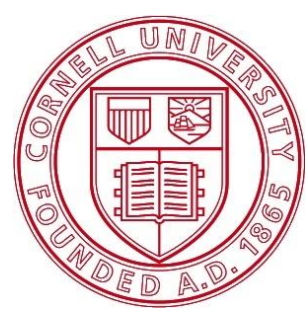
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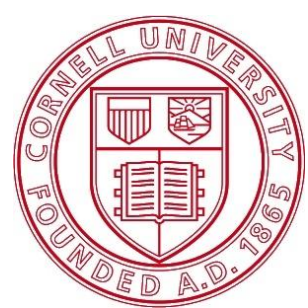


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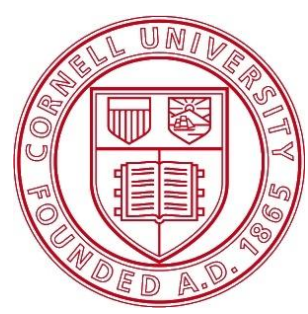


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Groups in red already received initial YES vote in approval of the recommendation



Break-out sessions to discuss Activity Fee

*Groups lead by the GPSA Appropriations
Committee:*

- Dave Walden (JGSM)
- Asia Sikora (Policy Analysis)
- Tom Balcerski (History)
- Anita Zhu (Engineering)
- Steven Choi (Engineering)



Lights Off, Cornell!

- A study of Rockefeller Hall revealed around \$300/month in electricity costs from not turning lights off at night
- With over 260 buildings on campus, it is likely other buildings are also wasting electricity in this manner
- Many buildings have lights left on at night, often intentionally
- Estimated \$60,000/year could be saved by turning off lights in classrooms alone
- Let us know if the buildings in your department waste electricity at night: <http://gpsaatcornell.wordpress.com/2009/10/21/lights-off-cornell/>



Whereas, Cornell University is committed to reducing expenditures on campus both financially and environmentally through the Cornell Climate Action Plan;

Whereas, while some lighting on campus is necessary as a night time security measure, lighting in unused classrooms, bathrooms, and hallways at night can be both inefficient and unnecessary;

Whereas, in a pilot study on Rockefeller Hall for the month of September, the energy usage was reduced by \$800 dollars compared to the average from the 4 previous years;

Whereas, savings of up to \$300 per month per building can be made by eliminating excess lighting, corresponding to 250 kg of carbon dioxide emissions. This adds up to an estimated \$60,000 of gross annual savings;

Whereas, the GPSA formed an Ad- hoc Sustainability Committee in the Fall of 2009 to allow graduate and professional students to work on the issues of sustainability;



Be it therefore resolved, that the University investigates the use of lights on campus and looks into ways to reduce lighting usage when and where appropriate;

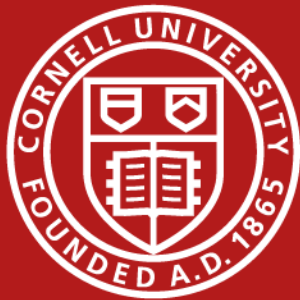
Be it further resolved, that the GPSA endorse the attached letter to be sent to President Skorton on behalf of the SA Environmental Committee and GPSA Ad-hoc Sustainability Committee.

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Voting Council Meeting #3

16 November 2009



The GPSA will follow STRICT Parliamentary Procedure this evening

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"Seems like the eyes have it."



AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- **Approval of the Minutes**
- Updates: Executive / GPSA Committees
- Yes/No votes for: EMS, Athletics & Slope Day
- Resolution R.3: GPS Activity Fee Resolution
- Resolution R.4: Lights Off Cornell (if time remains)

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Reimagining Cornell

GPSA Reps to Provost Advisory Committee:

-Nighthawk Evensen, Ben Heavner, Leon Schneider, Chris Clarke

Provost Fuchs & Professor Ed Lawler: 2/1/10 Advisory Mtg

20 Task Force Reports (located in Day Hall):

-GPSA members to review the reports & fill out questionnaire

-Any graduate student can read Task Force Reports

-Information (& questionnaire) posted on GPSA@Cornell

Provost Task Force Forums:

