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## Agenda

University Assembly  
November 1st, 2016  
4:30pm - 6:00pm  
401 Physical Science Bldg

### **I. Call to Order (Chair)**

- i. Roll Call (1 minute)
- ii. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda (1 minute)

### **II. Approval of Minutes (Chair)**

- i. October 18th, 2016 (1 minutes) <sup>[1]</sup>

### **III. Assembly Reports**

- i. EA Chair (U. Smith) (2 minutes)
- ii. SA President (J. Berger) (2 minutes)
- iii. Dean of Faculty (C. Van Loan) (2 minutes)
- iv. GPSA President (N. Rogers) (2 minutes)

### **IV. Report from the Chair**

- i. Chair (G. Kaufman) (2 minutes)

### **V. Committee Reports**

- i. Executive Committee (E. Baptist) (3 minutes)
- ii. Campus Welfare Committee (U. Smith) (3 minutes)
- iii. Campus Infrastructure Committee (J. Kruser) (3 minutes)
- iv. Codes and Judicial Committee (M. McBride) (10 minutes)

### **VI. Liaison Reports**

- i. Policy Advisory Group (E. Winarto) (2 minutes)
- ii. Transportation Task Force (K. Fitch) (2 minutes)
- iii. Student Health Advisory Committee (J. Berger) (2 minutes)
- iv. Campus Planning Committee (R. Howarth) (2 minutes)

### **VII. Business of the Day**

- i. For Vote: Campus Welfare Committee Vacancy (1 minute)
- ii. For Vote: Council on Sexual Violence Prevention Liaison (1 minute)
- iii. For Discussion: UA Resolution #1 Updating and Clarifying University Assembly Charter and Bylaws (15 minutes) <sup>[2]</sup> <sup>[3]</sup>
  - i. Bylaws, Article II, Section 2.12
  - ii. Bylaws, Article III, Section 3.2.2
  - iii. Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4.1

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- iv Charter, Article IV, Section 4.1
- v Charter, Article IV, Section 4.3
- vi Charter, Article V, Section 5.3
- iv. For Introduction: UA Resolution #2: Endorsing the Recommendations of the Senior Leaders Climate Action Group (L. Copman) (10 minutes)
- v. For Introduction: UA Resolution #3: Endorsing “The Ithaca Plan: A Public Safety Approach to Drugs and Drug Policy” (U. Smith, L. Copman) (10 minutes)

**VIII. Late Additions to the Agenda**

- i. Late Additions to the Agenda (2 minutes)

**IX. Adjournment**

- i. Adjournment (1 minute)

**X. Executive Session**

- i. Non-members are excused (10 minutes)

**XI. Attachments**

1. UA Meeting Minutes – 10.18.2016
2. Appendix A: UA Proposed Charter Update
3. Appendix B: UA Proposed Bylaws Update



**Cornell University Assembly**  
Minutes of the October 18th, 2016 Meeting  
4:30pm - 6:00pm  
401 Physical Science Bldg.

**I. Call to Order**

- a. G. Kaufman called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.
- b. *Members Present:* E. Baptist, J. Berger, L. Copman, M. de Roos, K. Fitch, M. Hatch, R. Howarth, G. Kaufman, M. McBride, M. Munasinghe, S. Park, N. Rogers, U. Smith, E. Winarto
- c. *Members Absent:* R. Herz, J. Kruser, C. Van Loan
- d. *Also present:* V. Bhaya, G. Giambattista, B. Murphy
- e. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
  - i. There was a motion to move discussion of UA Resolution 1 to after the Assembly reports. The motion **passed**.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- a. October 4, 2016
  - i. The Minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.

**III. Assembly Reports**

- a. GPSA President
  - i. N. Rogers said that the GPSA passed a resolution last night. They are trying to have people speak in support of the Maplewood project at the Town of Ithaca meeting tonight. A major discussion the GPSA is having is passing the GPSA FC guidelines.
  - ii. M. Hatch asked if carbon neutrality aspects were involved in the Maplewood discussion.
    1. N. Rogers said the goal is to have all electric cooling and heating.
    2. M. Hatch said Maplewood is an attempt to show that Cornell is engaged in providing a model for housing that is sustainable and carbon neutral.
  - iii. R. Howarth clarified that the developers will use air-source heat pumps and a relatively small use of gas, which will become carbon neutral over time.
- b. EA Chair
  - i. U. Smith said that the EA meets tomorrow. They will be hearing a report from the Senior Leaders Climate Action Group (SCLAG) and entertaining a resolution on commemorating a formal EA-elected Trustee who passed away.
  - ii. Today they completed their second staff forum about Black Lives Matter, Blue Lives Matter, All Lives Matter – it was very well attended.
  - iii. Last week, at the President's Address to Staff, over 700 staff attended either virtually or in person.
  - iv. U. Smith said the employee survey went out.
    1. One of the issues is that some people did not get the employee

