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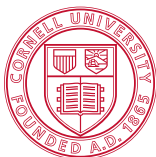
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Agenda of the March 26, 2019 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

401, Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order
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 - b. Welcome and Introduction
 - c. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. 3-12-19 Minutes
- III. Assembly, Committee, and Liaison Reports
- IV. Business of the Day
 - a. Judicial Codes Counselor Confirmation
- V. Adjournment



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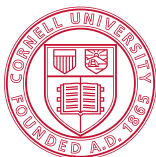
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Minutes of the March 12, 2019 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

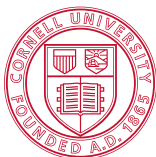
401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Call to Order
 - i. M. Battaglia called the meeting to order at 4:33pm
 - b. Roll Call:
 - i. *Present:* I. Allen, J. Anderson, D. Barbaria, K. Barth, M. Battaglia, R. Bensel, L. Copman, M. Hatch, R. Howarth, L. Kenney, T. Onabajo, C. Van Loan, A. Viswanathan, E. Winarto
 - ii. *Absent:* V. Devatha, D. Geisler, D. Hiner, E. Loew, J. Pea, C. Wiggers
 - c. Welcome and Introduction
 - d. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - i. There were no late additions to the agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. 2-19-19 Minutes
 - i. There was no dissent to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
 - b. 3-5-19 Minutes
 - i. There was no dissent to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- III. Presentation by President Pollack
 - a. The Assembly gave committee updates to President Pollack.
 - b. President Pollack asked about a draft of the Campus Code of Conduct revisions. She said that students are always asking about the progress of the revisions.
 - c. President Pollack thanked the Assembly for its updates.
 - d. M. Hatch asked President Pollack about the questions that she has heard about the Campus Code of Conduct.
 - e. President Pollack said that she hears two main questions/comments: if the Campus Code of Conduct is being worked on and brought up to the standards expected; and, that the Campus Code of Conduct is legalistic and difficult to read.
 - f. R. Bensel said that the number of undergraduate students is increasing faster than the number of faculty; he asked if this can be reversed. He also asked about the endowment.



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- g. President Pollack said that, on the former, the Provost has the details; she said that there will be increase, but, as with anything, there has to be a balance. She said that, on the question about the endowment, there is an improvement.
- h. R. Bensei said that there is a rumor that the endowment has been invested in Puerto Rican bonds.
- i. President Pollack said no; but she did clarify and say that of the total endowment, some of the endowment is invested in Puerto Rican bonds.
- j. T. Onabajo spoke about the two teach-ins presented to the Student Assembly last week; she asked if there was a plan for the administration to engage with Students for Justice in Palestine
- k. President Pollack said that, in line with the response of the Board of Trustees, Cornell is an educational institution that does not have a place in politics. She said that she was expressing her concerns and thoughts, as she was well within her rights. She said that she was thrilled to see that the Assembly welcomed the teach-ins, and that she thinks that there should be more dialogue.
- l. L. Kenney asked about other concerns that President Pollack has heard from students.
- m. President Pollack said that the number one concern that she has heard has been about mental health. She said that this issue is not exclusive to Cornell, and that the University is heavily invested in exploring solutions.
- n. R. Howarth said that he wanted to inform President Pollack about an issue: he said that, in his class, a student had an outstanding payment and that he was forced to restrict the student from sitting in the class. He said that he was told that this policy must be strictly followed and enforced.
- o. L. Copman asked if there was anything that President Pollack thought about the tobacco referendum.
- p. President Pollack said that she thinks the Assembly is doing a great job with including the community in the efforts; she says she would start with the survey to gauge interest.
- q. D. Barbaria said that the conversations from the teach-ins are the first of many. He said that there might be resolution, which she will probably reject.
- r. K. Barth asked about recommendations to create stronger ties between New York, Geneva, and Ithaca to really achieve One-Cornell.
- s. President Pollack said that there is still idea generation going on, and that there is still piloting going on.
- t. J. Cole said that the details have yet to be released.