-Dates are posted on GPSA@Cornell & on Facebook Pages

Reimagine Cornell Task Force Reports

November 10, 2009 — Cornell GPSA Account

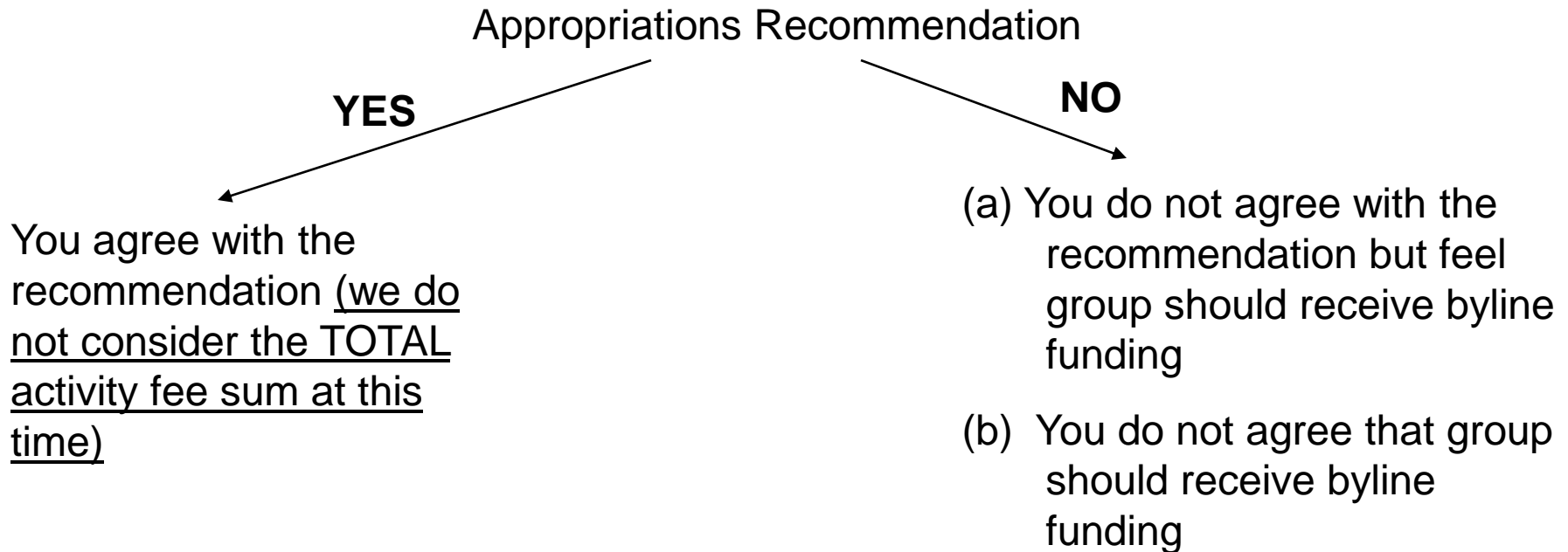


AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of the Minutes
- **Updates: Executive / GPSA Committees**
- Yes/No votes for: EMS, Athletics & Slope Day
- Resolution R.3: GPS Activity Fee Resolution
- Resolution R.4: Lights Off Cornell (if time remains)



Activity Fee Voting Procedure (per group)



Requires Simple Majority to pass.

If majority vote is NO, Appropriations comes up with a new Recommendation

Next meeting, re-vote occurs. If NO again, group loses byline funding for 2010-2012.

Any group losing byline funding is eligible again for 2012-2014



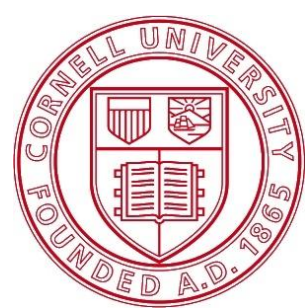
Activity Fee Voting Procedure (continued)

Considering all the byline groups that received the majority of YES votes, we now consider the Activity Fee as a whole.

You can then request “amendments” to the funding a particular group receives.
Requires Simple Majority. Charter Rules previously stated still apply

Activity Fee must pass with 2/3 vote of PRESENT , NON-ABSTAINING MEMBERS.

