

Cornell University  
Graduate and Professional  
Student Assembly

**Discussion Meeting of the GPSA #1**

**August 30, 2010**



# Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- Background of the GPSA & Executive Updates
- Break-out Sessions
- Election of three Assembly Seats
- Ad-hoc committee formation
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# Meeting Schedule

## Discussion Meetings

Monday, 30 August 2010  
Monday, 4 October 2010 \*  
Monday, 1 November 2010 \*  
Monday, 29 November 2010

*WSH Memorial Room*

\* *TBD*

## Business Meetings

Monday, 13 September 2010  
Monday, 18 October 2010  
Monday, 15 November 2010  
*BRB Greenhouse*

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

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



# Changing the University Assembly Charter

1. A significant broadening of the UA's authority and a clearer mandate on both the UA and administrative units to consult with each other in developing new policy
2. Decreasing the overall size of the UA membership, and increasing the relative proportion of students and employees relative to faculty
3. Members of the Assembly and of its committees, including students, will serve two-year terms in nearly all cases
4. Leaders of constituent assemblies will become voting members of the UA ex-officio
5. Chairs of associated committees and managers of certain units closely tied to UA's authority would become non-voting members of the assembly, ex-officio



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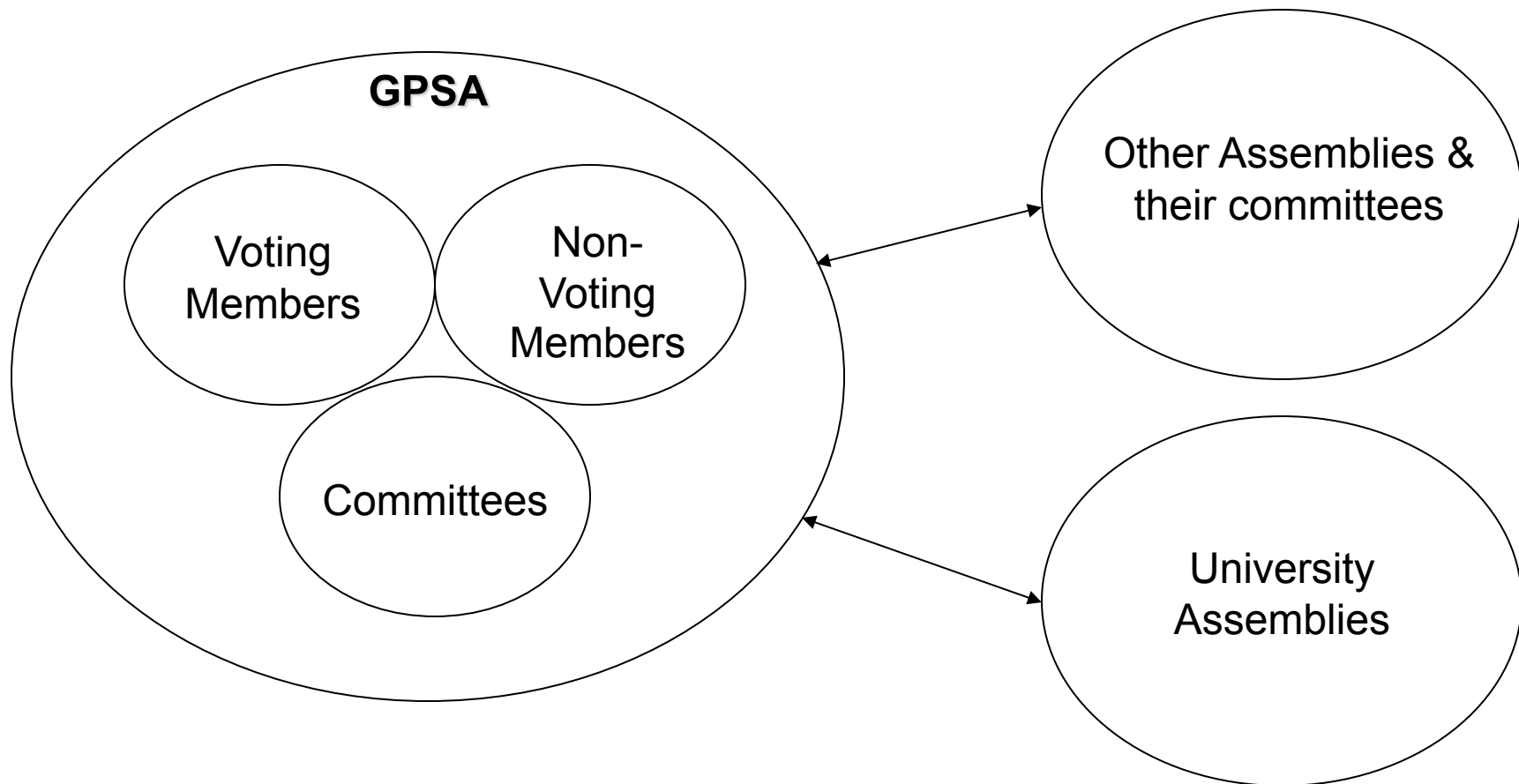
6. UA members would be able to serve and vote on UA committees and UA members would chair each committee
7. Committees and procedures of the Assembly would be specified in bylaws rather than the charter to improve adaptability
8. A new officer, the Vice Chair for Operations, would be charged to oversee and coordinate UA committees
9. The UA, through its Executive Board, would have the power to remove members from its committees
10. Authority has been removed in certain areas that are already governed by other parts of the assemblies system, notably academic matters (Faculty Senate) and CURW (SA and GPSA)

