Cornell University Assembly
Agenda of the May 7, 2019 Meeting
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
224 Weill Hall

I. Call to Order
   a. Call to Order
   b. Welcome and Introduction
   c. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda

II. Approval of the Minutes
   a. 4-23-19 Minutes

III. Assembly and Committee Updates

IV. Presentation from the Judicial Codes Counselor

V. Business of the Day
   a. Resolution 4: Appointment of the University Hearing Board and University Review
      Board Members for Academic Year 2019-2020

VI. New Business
   a. Resolution 5: Creating an Ad Hoc Budget Planning Advisory Committee
   b. Resolution 6: Recognition of Outstanding Support to the AY 2019 Legislative
      Session
   c. Discussion on Letters from Committees of the University Assembly

VII. Executive Session: Internal Elections

VIII. Adjournment
I. Call to Order
   a. Call to Order
      i. M. Battaglia called the meeting to order at 4:34pm
   b. Roll Call:
      i. Present: J. Anderson, D. Barbaria, K. Barth, M. Battaglia, R. Bensel, L.
         Copman, D. Geisler, D. Hiner, R. Howarth, C. Van Loan, A. Viswanathan
      ii. Absent: I. Allen, V. Devatha, M. Hatch, L. Kenney, E. Loew, T. Onabajo, J.
         Pea, C. Wiggers, E. Winarto
II. The assembly did not have quorum at the beginning of the meeting. The assembly moved
    into new business. There were no late additions.
III. Approval of the Minutes
   a. 4-9-19 Minutes
      i. K. Barth moved to approve the meeting minutes. R. Bensel seconded the
         motion. There was no dissent. The minutes were approved by unanimous
         consent.
IV. New Business
   a. Resolution 4: Appointment of University Hearing Board and University Review
      Board Members for Academic Year 2019-2020
      i. D. Barbaria said that this resolution to appoint people to the UHRB
      ii. M. Battaglia moved to postpone the approval of the resolution to the next
           meeting. There was no dissent. The vote on the resolution was postponed
           until the next meeting.
   b. Campus Code of Conduct Discussion
      i. The assembly lost quorum again and resumed discussion of the Campus
         Code of Conduct.
      ii. M. Battaglia said that the updates and revisions to the Campus Code of
           Conduct should be finalized by the end of this academic year. He said that it
           is likely that the Assembly will need to schedule another meeting to address
           matters concerning the Campus Code of Conduct.
iii. J. Anderson said that, in President Pollack’s email, there are several things mentioned in the code that are not changed in the Campus Code of Conduct proposed by the Codes and Judicial Committee.

iv. L. Copman said that she feels that President Pollack has a different expectation of this process, in that it seems she is expecting more community input.

v. C. Van Loan said that the Assembly needs to move away from the idea of “ownership” of the Campus Code of Conduct and let others that have the ability help to revise it.

vi. R. Bensel said that once D. Barbaria and M. Battaglia leave, a lot institutional knowledge of the Campus Code of Conduct will leave with them. He said that he agrees with C. Van Loan. He said that a lot of important issues have not been discussed by the Codes and Judicial Committee.

vii. R. Howarth said that he is inclined to agree with C. Van Loan. He said that it makes sense to try something along the lines with what C. Van Loan is saying.

The meeting materials and the full audio recording can be found on the website of the Office of the Assemblies at https://assembly.cornell.edu/meetings/cornell-university-university-assembly-meeting-04232019-0430pm-0600pm?field_committee_name_target_id=19787&field_cycle_tid=62

V. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Terrill Malone
Clerk of the Assembly
U.A. Resolution # 4

Appointment of University Hearing Board and
University Review Board Members for Academic Year
2019-2020

April 23, 2019

Sponsored by: Dale Barbaria, Undergraduate; Chair, Codes & Judicial Committee


Whereas, the 2018 – 2019 Codes and Judicial Committee (CJC) received and reviewed applications for service on the University Hearing and University Review Boards (UHRB) from students and employees and made recommendations on appointments; and

Be it therefore resolved, the following student members are appointed to the UHRB for a two-year term, beginning June 1, 2019 and lasting until their graduation from the University or May 31, 2021, whichever is sooner:

Stephen Kim
Michael Buche
Thomas Gergely
Jaimie Diamond
Jacob Feit
Nathan Gorton
Sej Makheja
Devin Massari
Spencer Blumenberg
Ramneek Sanghera
Lucas C. Smith
Zoe Hauser
Emma Kioko

Resolved, the following student members are appointed to the UHRB for the remaining year of a two-year term, beginning June 1, 2019 and lasting until their graduation from the University or May 31, 2020, whichever is sooner:
Resolved, the following employee members are appointed to the UHRB for a two-year term beginning June 1, 2019 and lasting until May 31, 2021:

