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Minutes of the November 28, 2016 Meeting

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

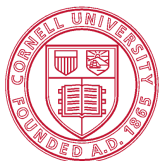
- I. Call to Order
 - a. N. Rogers called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
 - b. *Members Present:* J. Bensur, T. Bollu, E. Case, C. Franklin, J. Goldberg, M. Jodlowski, A. Loiben, J. Maynard, E. Michel, M. Milano, M. Munasinghe, L. Munguia (late arrival), I. Smythe, T. Snider (late arrival), Y. Tang, A. Waymack, E. Winarto.
 - c. *Members Absent:* S. Hesse.
 - d. *Also Present:* M. Kotlikoff, U. Smith.
- II. Approval of the Minutes from the November 21st, 2016 meeting.
 - a. E. Winarto motioned to amend the minutes, section V.e to read “\$19,000” not “90,000”, there was no dissent, the amendment was **approved**.
 - b. A motion was made to approve the minutes, there was no dissent, the minutes were **approved**.
- III. Presentations
 - a. Michael Kotlikoff, University Provost, then made his presentation on the present goals of the University for the near future and for the long-term, specifically highlighting changes to undergraduate housing. M. Kotlikoff’s full presentation can be heard on [dashboard](#) under audio for the 11/28/2016 meeting.
 - i. J. Goldberg asked how will financial aid be maintained, because the new undergraduates will bring in more tuition, but also need more financial aid.
 - ii. M. Kotlikoff said all of that has been taken into account and the modeling looks good. There will be no decrease in commitment to financial aid.
 - iii. L. Munguia said that the projections on tuition seem stable, but asked what will the effects be on Gannett and non-tuition costs.
 - iv. M Kotlikoff said they are not projecting a large increase in health care costs. One of the things to worry about though is what happens if there is another



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economic downturn. This plan would provide more freedom to handle that kind of a situation.

- v. T. Bollu said the provost has some influence on enrollment numbers, asked what is the mechanism for master's students.
 - vi. M. Kotlikoff: the provost does not control enrollment in master's programs. Provost does approve new master's programs, but not enrollment.
 - vii. T. Bollu asked how is this going to affect student services on campus.
 - viii. M. Kotlikoff does not think there will be a big increase in master's students. The master's programs are subject to demand.
 - ix. T. Bollu asked if the same analysis was done for the number of TAs per student (the same analysis as faculty per student).
 - x. M. Kotlikoff: the model included more graduate students and priced TAs into the model. Some programs already have the graduate students, just not the undergraduates.
 - xi. M. Srivastava was concerned that Cornell would be housing more freshman and sophomores, and then those students as juniors and seniors would be left to fend for themselves in Ithaca.
 - xii. M. Kotlikoff: that's why there is a discussion of building more undergraduate housing in collegetown (and more faculty housing in collegetown). The new dorms would hopefully take out enough sophomores and the new housing would hopefully create higher quality housing for the juniors and seniors left in collegetown. Currently the pricing in collegetown does not reflect whether a residence in collegetown is nice or not, it's all expensive.
 - xiii. M. Kotlikoff can be reached at mik7@cornell.edu or provost@cornell.edu
- b. Ulysses Smith, Lead Diversity and Inclusion Strategist, Department of Inclusion and Workforce Diversity then made his presentation. Please see the attached document in the meeting packet from 11/28/2016 for information on the content of the presentation.
- i. R. Walroth asked if the reporting system is specifically to report protected status bias/harassment or any incident against anyone.
 - ii. U. Smith: this is for any instance. Any alleged misconduct.



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- iii. M. Munasinghe asked if U. Smith could elaborate on what the response is to workplace complaints about faculty. Specifically if it's a small group of people where it would be easy to determine who made the complaint.
- iv. U. Smith: the first step is to send a note to the reporter/complainant and walk them through their options. In unique circumstances the office can be really creative (like instituting a "pilot program" for the department where the complaint originated to target faculty without them knowing who reported).
- v. U. Smith's email is uj3@cornell.edu

IV. Breakout Session by Division

- a. Work-Life Balance

V. Elections

- a. Chair, Finance Commission (GPSAFC)

- i. N. Rogers and E. Winarto stated that the chair position of the FC is a very complicated role.
- ii. T. Bollu gave a brief description of the role: the FC chair oversees allocations of budgets based on applications the FC receives, puts meetings together, communicates between groups. T. Bollu nominated himself for interim FC chair.
- iii. A motion was made to strike the FC chair election and replace it with an interim FC chair election, there was no dissent.
- iv. A. Loiben asked how many people are on the FC.
- v. E. Winarto: on dashboard it says 7, 5 to 6 people are showing up regularly.
- vi. There were no other nominations, and there was no dissent to the election of T. Bollu as Interim FC Chair.

- b. Chair, Appropriations Committee

- i. T. McCann was nominated for the position and he accepted.
- ii. T. McCann stated a few facts about himself: he's the SAGES rep, on a few different committees and student interest groups.
- iii. N. Stetson asked if being at the Geneva campus would impair his would-be duties as AC chair. The answer was no.



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- iv. There was no dissent to the election of Tyler McCann as Appropriations Chair.

VI. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates

- a. Executive: nothing to report.
- b. Operations: M. Munasinghe will contact T. Bollu and T. McCann so that they can access their committees through dashboard.
- c. Appropriations: Dec. 6 is the next meeting at 6pm. They will be discussing what the AC does, if you're interested in joining it's a good meeting to attend.
- d. Communications: the newly elected AC and FC chairs will be getting information from M. Munasinghe regarding the Leadership Summit in January.
- e. Finance: Dec. 6 is the next meeting at 5pm, they need more people.
- f. Student Advocacy: last meeting of the semester will be Dec. 1, talking about bystander intervention. If you are interested in going to the meetings next semester, email A. Loiben at aml372@cornell.edu
- g. Diversity and International Students: nothing to report.
- h. Programming: nothing to report.
- i. Faculty awards: if you're interested in being on faculty awards next semester please look into it.
- j. Graduate School: nothing to report.

VII. Open Forum

- a. M. munasinghe: GPCI and SLS are accepting applications, please apply.
- b. It was clarified that Resolution 7 has not been sent out in its adopted format because of some computer problems. The situation is currently being worked on.
- c. T. Bollu stated that he thinks it is very good that the GPSA took a stand with Resolution 7.
- d. N. Stetson motioned to adjourn the meeting, there was no dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew Ferraro
Clerk of the Assembly