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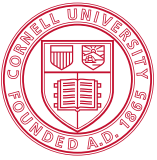
- u. President Pollack said that the budget that President Trump released is terrible for higher education. She said that there are people in D.C. and Albany who are lobbying and advocating.

IV. Assembly, Committee, and Liaison Reports

- a. Student Assembly
 - i. J. Anderson mentioned the Student Assembly and Student-trustee elections. He also mentioned to two teach-ins; and, the Student Assembly's town hall.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. E. Winarto said that, at the last meeting, there was a robust discussion about career services.
- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. K. Barth said that the Employee Assembly is working towards its elections.
- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. C. Van Loan said that President Pollack will be visiting the Faculty Senate, and the Senate will be working on including other groups in the Senate.
- e. Campus Infrastructure Committee
 - i. R. Howarth said that Bill McKibbin's talk will be held tomorrow at 7pm in Call Auditorium and that he will speak about divestment.
- f. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. T. Onabajo said that committee has finalized its resolution about childcare facilities. She said that the committee is still working on its tobacco referendum, and that it will be sent out next semester.
- g. Policy Advisory Council
 - i. E. Winarto said that the council will be discussing the final draft of the web accessibility policy.
- h. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. K. Barth said that the committee met with Vice President Paul Streeter; he also mentioned that the number of students, by the time the north campus expansion is complete, will have increased to 15,800 students. He also discussed other information presented at the Campus Planning Committee.
 - ii. M. Hatch said that sustainability is built into the budget, however, it is built into the operating budget, which is the smallest portion.

V. Business of the Day

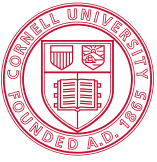
- a. Ombudsman Reappointment
 - i. M. Battaglia said that the Office of the Ombudsman visited the Assembly at a prior meeting. He said that there were no comments since the last meeting



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about approving Charles Walcott's reappointment to as the Ombudsman of the University.

1. R. Besnsel moved to vote on the action. E. Winarto seconded the motion.
 - a. By a vote of 13-0-0, the University Assembly concurred with President Pollack to reappoint Charles Walcott as the University Ombudsman
- b. Resolution 3: Examining the Need to Augment the Cornell Childcare Facility
 - i. T. Onabajo said that this resolution is asking the University administration to investigate the childcare facilities and consider expanding the facilities.
 - ii. M. Hatch said that he recommends including a designation in the resolution about when the University's investigation into the matter should end, and that the results and findings be made public.
 1. M. Hatch motioned to amend the resolution. There was a second.
 - a. L. Copman said that she does not understand why the investigation should take so long.
 - b. M. Hatch clarified his amendment.
 2. R. Howarth motioned to table the resolution to allow President Pollack to present to the Assembly. There was no dissent. The resolution was tabled until the end of President Pollack's presentation.
 3. D. Barbaria motioned to amend the amendment. L. Kenney seconded the amendment.
 4. M. Hatch motioned to withdraw his amendment to line 33. There was no dissent. The amendment was withdrawn
 5. D. Barbaria motioned to call the question on the amendment to the amendment. R. Bensele seconded the motion. There was no dissent. By unanimous consent, the amendment was adopted.
 6. The amendment was adopted.
 - iii. K. Barth asked about the response of Bright Horizons.
 - iv. T. Onabajo said that there has not been a response.
 - v. K. Barth asked if any of the affected departments have been engaged.
 - vi. T. Onabajo said that the purpose of listing the departments is to gain leverage and backing from the University Administration.
 - vii. R. Bensele motioned to adopt the resolution. R. Howarth seconded the motion. There was no dissent.



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1. By a vote of 11-0-1, the resolution was adopted.
 - c. M. Battaglia motioned to enter into the record and as a resolution appreciation for Pamela Hampton, the former coordinator in the Office of the Assemblies. He said that, as a former chair of the Assembly, and later coordinator in the Office of the Assemblies, Pam worked tirelessly to support the functioning of the Assemblies.
- VI. Adjournment
- a. The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Terrill Malone,
Clerk of the Assembly