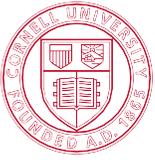


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Cornell University Assembly Minutes of the September 28, 2021 Meeting 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM Physical Science Building and Zoom

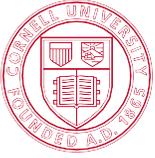
- I. Call to Order
 - a. B. Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.
 - b. *Members Present:* I. Akisoglu, V. Aymer, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, N. Danev, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, P. Hanley, J. Richards, A. Ononye, J. Withers, D. Howel, C. Levine, M. Louis,
 - c. *Members Absent:* E. DeRosa, T. Fox, D. Hiner, S. Tannis.
- II. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogo ho:nq̄ (Cayuga Nation)
- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
- IV. Approval of the Minutes (September 14, 2021)
 - a. R. Bensel made a motion to amend the minutes at section VII.d.i to read “the faculty for instruction and student safety in the classroom.”
 - i. N. Danev seconded the amendment.
 - ii. The amendment passed with unanimous consent.
 - b. I. Akisoglu made a motion to amend the minutes at section IX.b.ii.1 to read “I. Akisoglu stated there are some liability issues, concerning New York state law, still under discussion”
 - i. R. Bensel seconded the amendment.
 - ii. The amendment passed with unanimous consent.
 - c. R. Bensel made a motion to pass the minutes
 - i. J. Feit seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed with unanimous consent.
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Updates Regarding Potential Invitees and Guest Speakers
 - i. B. Fortenberry stated that they have invited Police Dep. Chief Honen to talk about their department and response to the Public Safety Advisory Committee recommendations.
 - ii. J. Feit stated that they are working on a resolution and will later ask for facilities to speak at the U.A. to facilitate more specific questions.
 - iii. J. Withers stated the Conflict Coaching and Mediation Services have visited the EA and are also a possibility.
 - iv. V. Aymer suggested inviting the University Architect, Margaret Carney, to give a presentation on changes with the baseball fields, the Engineering Quad, and the multidisciplinary building on Tower Road that will soon start construction.
- VI. Assembly Reports
 - a. Student Assembly
 - i. A. Ononye stated that they reviewed many resolutions: Res. 25 Defending Haitian Students and Dedicating Further Resources to Programs Helping



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Haiti; Res. 26 Approving Special Projects Funding to the Cornell Intellectual Property and Ethics Club (CIPEC) for the Accessibility Case Competition; Res. 27 Support for Interim Policy 6.3. The S.A. will also have Representatives of Title IX coming to speak. They updated their standing rules through codifying special projects funding applications. The SA also ratified their by-laws, adding an ex-officio seat for student athletes and changed the tri-council ex-officio seat. They also changed the agenda to be a consent agenda, finishing staffing committees, and will be hosting an open forum with Johnathan Burdick, who will speak to the state of financial aid on campus.

- ii. R. Bensel stated that the University had been using surplus funding from the admission of international students to subsidize domestic students in need of aid. They noted the administration was reluctant to discuss the discrepancy between the international and domestic students.
- iii. B. Fortenberry asked about the agenda change.
 1. A. Ononye stated that this will be an agenda with unanimous consent.
 2. D. Cady it is an additional piece of information that changes how resolutions are presented to President Pollock and published to the Student Assembly. They also note that the resolution will be in discussion for 2 weeks.
 3. J. Feit stated unanimous consent may not have the same weight of a unanimous vote.
 4. B. Fortenberry acknowledged a question by N. Danev asking for the resolution name and number. The body found it to be Res. 29 "Amending the Student Assembly Standing Rules to Establish the Consent Agenda."
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. P. Hanley reported the GPSA filled vacancies on their executive committee and are working to fill some voting member vacancies. They passed a resolution on the University providing accommodations for students during COVID and another resolution on facilitating more student engagement via listservs.
 - ii. N. Danev congratulated P. Hanley on fully staffing the GPSA.
- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. J. Withers stated that they are working to fill vacant seats, planning the President's address to staff, and reported the Welfare Committee is working on a resolution on diversity, inclusion, and belonging.
- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. R. Bensel stated that the Faculty Senate met last Wednesday. A resolution providing for stronger Faculty Senate participation in joint degree programs was introduced. This resolution stems from the University moving forward with a program, the Peking University Program, that the Faculty Senate had rejected.
 - ii. A. Ononye asked about the status of the Anti-Racism Committee.



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- iii. R. Bensel stated that there were four resolutions in the spring, but the two resolutions that passed that were contradictory. The president gave the issue back to individual colleges, and therefore outside of the Faculty Senate's scope – the intersectionality between colleges.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. J. Feit stated the Executive Committee invited the Office of Student Conduct and Community standards to speak.
 - b. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. J. Richards reported that the CJC has been completely staffed by the assemblies and was able to form a quorum. They are working on a potential revision of the CJC governing docs to delineate between the old and the new cold.
 - c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. D. Howell reported their first meeting is scheduled in October and they are currently missing 5 voting members on the committee,
 - d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - i. I. Akisoglu stated the committee will be meeting soon.
 - e. B. Fortenberry reminded the body that they will have a meeting next Tuesday due to fall break.
- VIII. VIII. Liaison Reports
 - a. D. Cady asked if they filled all the liaison groups
 - i. B. Fortenberry stated that they did not believe that all were filled but would send out a list of vacancies if present.
- IX. IX. Adjournment
 - a. R. Bensel motioned for adjournment.
 - i. J. Feit seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clerk of the Assembly