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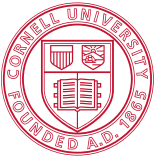
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Minutes of the November 16th, 2021 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

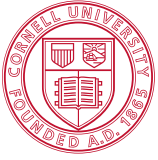
401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. B. Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 4:31pm.
 - b. *Members Present:* I. Akisoglu, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, T. Fox, P. Hanley, D. Hiner, D. Howell, C. Levine, A. Ononye, J. Richards, D. Sharp, J. Withers.
 - c. *Members Absent:* V. Aymer, N. Danev, E. DeRosa, M. Louis.
 - d. *Also Present:* M. Pollack, J. Malina, K. Cunningham, A. Breitstein, G. Giambattista
- II. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogohono (Cayuga Nation)
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. November 2, 2021
 - i. R. Bensel motioned to approve the minutes.
 - ii. D. Cady seconded the motion.
 - iii. The minutes were approved with unanimous consent.
- IV. Business of the Day
 - a. President Martha E. Pollack and Vice President for the University Relations Joel Malina
 - i. M. Pollack spoke about faculty achievements and awards, incoming student demographics, sustainability, housing re-investment plans, public safety, and University finances.
 - ii. Q & A following brief comments from President Pollack
 1. T. Fox, R. Bensel., B. Fortenberry, D. Cady, J. Richards, and J. Feit asked questions including topics on Cornell's involvement in China, mental health, COVID masking policy, sustainable endowment.
 - b. D. Sharp introduced themselves as a GPSA representative to the UA.
 - c. Update on upcoming visits
 - i. Public Safety Advisory Committee – February 8, 2022 (pending)
 - ii. Cornell Earth Source Heating (pending)
- V. Assembly Reports
 - a. Student Assembly
 - i. A. Ononye stated they passed SA Res. 32: Calling on Cornell University to Appropriately Recognize and Honor Veterans Day and SA Res. 33: Confronting Cornell's Legacy in American Imperialism in the Philippines, had a vacancy for VP of Finance for two weeks, received a report from PSAC, received a speech from the Athletics and Physical Education Department, and heard byline funding information.
 - b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly



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- i. P. Hanley stated they rescheduled a presentation from President Pollack to the 29th, found programming board chairs; and presented a resolution on establishing a VP of Finance.
 - c. Employee Assembly
 - i. J. Withers stated the EA had the Annual President's Address to Staff, presented the EA Appreciation Award, and reported President Pollack and VP Opperman will be coming to the EA.
 - 1. Discussion ensued on the viewing metrics of the President's address.
 - d. Faculty Senate
 - i. R. Bensel reported the President came to present and three resolutions were also presented: two resolutions on standardizing tenure processes across the university and one on following due process with regards to Global Hubs.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. J. Feit reported they discussed Robert's Rules, questions for Pres. Pollack, and attendance.
 - 1. Discussion ensued about Robert's Rules.
 - b. Code and Judicial Committee
 - i. J. Richards stated they were planning the next meeting.
 - c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. D. Howell stated they had met twice a month, the committee has several vacancies, and they had brought chairs from similar assemblies to speak.
 - d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment.
 - i. I. Akisoglu stated they are still getting feedback for waste receptacle placement.
- VII. Liaison Reports
 - a. I. Akisoglu reported that the CPC has discussed the ILR Courtyard and landscape design process and plant science renewal project, received a presentation on the Circular Construction Laboratory, and discussed how to improve NCRE.
 - i. Discussion ensued about the NCRE.
 - b. D. Cady reported that the Ombud Search Committee found candidates and will be putting together a report.
 - c. A. Ononye reported that the PSAC had a meeting with CUPD on Friday and looked at their facilities. They will also be meeting this week to talk about the bombing threats.
- VIII. Open Discussion
 - a. Discussion ensued on sustainability, infrastructure with regards to crosswalks and lighting, the last leadership breakfast, and creating a network group for non-native English speakers.
- IX. Adjournment
 - a. R. Bensel moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. J. Feit seconded the motion.



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- ii. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kassandra Jordan
Clerk of the Assembly