

## **Cornell University Assembly**

Minutes of the March 22nd, 2022 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 4:34 PM.
- b. *Members Present:* I. Akisoglu, V. Aymer, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, N. Danev, E. DeRosa, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, T. Fox, P. Hanley, D. Hiner, D. Howell, C. Levine, A. Ononye, J. Richards.
- c. Members Absent: M. Louis, D. Sharp, J. Withers
- d. Also Present: D. Cutter, I. Chasen, G. Giambattista, E. Kalweit
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes (02/22/2022)
  - a. R. Bensel motioned to make the discussion on the faculty teach-in informal.
    - i. I. Akisoglu seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion passed with unanimous consent.
  - b. R. Bensel motioned to approve the meeting minutes.
    - i. T. Fox seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

## III. Open Forum

- a. R. Bensel presented on the upcoming Cornell Faculty teach-in on the Chinese government.
  - i. Discussion ensued by J. Richards and R. Bensel.
- b. J. Feit relayed Liz Davis Frost's Free Period Product Initiative.

## IV. Business of the Day

- a. Presentation on University Signage by Landscape Architect David Cutter
  - D. Cutter presented on the university signage and their plan to implement vehicular directional signs, pedestrian signs, maps, and banners on North Campus.
  - ii. Discussion ensued on lighting, feedback methods, laws, location, and movein day.
- b. Resolution 3: Increasing the Number of Sustainable Waste Receptacles on Campus.
  - I. Akisoglu presented Resolution 3. They emphasized goals on reducing vehicle trips to collect trash, increasing convenience, and bolstering Cornell's efficiency.
  - ii. Discussion ensued on the Campus Sustainability Office's (CSO) stance on Resolution 3, BigBelly's performance in other universities, creating a study, reducing the number of trash receptacles, and constituent perspectives.



- iii. P. Hanley motioned to end debate and call to question.
  - 1. A. Ononye seconded the motion.
    - a. The motion failed with 7-7-2.
- iv. J. Feit motioned to table the resolution and send it back to committee.
  - 1. V. Aymer seconded the motion to table.
    - a. The resolution was tabled with 8-7-1.
- c. Resolution #6: Alterations to Codes and Judicial Committee Name and Function.
  - i. J. Richards presented their resolution.
  - ii. A. Ononye motioned to table the resolution
    - 1. D. Cady seconded them
    - 2. The resolution was tabled with 12-1-1
- d. Resolution #7: Establishing the first Tuesday in November each year as "Election Day," a Cornell University Recognized Civic Holiday.
  - i. I. Chasen presented the resolution.
  - ii. J. Feit motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes
    - 1. D. Cady seconded the motion.
    - 2. The motion passed with unanimous consent.
  - iii. Discussion ensued on electoral barriers, voting, New York state laws, and mail-in voting. Further discussion touched on the logistics of multiplying holidays and the balancing of classes.
  - iv. J. Feit motioned to table the resolution.
    - 1. D. Cady seconded the motion.
    - 2. The resolution was tabled with 11-0-2.
  - v. A. Ononye motioned to extend the meeting.
    - 1. D. Cady seconded the motion.
    - 2. E. DeRosa and M. Benda opposed.
    - 3. The motion failed with 4-7-1.
- V. Adjournment
  - a. J. Feit motioned to adjourn.
    - i. E. DeRosa seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Kassandra Jordan Clerk of the Assembly

