



**Cornell University Assembly**  
Minutes of the September 20th, 2016 Meeting  
4:30pm – 6:00pm  
401 Physical Science Bldg.

- I. Call to Order
  - a. G. Kaufman called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM.
  - b. *Members Present:* E. Baptist, J. Berger, L. Copman, M. de Roos, M. Hatch, R. Herz, R. Howarth, G. Kaufman, J. Kruser, M. McBride, M. Munasinghe, N. Rogers, U. Smith, C. Van Loan, E. Winarto
  - c. *Members Absent:* K. Fitch, E. Loew
  - d. *Also present:* G. Giambattista
  - e. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
    - i. No late items were requested.
  
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. September 6, 2016
    - i. There was a motion to amend “N. Rogers does want...” to “N. Rogers does not want...” The motion was approved.
    - ii. The Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
  
- III. Approval of Ay 2016-2017 Meeting Schedule
  - a. Meeting Schedule
    - i. There was a friendly amendment to add April 11<sup>th</sup> to the meeting schedule.
    - ii. The Meeting Schedule for AY 2016-2017 was approved.
  
- IV. Assembly Reports
  - a. GPSA President
    - i. N. Rogers said that the only resolution they looked at and approved unanimously was the interim budget. They approved around \$25,000 and will pay an amount to Anabel’s Grocery.
  - b. EA Chair
    - i. U. Smith said that the EA will be having a discussion geared towards staff about the implications of a tobacco-free campus.
  - c. Dean of Faculty
    - i. Interim President Rawlings attended and spoke at the last meeting. The Faculty Senate discussed how to interact with other assemblies. C. Van Loan said that the academic calendar will have to be reorganized.
  - d. SA President
    - i. J. Berger said that the SA talked about lighting on the Slope and environmental impacts. They are currently in discussion about a recent policy change regarding students in the Economics department and their access to independent study.

- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee
    - i. E. Baptist said that most of the Executive Committee's communication was related to the agenda, including UA Resolution 1. G. Kaufman said that K. Fitch reached out about some operational issues and will be presenting a budget report soon.
  - b. Codes and Judicial Committee
    - i. M. McBride said that he is hoping to have a meeting the following week.
    - ii. M. Horvath introduced herself as the new Judicial Administrator (JA).
  - c. Campus Welfare Committee
    - i. U. Smith said that the CWC met today for the first time. Their meeting schedule is every other Tuesday. The CWC recapped the previous academic year and discussed accessibility on campus. They also talked about sexual violence prevention.
  - d. Campus Infrastructure Committee
    - i. J. Kruser was absent.
- VI. Liaison Reports
  - a. Policy Advisory Group
    - i. PAG will have its first meeting on October 7.
  - b. Transportation Task Force
    - i. K. Fitch was not present.
  - c. Student Health Advisory Committee
    - i. The SHAC did not meet.
  - d. Campus Planning Committee
    - i. R. Howarth said that the CPC received an update on the new Maplewood housing; the developers have committed to being carbon neutral. A major agenda item was discussing future undergrad dorm buildings. R. Howarth said that one issue driving that is that the University is allowing more sophomores to live in quality on-campus housing, which requires more buildings. The CPC also talked about the role of art on campus. They also spent some time talking about the Senior Leadership Climate Action Group, which the Provost appointed the previous year.
- VII. Business of the Day
  - a. For Referral to Committee: Initial Presentation and Discussion on University-Wide Tobacco Policy
    - i. A. Iglesias said that the current policy for tobacco is that people can smoke 25 feet away from any building, but it is also up to the discretion of the building managers, which has led to inconsistencies.
    - ii. A. Iglesias said that he would like to work with CWC, SA, and other committees to have a community conversation about the existing tobacco policy.
    - iii. R. Herz asked how the current tobacco policy is inconsistent. She also said she does not currently see the policy being enforced.
      - 1. A. Iglesias said that the current policy, 8.7, gives building managers

the ability to increase the distance from 25 ft. He said that the policy does say that EHS and department heads have power to enforce the policy, but CUPD does not.

- iv. N. Rogers wanted to clarify that the goal was to investigate tobacco use.
    1. A. Iglesias said the goal is to investigate tobacco use on campus and have a conversation about it.
  - v. M. McBride asked who will be on the committee. A. Iglesias said that they will represent the most people they can, including everyone who is affected by the tobacco policy.
  - vi. G. Kaufman said that the UA can task one of its standing committees to deal with this issue. Another option they have is to create an ad hoc investigative committee. He said that this policy could potentially fall into all three standing committees.
  - vii. E. Baptist said there are quite a lot of areas on campus that have sheltered buildings where policies are not being enforced. He said he also thinks that the measures are problematic in that they encourage people to hide smoking, which leads to safety issues. He asked if the CWC would be interested in taking the tobacco policy up as an issue.
  - viii. U. Smith said he was happy to take this on as an issue. He said he would strongly discourage a task force, especially because the UA has standing committees that can take on the issue. He said he encourages the chairs of the different Assemblies to individually discuss this issue because it affects them all differently.
  - ix. A. Iglesias said that he supports the idea of the policy going to CWC but the only concern he has is whether the CWC can ensure that no one's voice is lost in the process. U. Smith said that these committees are open to the public so if anyone is interested they can join the conversation.
  - x. R. Herz said that she agrees with J. Berger that the issue falls under all three committees and not just the CWC, although they may be the best suited to do the investigation.
  - xi. N. Rogers motioned to refer the tobacco policy to the CWC. The motion was seconded.
  - xii. By a unanimous vote of 13-0-0, the issue of tobacco use on campus was referred to the CWC for further consideration.
- b. For Introduction: UA Resolution #1: Updating and Clarifying University Assembly Charter and Bylaws
- i. E. Winarto said that this Resolution proposes updates and clarifications to the University Assembly Charter and Bylaws.
  - ii. Charter Updates
    1. Article IV Section 4.1
      - a. Currently the GPSA has three representatives to the UA. The proposed change makes the number of representatives equal for all the constituencies, so the GPSA can send in five members just like EA, SA, and the Faculty Senate. They would like to make clear in the charter that appointments to the UA should be made by May 1.