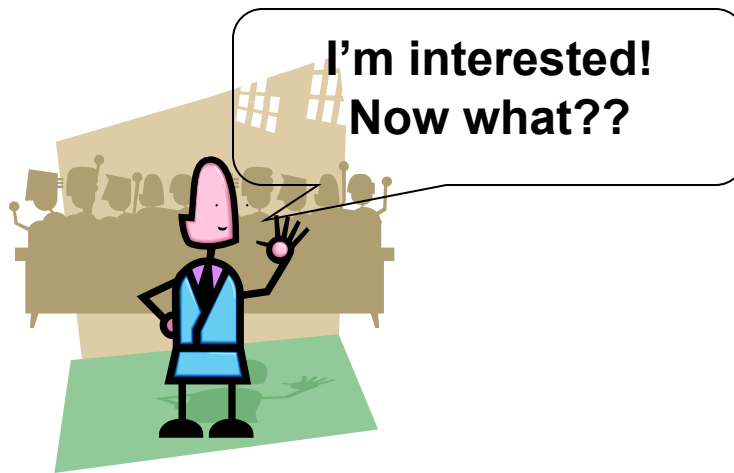


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**Operations & Staffing Committee**  
Tom Balcerski  
Vice President Operations

## Committee Appointments





You fill out a simple online application:

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

The Operations & Staffing Committee approves appointments

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

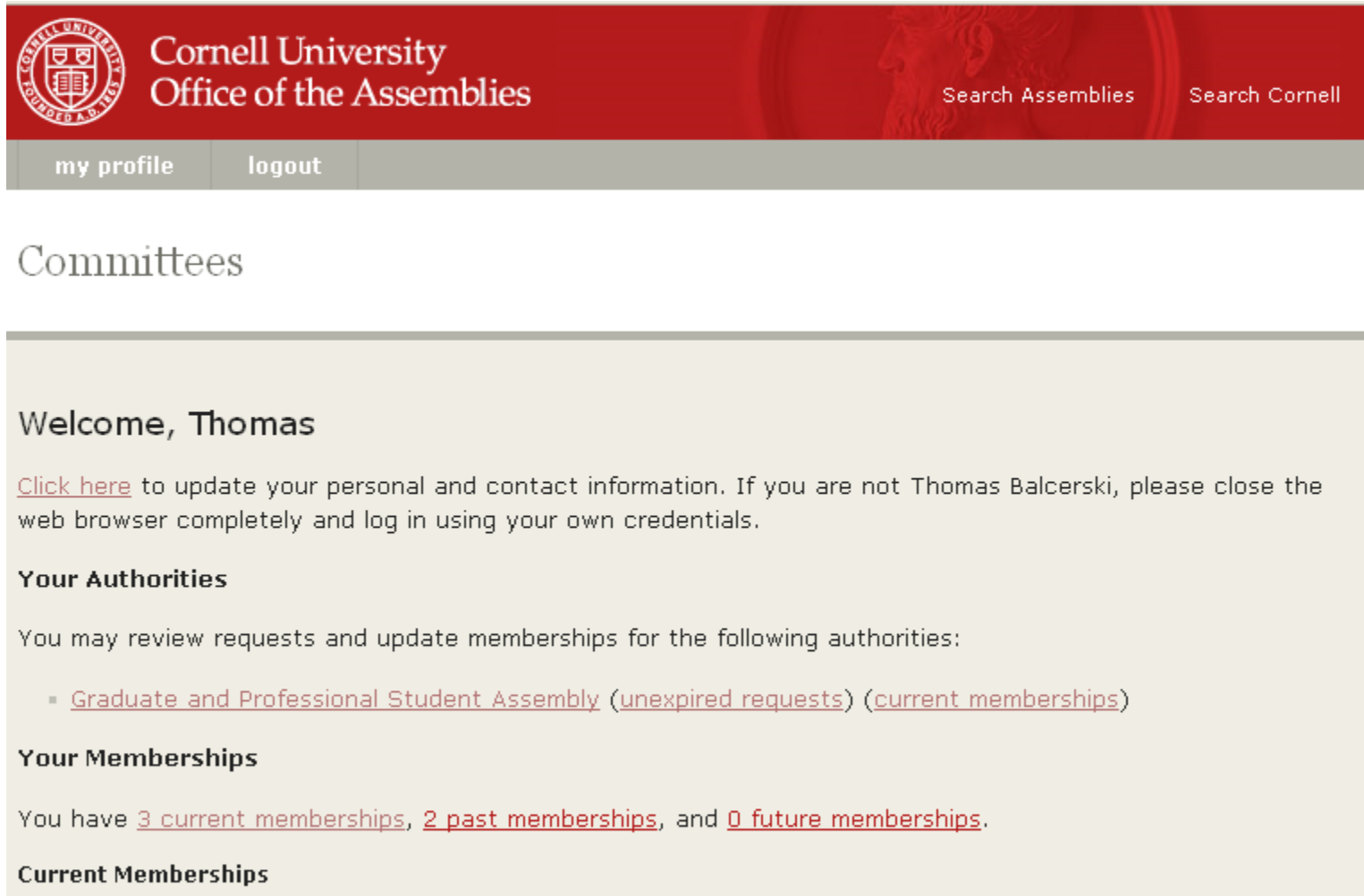
*You serve as a conduit:*

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



# How to Sign-up for (MOST) Committees:

1) Log on to <http://assembly.cornell.edu/staffing>



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Cornell University Office of the Assemblies website. It features the Cornell University logo on the left, the text "Cornell University Office of the Assemblies" in the center, and search buttons for "Search Assemblies" and "Search Cornell" on the right. Below the navigation bar is a grey bar with "my profile" and "logout" links. The main content area is titled "Committees" and contains a personalized welcome message for Thomas, a link to update personal information, and sections for "Your Authorities" and "Your Memberships".

**Committees**

Welcome, Thomas

[Click here](#) to update your personal and contact information. If you are not Thomas Balcerski, please close the web browser completely and log in using your own credentials.

**Your Authorities**

You may review requests and update memberships for the following authorities:

- [Graduate and Professional Student Assembly \(unexpired requests\)](#) ([current memberships](#))

**Your Memberships**

You have [3 current memberships](#), [2 past memberships](#), and [0 future memberships](#).

**Current Memberships**

## How to Sign-up for (MOST) Committees:

2) Search for the Committee(s) that interests you by clicking **Browse 35 Committees** OR renew old committees

Professional Student Assembly - Voting - Humanities	Professional Student Assembly - Voting Body	- 31 May 2011		2011				
Graduate and Professional Student Assembly - Vice President for Operations	Graduate and Professional Student Executive Committee, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly - Operations and Staffing Committee	1 Jun 2010 - 31 May 2011	1 Jun 2010	31 May 2011	Yes	<a href="#">Show</a>	Renew	

**Your Requests for Membership**

You have [0 current requests](#) and [0 expired requests](#).

You may browse [35 committees](#) and [0 positions](#) for which you are eligible to request membership.

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## 3) Browse Requestable Committees

Requestable committees for Thomas Balcerski

Name   « Previous 1 2 3 Next »


Name	Requestable?
Campus Planning Committee	<a href="#">Request</a> <a href="#">Show</a>
Faculty Senate - Academic Freedom and Professional Status of the Faculty (AFPS)	<a href="#">Request</a> <a href="#">Show</a>
Faculty Senate - Academic Programs and Policies Committee	<a href="#">Request</a> <a href="#">Show</a>
Faculty Senate - Advisory Committee on Athletics and Physical Education	<a href="#">Request</a> <a href="#">Show</a>
Faculty Senate - ROTC-University Relations Committee	<a href="#">Request</a> <a href="#">Show</a>
Faculty Senate - University Faculty Library Board	<a href="#">Request</a> <a href="#">Show</a>
Faculty Senate - University Lectures Committee	<a href="#">Request</a> <a href="#">Show</a>
General Committee of the Graduate School	<a href="#">Request</a> <a href="#">Show</a>
Graduate and Professional Student Assembly - Appropriations Committee	<a href="#">Request</a> <a href="#">Show</a>


# How to Sign-up for (MOST) Committees:


## 4) Click Request and fill out Application (ex: Advocacy)

**New request of Thomas Balcerski for Graduate and Professional Student Assembly - Student Advocacy Committee**

[Back](#)

Desired Start Date\*    
When is the earliest date you are interested in serving?

Desired End Date\*    
When is the latest date you are interested in serving?

Move to\*    
Select the position among your unexpired requests that reflects your level of preference for this committee or position.

Top priorities for committee\*

## How to Sign-up for (MOST) Committees:

5) After completing application, click Create Request



Please explain briefly why you are interested to serve on this committee.

Resume\*

You may optionally provide a resume (pdf only). This resume will appear in all your membership requests.

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## How to Sign-up for All Other Committees:

- If you are interested in joining a committee NOT on staffing page, please send an e-mail directly to

[gpsa-voperations@assembly.cornell.edu](mailto:gpsa-voperations@assembly.cornell.edu)

include relevant information as to your interest in the committee or position under consideration

**GOAL:**

**100% Graduate Positions on Committees Staffed**



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