If we fail to pass an Activity Fee by the end of the semester, the activity fee will revert back to the 2008-2010 activity fee (currently @ \$70.00)



Recommendation Summary

Current Funding Requests:

By-line Group	Prior By-Line Request	2010-2012 Request	Recommendation
Athletics	6.00	7.00	7.00
Big Red Barn	7.00	7.00	7.00
Club Insurance	4.70	5.10	5.10
Cornell Cinema	11.00	11.75	11.30
Cornell Concert Commission	5.75	5.75	5.75
Cornell University Programming Board	3.55	3.55	3.55
EMS	1.30	1.77	1.77
Graduate Orientation	0.68	0.70	0.70
International Students Programming Board	1.51	1.46	1.46
Slope Day Programming Board	1.50	4.00	2.82
GPSA	2.76	3.50	2.95
GPSA Finance Commission	24.25	26.00	26.60
TOTAL	70.00	77.58	76.00



Line Item Yes/No Votes (as of 10/19/09)

By-Line	YES	NO	
Athletics			Not voted yet
Big Red Barn	7.00		
Cinema	11.30		
Club Insurance	5.10		
Concert Commission	5.75		
CUPB	3.55		
EMS			Not voted yet
GPSA	2.95		
Grad Orientation	0.70		
ISPB	1.46		
Slope Day			Not voted yet
GPSA FC	26.60		



TONIGHT'S Yes/No Votes

By-Line	YES	NO
Athletics	7.00	
EMS	1.77	
Slope Day	2.82	

Running Activity Fees for Resolution R.3

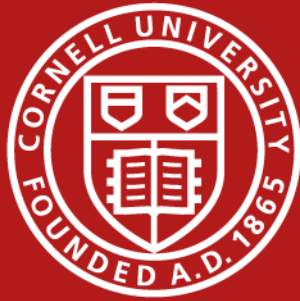
By-line Group	Prior	Request	Recommend	Amendment	Amendment	Amendment	Amendment
Athletics	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00		
Big Red Barn	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00		
Club Insurance	4.70	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10		
Cornell Cinema	11.00	11.75	11.30	9.35	11.05		
CCC	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75		
CUPB	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55		
EMS	1.30	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77		
Graduate Orientation	0.68	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70		
ISPB	1.51	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46		
Slope Day	1.50	4.00	2.82	4.00	3.07		
GPSA	2.76	3.50	2.95	2.95	2.95		
GPSAFC	24.15	26.00	26.60	27.37	26.60		
TOTAL	69.90	77.58	76.00	76.00	76.00	0.00	0.00
*Total change in dollar amount:			6.10	6.10	6.10	-69.90	-69.90
Amendment Called for by:				Evensen	Forster		
	GPS AF						
	68.00	23.80					
	70.00	24.50					
	72.00	25.20					
35% of total fee	74.00	25.90					
	76.00	26.60					
	78.00	27.30					



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Join GPSA members at the Statler Hotel Bar to celebrate the Activity Fee





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Discussion Meeting of the Advisory Body #4

December 7th, 2009



Harold Lloyd
Safety Last!
(1923)

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Reimagining Cornell

GPSA Reps to Provost Advisory Committee:

- Nighthawk Evensen, Ben Heavner, Leon Schneider,
Chris Clarke, Jason Beekman

Provost Fuchs & Professor Ed Lawler: 2/1/10 Advisory Mtg

20 Task Force Reports (located in Day Hall):

- Information (& questionnaire) posted on GPSA@Cornell
- Any graduate student can read Task Force Reports**
- Letter to be sent to Provost Fuchs following tonight's meeting.

**GPSA ReImagine Cornell Task Force Presentation
To be held in JANUARY 2010**

Provost Task Force Forums:

- Dates are posted on GPSA@Cornell & on Facebook Pages



University Committee Reports Feedback Requests:

Slope Day: Travis Chapin (tkc24@cornell.edu)

ANY issue- contact him!

UA Sustainability: Fred Cowett (frediana@earthlink.net)

Opinions on the natural gas extraction from Marcellus Shale

Codes & Judicial: Ethan Warsh (epw37@cornell.edu)

discussion about how to address the perceived need for a discrimination clause in the Campus Codes of Conduct

Information Technology: Christoffer Heckman (crh94@cornell.edu)

New hostnames for office-assigned IP addresses all have the user's NetID in them.



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GPSA Logo Design Competition





BYOMug to TGIF Other Possible GPSA Merch



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Other Communications Updates

- **Establishing Communication with DGS**
- **Plan to Create Profiles for GPSA Representatives**
- **GPSA Info (Ashwana Fricker – adf27)**
- **Maintaining Blog, Facebook, Website**



Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee Update

Working Procedures

- Promote sustainable behavior through education and information dissemination to the student community
- Chaired by a voting member of the GPSA
- Membership from sustainability and environmental committees
- Liaisons to sustainability and environmental groups
- Increase dialogue to the university administration
- Become a permanent committee of GPSA



Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee Projects

TGIF goes Cupless

- Eliminate plastic cups
- Reusable mugs with GPSA logo
- Coordinate this change with BRB manager
- Financial support from GPSA and the Graduate School

