

Cornell University
University Assembly

Cornell University Student Assembly

Minutes of the Thursday, February 17, 2022 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM

IN PERSON | WILLARD STRAIGHT MEMORIAL ROOM

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. A. Ononye called the meeting to order at 4:53 PM (EST).
- b. Roll Call
 - i. *Members Present: J. Bansab, D. Cady, D. Eisman, A. Juan, A. Lampert, N. Reddy, K. Santacruz, L. Smith, M. Song, V. Valencia, A. Williams, A. Ononye, D. Hernandez, P. Gronemeyer, C. Tempelman, J. Kim*
 - i. *Members Absent: M. Baker, P. DaSilveira, A. Gleiberman, D. Ilango, J. Jiang, C. Leon, Y. Logan, M. Louis, L. Lu, B. Luckov, J. Mullen, N. Overton, E. Yan*
 - ii. *Also Present: Michael Ramsey, Patricia Loi*

II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoho:no (Cayuga Nation)

- a. President Ononye delivered the Land Acknowledgement.

III. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. A. Williams motioned to bring to the table R43: Proposed Charter Amendment To The Process of Conducting Referenda. Motion **passed** by a 2/3 vote of 10-4-0.
- b. J. Kim motioned to add nominations to the Office of Ethics to the agenda. V. Valencia seconded the motion. Motion **passed** by unanimous consent.

IV. Consent Agenda

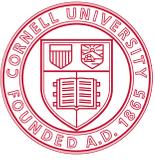
- a. Approval of meeting minutes
 - i. December 2nd, 2021 Minutes
 1. D. Eisman motioned to approve the minutes. Minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.
 - ii. February 17th, 2022 Minutes
 1. D. Eisman motioned to approve the minutes. Minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.

V. Open Microphone

- a. There were no speakers present at open microphone.

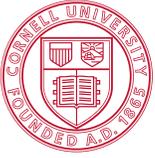
VI. Announcements and Reports

- a. Cornell's Academic Materials Program Presentation – P. Loi and M. Ramsey
 - i. M. Ramsey, Academic Materials Manager, presented on course materials and financial barriers.
 - ii. Cornell's recent task at hand is to provide course material at the best value for undergraduates while keeping them sustainable and inclusive. M. Ramsey



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- pointed to the University's Instant Access Program as a component in reducing cost while balancing textbook diversity to faculty.
- iii. M. Ramsey discussed current initiatives which included Instant Access, the Cornell Store, expansion of library offerings, and the transition to e-books.
 - iv. M. Ramsey presented recent trends in resource attainment by students such as using more digital options and choosing more affordable options.
 - v. M. Ramsey announced that beginning in fall 2022, all materials will be provided to undergraduates at the same flat rates by semester as part of the CAMP program, not including items that require physicality.
 1. The program cost will be fully covered for students receiving financial aid.
 2. The program will contain an opt-out system.
 - vi. M. Ramsey assured that this provides a more stable semester for students through predictable lower costs.
 1. The program facilitates accessibility through Canvas and expands technological resources.
 - vii. A. Juan asked if the number of books needed would impact the charge.
 1. M. Ramsey confirmed that it would be a flat fee, regardless of the number of books needed.
 2. The decision process to opt-out will be student based, depending on what their best optimizing option is.
 - viii. A. Juan inquired on if students would still have an option to opt-in into a single book.
 1. M. Ramsey stated that the digital options will exist, but it will not be a part of the campus program.
 - ix. L. Smith thanked M. Ramsey for the presentation then asked what the current Opt-Out rate is for Instant Access.
 1. M. Ramsey stated that it depends on how engaging the course materials are and how much the faculty incorporates them. M. Ramsey stated that there is currently a three-week opt-out period and there is a process for late opt-outs and affirmed that this will carry over into the new program.
 - x. M. Ramsey affirmed that they can be contacted at instantaccess@cornell.edu for any questions or concerns.
 - xi. P. Loi, as a senior in ILR, spoke to their opinion on the new program.
- b. D. Cady announced to the SA that the UA saw a resolution on the possibility of adding new pools. A new natatorium may be added to the Greater Good Program and D. Cady will bringing the resolution to the SA after it is passed by the UA.



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- c. D. Hernandez talked about the upcoming Medicaid workshop on March 9th from 5 PM to 6 PM (EST).
 - i. D. Hernandez also announced that the previous workshop on tax information went very well and there were around 30 students attending.
- d. P. Gronemeyer asked if the natatorium is a resolution that needs to visit all the assemblies or if they would like to simply voice their support for it.
 - i. D. Cady stated that in technicality no resolution needs to visit all the assemblies. The intention is that resolutions sent through multiple assemblies receives more attention from the president.
 - ii. D. Cady stated the benefits that the Welfare Committee brought forth regarding building a new natatorium.
 - iii. D. Cady furthermore added that if these adjustments are not made then Cornell may become the only Ivy or Ivy+ university without a similar facility.
 - iv. A. Ononye stated that if a resolution is passed unanimously then it supersedes the President's rule and goes to the Board of Trustees.
- e. A. Williams stated that there was a typo in the agenda.
 - i. A. Ononye motioned to amend the agenda by unanimous consent. D. Cady seconded the motion. The **amendment** passed by unanimous consent.

VII. Initiatives

- a. No initiatives were presented.

VIII. Presentations and Forums

- a. No presentations and forums were presented.

IX. Business of the Day

- a. Office of Ethics – Voting on P. DaSilveira's nominee Keira Gill.
 - i. D. Cady motioned to nominate K. Gill to the Office of Ethics. K. Santacruz seconded the motion. The nomination **passed** by a 2/3 vote of 14 – 0 – 1.
- b. D. Cady motioned to move R:44 up the agenda. The motion **passed**.
- c. Resolution 44: Commending the Service of Wendy Treat, Office of the Assemblies Senior Coordinator
 - i. A. Williams motioned to approve the resolution. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

X. Adjournment

- a. A. Ononye adjourned the meeting at 5:28 PM (EST).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jana Alzayer

Clerk of the Student Assembly