

Graduate Researchers in Media and Performing Arts (GRMPA, formerly AGiT)

Constitution 2025-2026

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Mission:

GRMPA advocates the needs and coordinates the voices of graduate students within the field of Performing and Media Arts (PMA); provides a forum for those students that actively seeks to connect academic work with creative practice; and facilitates an ongoing conversation within PMA and across the Cornell campus about our own current work, new ideas, and movements in performance and media studies at large.

Goals:

-Facilitate communication between PMA graduate students and the PMA department, and greater Cornell campus.

-Organize and promote graduate-led creative and academic projects centered in the performing and media arts, including the Performing and Media Arts Presentation Series.

Membership

-The organization shall consist of graduate students of Cornell University who are interested in the purpose of the GRMPA and who shall be approved by the Officers.

-Members of registered student organizations must be registered, matriculated full-time students at their respective Cornell University campuses (i.e., Ithaca, Geneva, NYC Tech). Part-time students, non-matriculated students, students on a leave of absence, or students who are abroad may not serve as officers, eboard, and/or voting members of student organizations.

-Approval results through the completion of the membership form, which solely consists of stating the reason for interest.

-GRMPA complies with Cornell University Policy 6.4 of Prohibited Bias, Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual and Related Misconduct.

-The organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnic or national origin, citizenship and immigration status, color, sex/gender, pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions, age, creed, religion, actual or perceived disability (including persons associated with such a person), arrest and/or conviction record, military or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender expression and/or identity, an individual's genetic information, domestic violence victim status, familial status, marital status, and any other legally protected class when determining its membership. Notwithstanding these requirements, a sports club may restrict membership based on gender where selection for such clubs is based upon competitive athletic skill or the activity involved is a contact sport.

Organizations may also make requirements based on vocal range or quality which may result in a chorus or choruses of one or predominantly one gender. In determining cases of discrimination it is

not sufficient to look merely to the constitution of the organization. Its actual practices and operations are also relevant. This policy is also outlined in the Big Red Guidebook.

-The Officers reserve the right to remove any member (based on the unanimous decision of the Officers and Advisor) for the following grounds: Violation of rules and regulations outlined in the Cornell Student Policies and/or Student Code of Conduct; Failure to uphold the provisions of the constitution and bylaws; Does not act in the best interests of the organization and/or is engaged in activity jeopardizing the organization's existence.

Officers:

President – Isabel Padilla

Vice President – Andy Colpitts

Secretary/Treasurer – Kirstin Taylor

Advisor – Karen Jaime

Officer Responsibilities & Elections

-No individual shall hold a specific position as Officer for more than **five** semesters.

-Grounds for removal of an officer include: Violation of the rules and regulations outlined in the Student Code of Conduct; Failure to uphold the provisions of the constitution and bylaws

-Both elected and appointed officers shall be responsible for their duties as listed in this constitution. Each officer shall also establish and maintain a working relationship with the General Membership, Executive Board, and all other officers, advisors, chairs, committees, and staff necessary to perform their duties.

Officer Transitions: Each officer shall maintain a record of their position, including the office's budgets and activities, to provide to incoming officers following the elections. Outgoing officers shall also make every effort to assist in the transition process, including helping to ensure that incoming officers are aware of their responsibilities.

Advisor

-Any faculty or staff member at Cornell University capable of corresponding with the university in the official and legal matters of the GRMPA. However, University/Department advisors are assigned by the university/department to oversee an organization. In this case, the DGS of the Performing and Media Arts Department will serve as the advisor, unless otherwise noted.

-The advisor's responsibilities include: Attend general body and/or executive board meetings when needed; Meet regularly with the organization's President to stay updated and serve as a resource; Assist with the annual registration process; Assist with the funding process. Additional responsibilities are permitted, but need to be ratified*

-There is no limit to how long the advisor may hold the position, subject to the advisor acting in the organization's best interests, does not violate any Cornell University Policies or rules, and/or the Student Code of Conduct, and is not engaged in activity jeopardizing the organization's existence.

Constitution Amendment & Ratification

-This constitution shall take effect once it is uploaded to CampusGroups during the annual re-registration process.

-Ratification process: The constitution on file in CampusGroups is uploaded annually during the re-registration process and is valid until amendments are made.

-This constitution must be ratified annually and re-uploaded to the CampusGroups group file. The officers will propose any changes to the document before ratification to allow time for organization members to review it. These changes will be voted upon by all **GRMPA** who attend the meeting and must receive a majority vote.

-Any member may submit a written proposal to the President or Vice-President to amend at any time during the academic year. Submitted amendments will be voted upon at the next general body meeting.

-Any changes to the constitution must be shared with Campus Activities for review and approval of a revised constitution.