- survey because some of the lists have not been updated.
  - 2. B. Murphy said that teaching staff and tenured faculty did not receive the survey and neither did people who have been part of the University for less than 5 years.
  - 3. L. Copman said she was concerned that staff who have been present for less than 5 years do not have a voice in the employee survey.
- c. Dean of Faculty
  - i. C. Van Loan was not present.
  - ii. U. Smith said he and N. Rogers talked about how non-professorial staff and post-docs are represented.
- d. SA President
  - i. J. Berger said that the SA is still discussing restructuring.
  - ii. Last week, the SA had the opportunity to have a discussion with President Rawlings and VP Lombardi, mainly regarding campus safety.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

#### **V. Liaison Reports**

#### **VI. Business of the Day**

- a. Report from the Cornell University Senior Leaders Climate Action
  - i. R. Howarth said that 2 weeks ago, the SLCAG report was released to the public.
  - ii. He said the campus is committed to the goal of reaching carbon neutrality by 2035.
  - iii. SCLAG looked at the social cost of carbon, the impacts of methane emissions from natural gas, and a quadruple bottom line.
  - iv. The true cost of carbon is \$58 per metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub>.
  - v. Cornell's carbon footprint is mainly due to campus heating. Cornell has been using natural gas heating since March 2011.
  - vi. R. Howarth said the planet is warming faster than any climate models predicted because the driver behind it, methane, is increasing more than anyone expected.
  - vii. Solutions to the problem are Earth Source Heat, Air Heat pumps, and Ground Source Heat Pumps.
  - viii. External funding should be considered in order to fund an investment of this magnitude.
  - ix. Cornell would be the first in the nation to do something on this large of a scale.
- b. For Discussion: UA Resolution #1: Updating and Clarifying University Assembly Charter and Bylaws
  - i. E. Winarto said the UA Executive Committee proposed certain changes to the UA Charter and Bylaws.
  - ii. N. Rogers asked if there was a way to pass the Resolution in parts rather than as a whole, omnibus resolution.

1. G. Kaufman stated that one can motion to divide the resolution or motion to consider chunks of it at a time.
- iii. N. Rogers motioned to consider *seriatim* and to consider by paragraph each amended section of the charter. The motion was **approved**.
- iv. U. Smith said he fully supports the GPSA increasing membership but the EA is unsure about their 2 year terms. He motioned to amend 4.1B regarding the duration of terms for constituent representatives.
  1. E. Baptist asked if it is supposed to be clear or unclear which members serve 1 or 2 year terms on the UA. U. Smith said the language lets the constituent assembly decide if they want to do - year or 2-year terms.
  2. J. Berger said that if there are no term limits, they can have everyone serve 1-year terms and then people can be reappointed.
  3. E. Baptist motioned to amend the amendment to include “at the time of appointment” after “determined by the constituent assembly.”
  4. Section 4.1 was **amended** by a vote of 11-0-1.
- v. There was a motion to **Call the Question** Section 4.1
  1. There was dissent by E. Baptist, who said there is still a small amount of clarity he would like to see in the amendment.
- vi. By a vote of 3-6-3, discussion was not closed on UA Charter Section 4.1.
- vii. M. Hatch motioned to table the Sections to the next meeting and asked members to send their proposed amendments to the other members before the next meeting. UA Resolution 1 was **tabled**.

## **VII. Late Additions to the Agenda**

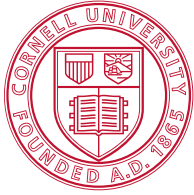
- a. Late Addition was an amendment of the Agenda.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vishal Bhaya  
*Assemblies Clerk*



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**U.A. Resolution # 1**

**Updating and Clarifying the University Assembly  
Charter and Bylaws**

[9/20/2016]

1 **Sponsored by:** Ekarina Winarto, Graduate and Professional Student Representative;  
2 **Ranking Member, Executive Committee**

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4 **On Behalf Of: The University Assembly Executive Committee**

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6 **Whereas**, the University Assembly (the Assembly) annually reviews the Charter and Bylaws at  
7 the beginning of each session of the Assembly and additionally throughout the session as  
8 needed; and