Light off, Cornell

- Pilot program by Jolyon Bloomfield
- Program of Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee



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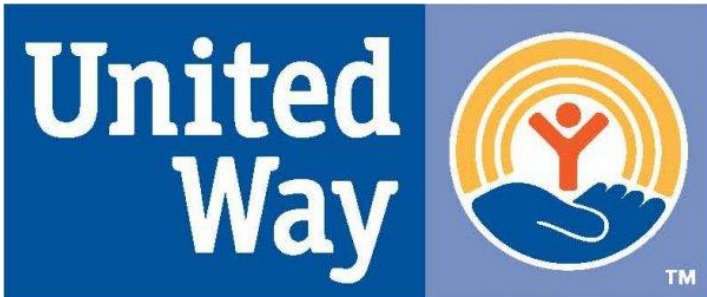
Grads Night Out: Live United @ Level B Thursday, December 10th @ 9pm



Level B will be generously donating to the United Way cause and additionally will be pledging \$1 per drink ordered before 11pm

*****DRINK SPECIALS*****

- \$2 Pints Miller Lite or Yuengling until 11PM
- \$3 Big Soco-Lime Shots
- \$4 Giant Heineken 24oz Cans
- \$4 Svedka or Skyy Vodka Drinks
- \$2 Shot Special





Grads Movie Night: Cornell Cinema - WSH

Friday, December 11th @ 9:30pm

 *cornell cinema*

Playing on

- Friday, December 4,
9:20, WSH
- Saturday, December 5,
7:15, WSH
- Monday, December 7,
7:15, WSH
- Tuesday, December 8,
9:20, WSH
- Wednesday, December
9, 7:15, WSH
- Friday, December 11,
9:30, WSH
- Saturday, December
12, 7:15, WSH

UNMADE BEDS



directed by Alexis Dos Santos
with Fernando Tielve, Déborah François, Michiel Huisman

"A youthful movie made by, about, and largely for youthful hipsters, Alexis Dos Santos's **Unmade Beds** is an ambitious neo-new wave portrait of wayfaring Europeans looking for love and identity in the bohemian nooks of East London. With its inventive mix of freeze frames, eclectic music, and soft-focus gossamer images - beautifully shot in HD and Super 8 film - **Unmade Beds** revels in its art-pop sensibility, bursting with the spirit of Jean-Luc Godard and Wong Kar-wai. Told as two interweaving stories, **Unmade Beds** alternates between the daffily tender tale of a wild-haired, frequently drunk Spaniard, Axl (**The Devil's Backbone's** Fernando Tielve, all grown up and likeably dazed and confused), searching for his long-lost British father, and the emo-inflected travails of heartbroken French fille, Vera (**The Page Turner's** Déborah François).



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*Cornell's Schwartz Center for
the Performing Arts presents*
**It's A Wonderful Life:
A Live Radio Play**
Saturday December 12, 2009
7:30pm