- Amy Beckhorn
- Delia Herrin
- James Sorrentino
- Elise Gold
- Nancy Martinsen
- Jin Liang
- Daniel Hoddinott
- Veronica Perina

Resolved, the following employee member is appointed to the UHRB for the remaining year of a two-year term, beginning June 1, 2019 and lasting until May 31, 2020:

- Xi Lian

Resolved, the following faculty members are appointed to the University Hearing and Review Boards (URHB) for terms lasting from June 1, 2019 until May 31, 2021:

- David Lee
- Kelly King-O'Brien
- Michelle Cox
- Michelle Whelan
- N-Dri Assie-Lumumba
- Vilma Santiago-Irizzary

Be it finally resolved, should the OJA be unable to select a sufficient number of student or employee members for a summer hearing, it may contact the University Assembly Executive Committee who will work with the Office of the Assemblies to screen and approve additional candidates.
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U.A. Resolution #5

Creating an Ad Hoc Budget Planning Advisory Committee

April 23, 2019

Sponsored by: Linda Copman, Staff; Ranking Member, University Assembly

Whereas, the University Assembly (the “Assembly”) has the authority to examine matters which concern the welfare of a substantial segment of the campus community and may make recommendations thereon to the President or other appropriate officers of the university; and

Whereas, budgetary planning, decisions, and the allocation of financial resources are critical to the functioning of the University and have far reaching affects upon all constituencies; and

Whereas, during the 2017 – 2018 Academic Year, the Assembly passed Resolution #9 “Reinstating the Budget Planning Committee” to revive the Assembly’s former Budget Planning Committee; and

Whereas, President Pollack returned AY 17 – 18 Resolution #9 to the Assembly for further consideration but expressed support for increasing community input on budget planning; and

Whereas, during the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year, the Assembly’s Executive Committee met with senior members of the University Administration to discuss AY 17 – 18 Resolution #9; and

Whereas, in those discussions the Administration affirmed their support for increased community input, while expressing a desire to prevent duplication of the work done by the Financial Policies Committee of the Faculty Senate; and

Whereas, after discussions with the Dean of the University Faculty and his consultation with the Faculty Senate’s Financial Policies Committee (the “FPC”) and its chair, the FPC agreed to coordinate with an Ad Hoc Committee so as to broaden the engagement with the Administration on budgetary matters; and

Whereas, the complexities of the budget and its impact on teaching and research are such that a major educational outreach effort is required; therefore

Be it Resolved, the Assembly creates an Ad Hoc Budget Planning Advisory Committee to operate during AY2019-20; and
Be it Resolved, the Committee shall be chaired by the Dean of the University Faculty, and consist of one additional member from the University Assembly, two selected by the Student Assembly, two selected by the Graduate & Professional Student Assembly, and two selected by the Employee Assembly; and

Be it Resolved, the Ad Hoc Committee will meet throughout the year, and co-meet with the FPC at least two times during the year with agendas that are worked out in advance by the two Committees and which do not involve confidential data; and

Be it Resolved, that the Committee in consultation with the University Budget Office and with full transparency will draft a layperson document entitled “The Cornell Budget-A Users Guide” to be completed by March 1, 2020; and

Be it Resolved, that the Ad Hoc Committee will report to the UA what it has learned after each joint meeting that it holds with the FPC; and

Be it Finally Resolved, that the Committee will recommend to the UA by April 15, 2020 a structure for interacting with the FPC and the University Budget Office in the future.

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U.A. Resolution # 6

Recognition of Outstanding Support to the AY 2019 Legislative Session

May 7, 2019

Sponsored by: Matthew Battaglia, Graduate & Professional; Chair, University Assembly

On Behalf Of:

Whereas, it takes considerable time, effort and dedication to support the important work of the University Assembly (the Assembly) each legislative session; and

Whereas, the Assembly is extremely grateful for the numerous university officials and presenters that testify before it or its Standing Committees each year to ensure the Assembly gets the information it needs; therefore

Be it resolved, the Assembly formally recognizes the following people for their exceptional support:

Dr. Kent Bullis, Executive Director of Cornell Health, for his presentation on university health trends, current Cornell Health initiatives, and Cornell Health’s ongoing expansion of services;

Mr. Rick Burgess, Vice President for Facilities and Campus Services, for his presentation on the University’s sustainability initiatives and the North Campus Residential Expansion;

Dr. Charles Walcott and Dr. Linda Falkson, from the University Ombudsman’s Office, for their Annual Update on the Ombudsman’s Office as well as their continuous, exceptional service to the entire university community;