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10 **Whereas**, Counsel's Office has recommended that the Assembly specifically consider clarifying  
11 the appointment and removal process for members of the Assembly; and

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13 **Whereas**, Article IV, Sections 4.1 and 4.3, and Article V, Section 5.3 of the Charter are  
14 ambiguous; and

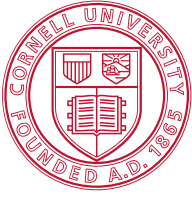
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16 **Whereas**, because all constituencies ought to have equal representation on the Assembly, the  
17 Charter should be amended to provide for two more Graduate and Professional Student  
18 Representative seats on the Assembly; and

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20 **Whereas**, in the Bylaws, Article II, Section 2.12 requires the Chair to call for votes to remove  
21 members after missing two scheduled meetings, Article III, Sub-Section 3.2.2 does not  
22 currently include all officers of the Assembly as ex-officio, non-voting members of the  
23 Standing Committees, and Article IV, Section 4.1 does not currently note the inclusion of  
24 the Judicial Codes Counselor and the Judicial Administrator as ex-officio, non-voting  
25 members of the Codes and Judicial Committee,

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27 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Charter be amended to reflect the changes denoted by blue text  
28 in Appendix A; and

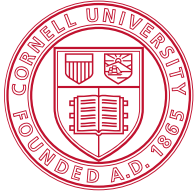
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30 **Be it further resolved**, that the Bylaws be amended to reflect the changes denoted by blue text  
31 in Appendix B; and

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33 **Be it finally resolved**, that the University Assembly advises the constituent assemblies to review



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34 their appointment procedures to the University Assembly in light of these proposed  
35 updates and clarifications.



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**U.A. Resolution #2**

**Endorsing the Recommendations of the Senior Leaders  
Climate Action Group**

*[November 1, 2016]*

1 **Sponsored by: Linda Copman, Employee Representative; Martin Hatch, Faculty**  
2 **Representative; Robert Howarth, Faculty Representative**

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4 **Whereas**, the University administration has endorsed the desirability of achieving carbon neutrality  
5 by 2035; and

6 **Whereas**, in March 2016, Provost Michael Kotlikoff charged the Senior Leaders Climate Action  
7 Group to analyze alternatives and make recommendations for achieving our climate neutrality goal  
8 by 2035; and

9 **Whereas**, in October 2016, the Senior Leaders Climate Action Group, comprised of thought leaders  
10 and technical and economic experts from across campus, released its report recommending a variety  
11 of measures to reduce our carbon footprint; and

12 **Whereas**, UA Resolution #7, adopted on April 26, 2016, requested that the results of the analysis be  
13 formally presented to the University Assembly, with the goal of empowering the assembly to make  
14 “specific suggestions to the administration regarding changes in practices and policies” to achieve  
15 carbon neutrality by 2035; and

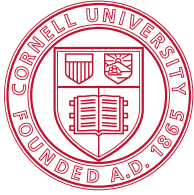
16 **Whereas**, the University Assembly formally considered the findings and recommendations of the  
17 Senior Leaders Climate Action Group on October 18, 2016, and it was the consensus of the group to  
18 endorse these finding and recommendations; therefore

19 **Be it resolved**, that the University Assembly formally endorses the recommendations outlined in the  
20 “Conclusions and Recommendations” section of the Senior Leaders Climate Action Group report,  
21 namely:

22 *Build on the success of the Think Big, Live Green campaign and continue to develop and deploy*  
23 *training tools to educate the campus on ways each and every member can contribute to*  
24 *reducing the energy consumption and the carbon footprint;*

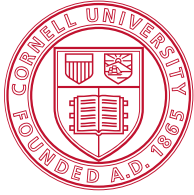
25 *Ensure all students graduate with a basic literacy of climate change – an understanding of their*  
26 *influence on climate and its influence on them and society. An educated student body will*  
27 *generate and help implement campus solutions, and carry the knowledge of climate-smart*  
28 *behaviors and solutions with them after graduation;*