*A portion of the proceeds will benefit
the United Way of Tompkins County*

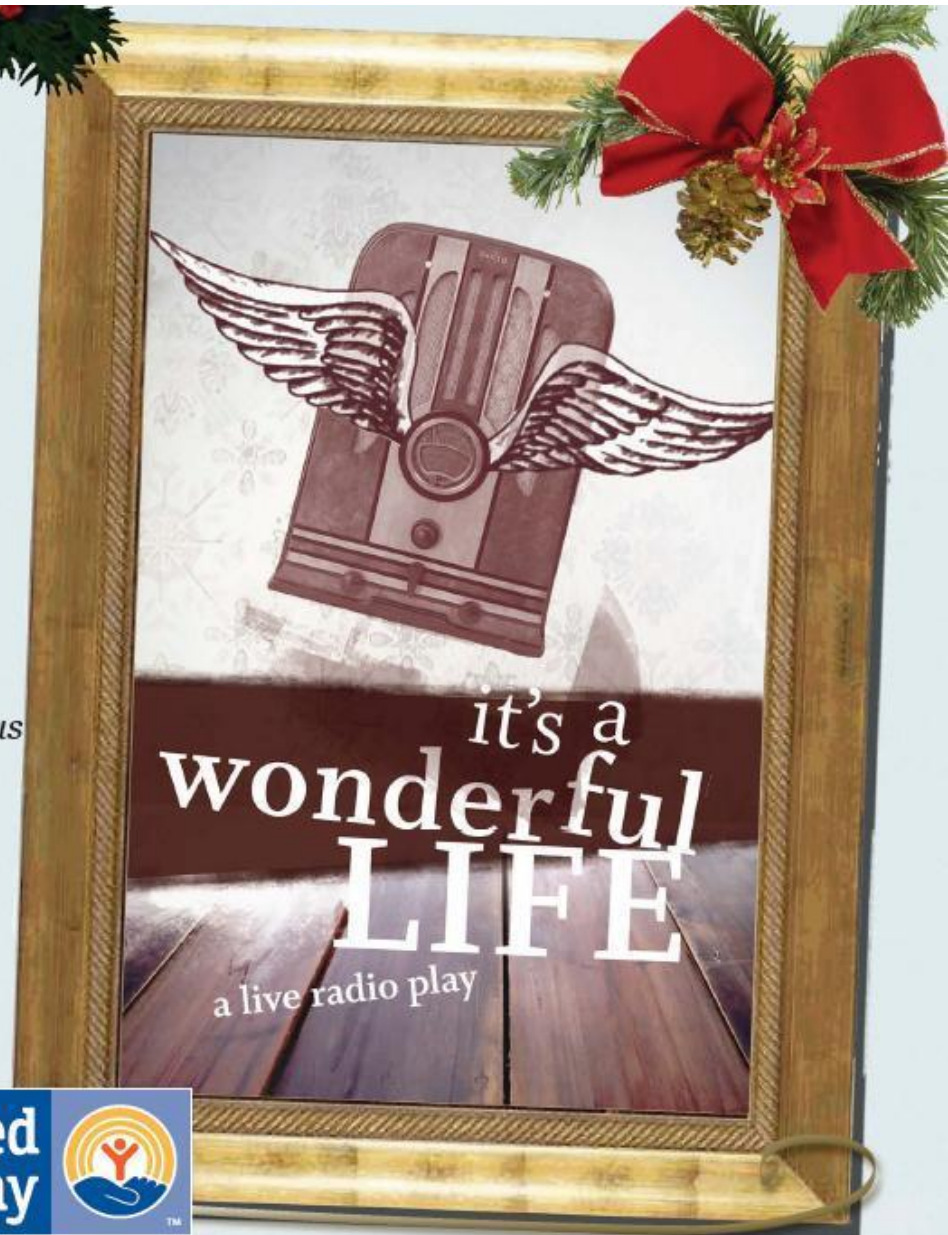
*Pre-show caroling with Trumansburg Community Chorus
& Newfield High School Chorus*

Tickets: \$8 for students/seniors, \$10 general

**Tickets available at the
Schwartz Center Box Office**

430 College Avenue; 12:30-5:30pm

254-ARTS or schwartztickets.com



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Way**





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The Need Is Now

It is easy to get wrapped up in the heavy demands of our every day responsibilities and look past the ever-present, annual United Way Campaign.

When we asked for your feedback in January, we wanted to know what prompts Cornellians to contribute to the United Way Campaign.

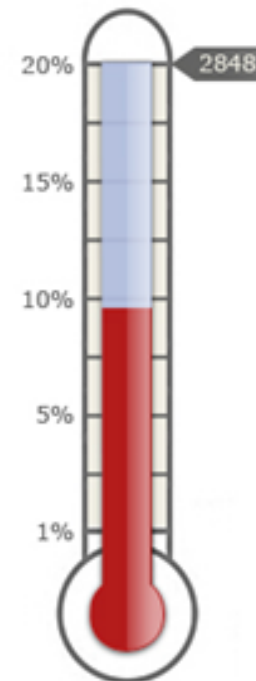
You told us [why you help](#) and let us know what it is that makes you fill out a pledge card each year.

The Cornell faculty, staff and students have demonstrated true giving spirit, and helped achieve record breaking contributions.