Dr. Mary Beth Grant, Senior Associate Dean of Students, for her update on the Greek Judicial Reform initiatives and discussion with the Assembly concerning the Greek
system and Campus Code of Conduct;

**Mr. Ryan Parker**, Judicial Codes Counselor, and **Ms. Gabrielle Kanter**, Associate Judicial Codes Counselor, for their presentation to the Assembly and thoughtful analysis of the issues facing Cornell’s disciplinary system, suggestions of areas of that could be targeted for improvement, and work to advocate and create a fairer judicial system at Cornell;

**Chief David Honan** and **Lieutenant Anthony Bellamy**, Cornell University Police, for their Annual Update on Cornell Security Trends and Clery Act Statistics as well as **Former Chief Kathy Zoner** for her exemplary support of and service to Shared Governance and the Cornell Community over many years;

**Ms. Mary Opperman**, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, for her presentation concerning the creation of a Core Value Statement for Cornell as well her presentation and engagement regarding revisions to University Policy 6.4 as its procedures apply to faculty and staff;

**Mr. Joel Malina**, Vice President for University Relations, for his support of the University Assembly this academic year and his assistance in facilitating a discussion concerning the creation of a Core Value Statement;

**Mr. John Siliciano**, Deputy Provost, for his presentation to the Assembly and engagement regarding revisions to University Policy 6.4 as its procedures apply to faculty and staff;

**Ms. Michelle Horvath**, Judicial Administrator, for her Annual Update on Student Disciplinary Trends;

**Mr. Ted Schiele**, Tompkins County Health Department, and **Ms. Leslie Meyerhoff**, Director of Assessment and Planning for Student and Campus Life, for their presentation and discussion with the Assembly and its Campus Welfare Committee concerning the Assembly’s campus-wide tobacco survey;

**Mr. Dale Barbaria**, Chair of the Assembly’s Codes and Judicial Committee (CJC) and CJC Members, **Kasey Ashford, Richard Bensel, Andrew Brooks, Dietrich Geisler, Khaddy Kebbeh, Logan Kenney, Risa Lieberwitz, Ashwin Viswanathan**, and **Shashank Vura**, for their collective work reviewing and selecting candidates to serve on the University’s Hearing and Review Boards as well as their extensive deliberations and work regarding updates to the Campus Code of Conduct;

**Professor Robert Howarth**, Chair of the Assembly’s Campus Infrastructure Committee
(CIC) and the David R. Atkinson Professor of Ecology and Environmental Biology and CIC Members Kristopher Barth, Nina Blahut, Terrance Carroll, Caroline Levine, Ellie Month, and Max Zhang for their collective work addressing issues of infrastructure and sustainability;

Ms. Tirenliolu Onabajo, Chair of the Assembly’s Campus Welfare Committee (CWC), and CWC Members Dietrich Geisler, David Hiner, Akanksha Jain, Jeff Pea, Bruce Roebal, Emma Roszkowski, and Charles Van Loan for their collective work examining the adequacy of Cornell’s childcare facilities, the Assembly’s campus-wide tobacco survey, and improving the campus environment writ-large;

Mr. Josephp Anderson, Professor Robert Howarth, and Ms. Linda Copman, for their service on the Assembly’s Executive Committee, helping to manage the logistics of running the Assembly and coordinate its strategic direction;

Ms. Imani Allen, Mr. Dale Barbaria, Professor Richard Bensel, and Mr. Ryan Parker for their service to the Assembly and Cornell Community on the Judicial Administrator Search Committee;

Professor Martin Hatch and Mr. Kristopher Barth for their service and work as the Assembly’s liaisons to the Campus Planning Committee;

Ms. Ekarina Winarto, for her service and work as the Assembly’s liaison to the Policy Advisory Group and Council for Sexual Violence Prevention as well as her service on the Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee;

Ms. Pamala Hampton, former coordinator for the Office of the Assemblies, for her tremendous guidance, exceptional support, and outstanding assistance to the Assembly and Shared Governance at Cornell;

Mr. Terrill Malone and Ms. Margaret Lee, Clerks of the Assembly, for their service, dedication, and support to the Assembly during the AY 2019 session and contribution to the Assembly’s public recordkeeping;

The Office of the Assemblies (Ms. Gina Giambattista and Ms. Sara DeVault-Feldman) for their logistical support during the session;

Be it further Resolved, that the Assembly requests this Resolution of Recognition be forwarded to the appropriate Deans, Vice Presidents and Vice Provosts so that all these individuals can be properly recognized for their outstanding support of the University Assembly; and

Be it finally Resolved, that the Members of the Assembly also extend their sincerest gratitude to
President Martha E. Pollack for her support of shared governance as well as her involvement with, interest in and consideration of our numerous proposals and Resolutions. Thank you.