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- 29 *Modify capital projects approval processes to explicitly account for long-term energy savings*  
30 *and the quadruple bottom line so as to incentivize higher energy performance in deferred*  
31 *maintenance projects, renovations and new construction;*
- 32 *Expand the successful Energy Conservation Initiative and continuous recommissioning program*  
33 *to further drive down the energy use of existing buildings through increased investment in*  
34 *both, and extending the payback period required for energy conservation projects; and*
- 35 *Prioritize development of infrastructure to support a campus fleet of clean-fuel vehicles and*  
36 *replace the existing fleet accordingly.*
- 37 *Pursue cost-effective wind, water, and solar projects to meet or offset 100 percent of the expected*  
38 *annual campus electricity demand.*
- 39 *Evaluate the viability of Earth Source Heat as the primary means to heat the campus, including*  
40 *aggressively exploring funding sources and drilling a test well as soon as is possible. If by*  
41 *2022 Earth Source Heat is determined to be a viable path forward, Cornell should implement*  
42 *it as a campus-wide utility. If by 2022 Earth Source Heat appears uncertain or problematic,*  
43 *Cornell should move rapidly to develop other approaches for heating the campus, such as*  
44 *ground-sourced heat pumps.*



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**U.A. Resolution #3**

**Endorsing “The Ithaca Plan: A Public Health and Safety  
Approach to Drugs and Drug Policy”**

*[November 1, 2016]*

1 **Sponsored by:** Linda Copman, Employee Representative; Ulysses Smith, Employee  
2 **Representative; Chair:** Campus Welfare Committee

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4 **On Behalf Of:** Campus Welfare Committee

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6 **Whereas,** the University community recognizes the critical need to address issues of campus safety,  
7 in the wake of separate stabbing incidents on or near campus this semester, at least one of which  
8 involved the sale of drugs; and

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10 **Whereas,** the University administration has expressed support for strengthening our relationships  
11 with partner law enforcement agencies in the City of Ithaca and surrounding communities, as one  
12 important means to bolster campus safety; and

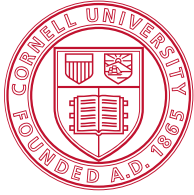
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14 **Whereas,** in April 2014, City of Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick convened the Municipal Drug Policy  
15 Community and charged this group with recommending policies and practices we could adopt to  
16 improve our local response to drug use and related policies; and

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18 **Whereas,** in February 2016, the Municipal Drug Policy Community, comprised of experts and  
19 leaders from the various sectors that respond to drug use in our community, released its report  
20 outlining a coordinated drug strategy which is rooted in public health and safety; and

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22 **Whereas,** the Campus Welfare Committee of the University Assembly formally considered the  
23 findings and recommendations of the Municipal Drug Policy Community on October 25, 2016, and it  
24 was the consensus of the group to endorse these finding and recommendations; therefore

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26 **Be it resolved,** that the University Assembly formally endorses the goals and recommendations  
27 outlined in the Executive Summary of “The Ithaca Plan: A Public Health and Safety Approach to  
28 Drugs and Drug Policy,” namely:

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30 • **Governance and Leadership**  
31 *Create a mayoral-level office tasked to reduce the morbidity, mortality, cost, and inequities*  
32 *associated with illicit drugs and our current responses to them.*  
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- 35       • **Education**  
36       *Key stakeholders and all Ithacans should have access to evidence-based practices and*  
37       *education around drugs, preventing problematic use, reducing harms associated with drug*  
38       *use, and helping oneself or others who have a drug use problem.*  
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- 40       • **Recovery-Oriented Treatment, Harm Reduction, and Ancillary Services**  
41       *Create a recovery-oriented treatment continuum that offers access to timely, individualized,*  
42       *and evidence-based, effective care, through services that are people-centered and able to*  
43       *meet the needs of individuals no matter their current relationship to drug use or recovery.*  
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- 45       • **Community and Economic Development**  
46       *Support and expand existing efforts to improve youth and family development, economic*  
47       *opportunity, and public health of communities, targeting vulnerable communities as*  
48       *immediate beneficiaries and ensuring that all Ithacans have the same access to resources*  
49       *and investments.*  
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- 51       • **Public Safety**  
52       *Redirect law enforcement and community resources from criminalization to increasing*  
53       *access to services. Encourage a shared responsibility for community health and safety that*  
54       *extends beyond the Ithaca Police Department.*  
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56 **Resolved**, that the University administration should partner with the City of Ithaca to support the  
57 implementation of the recommendations outlined in the Ithaca Plan; and  
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59 **Be it Finally Resolved**, that the University administration and the City of Ithaca should formally  
60 present a status update on progress made toward achieving the goals of The Ithaca Plan to the  
61 University Assembly by October 2017, and on an annual basis every October thereafter until the  
62 goals outlined above been achieved.

**Adopted by a Vote of the Assembly (#Ayes – #Nays – #Abstentions), Month DD, YYYY,**

**Gabe Kaufman**  
Chair, University Assembly