Thank you for your feedback, and thanks for supporting United Way

[Donate Online](#) or [Download a pledge card](#)

Our Goal: 20% = 2848



- [See our progress](#)
- [Donate online](#)



R.4: Lights Off Cornell

Whereas, Cornell University is committed to reducing expenditures on campus both financially and environmentally through the Cornell Climate Action Plan supported by the Concurrent Assemblies Resolution; and

Whereas, the University Assembly recently resolved to "Promote Energy Efficiency at Cornell by establishing a Revolving Loan Fund for Energy Efficiency and a Small Energy Project Fund" sponsored by the University Sustainability Committee; and

Whereas, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) formed an Ad-hoc Sustainability Committee in the Fall of 2009 to allow graduate and professional students to work on the issues of sustainability; and

Whereas, while some lighting on campus is necessary as a night time security measure, lighting in unused classrooms, bathrooms, and hallways at night can be both inefficient and unnecessary; and

Whereas, in a pilot study on Rockefeller Hall for the month of September, the energy usage was reduced by \$800 dollars compared to the average from the 4 previous years, corresponding to a 12% decrease in electricity costs; and

Whereas, savings of up to \$300 per month per building can be made by eliminating excess lighting, corresponding to 250 kg of carbon dioxide emissions. This adds up to an estimated \$60,000 of gross annual savings



Be it therefore resolved, that the University investigate the use of lights on campus and look into ways to reduce lighting usage when and where appropriate.

Be it further resolved, that the GPSA endorse the creation of a task force that be jointly run by the SA Environmental Committee and GPSA Ad-hoc Sustainability Committee to assist in carrying out the goals of this resolution, and that this task force present a proposal to the Student Assembly (SA) and the GPSA by the end of January 2010.

Be it further resolved, that the GPSA endorse the attached letter to be sent to President Skorton on behalf of the SA Environmental Committee and GPSA Ad-hoc Sustainability Committee.

Be it finally resolved that this resolution be sent to David Skorton, President of Cornell University; Daniel Roth, Campus Sustainability Coordinator for the Office of Environmental Compliance; Tim Fahey and Kyu-Jung Whang, Co-Chairs of the Climate Commitment Implementation Committee; Kent Hubbell, Dean of Students; and Alison Power, Dean of the Graduate School.



Review of Resolution R.3: 2010-2012 Activity Fee

By-Line	Prior	Request	Approved
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Concert Comm.	\$5.75	\$5.75	\$5.75
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TOTAL	\$69.90	\$77.58	\$76.00



NEXT STEPS following the vote on R.3:

- (1) Resolution R.3 with letter explaining the reasoning for the allocations has been transmitted to President Skorton for approval.
- (2) GPSA Appointed Representatives to Slope Day have been meeting with the Slope Day Programming Board
- (3) Continue to work with Cornell Cinema
- (4) Continue to work with Athletics:
 - Athletics to explore summer hours
 - Direct any comments to Srich (sm443@cornell.edu)
- (5) Construction of a webpage for the activity fee:
 - Breakdown of the allocation by group
 - Explanation of the process
 - To answer the questions: what does my \$\$ go to for each group?
what do I get for paying the activity fee?



OPEN FORUM:

- (1) University Assembly Update
- (2) GCA Selection Process



Next Meetings:

RelImagine Cornell Task force Presentation: TBD

Voting Body: 1/25/2010

Good Luck!!

Final Papers

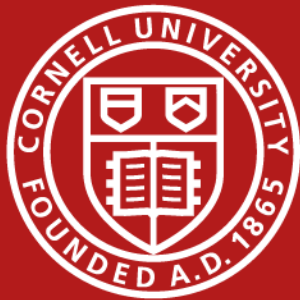
Final Exams

A-Exams

Q-Exams

B-Exams





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Special Session of the Voting Council

7 December 2009



GPSA Ad-hoc Committees (from GPSA Charter)

To increase efficiency and decrease duplication, every effort will be made to address perceived needs of graduate and professional school students through existing University Committees and other appropriate bodies first. When needs cannot be fulfilled through these channels, or when the GPSA feels additional study is needed, the GPSA may establish ad hoc committees as needed.

The Operations and Staffing Committee must request the approval by a majority vote of GPSA voting membership to establish the ad hoc committee.

Ad-hoc committee membership

- Shall consist of at least three members

- Shall have at least one member of the requesting standing committee

- Addition committee membership may be recommended by the requesting standing committee.



Request for approval by majority vote:

-GPSA Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee

Formed since large interest in University Sustainability committee

Requesting Committee: Operations & Staffing

Committee Chair: Erica Gutierrez (also serving as O&S member)

-GPSA Ad-Hoc Mental Health Committee

Formed due to Resolution R.6 from 2008-2009 GPSA Administration

Requesting Committee: Operations & Staffing

Committee Chair: Ed Miles (Brian Forster serving as O&S member)

-GPSA Ad-Hoc Committee on Data Collection and Analysis

Wishes to form due to interests in improving GPSA surveys & their analysis

Requesting Committee: Student Advocacy

Committee Chair: TBD (Mike Genkin serving as Advocacy member)