



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Minutes of the Thursday, November 9, 2017 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:47pm
- b. Roll Call:
 - i. *Present:* T. Ball, D. Barbaria, A. Chowdhury, O. Corn, R. Cornell, V. Devatha, O. Din, O. Egharevba, H. Hassan, R. Herz, M. Indimine, G. Kaufman, J. Kim, S. Lim, L. Lipschutz, T. Magloire, A Martinez, S. Park, M. Peralta-Ochoa, S. Romero Zavala, J. Sanon, C. Schott, E. Shapiro, J. Sim, D. Tokunboh, M. Valdez, I. Wallace
 - ii. *Absent:* J. Pollard (excused)

II. Open Microphone

- a. V. Devatha said open mic would be for community members to speak about anything other than Cornell Cinema.
- b. No speakers for open mic.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. August 31st, September 7th, September 14th, October 12th, October 19th, October 26th
- b. D. Barbaria made a motion to approve all minutes – approved with no dissent

IV. Byline Reports – G. Kaufman

- a. Haven
 - i. \$0.30 funding increase approved by a vote of 25-0-1.
- b. EARS
 - i. Funding approved at \$1.50/student by a vote of 25-0-1.
- c. Cornell Cinema
 - i. G. Kaufman apologized for the statement he read from Matthew Stefanko, previous Chair of the Appropriations Committee, at the last SA meeting on November 2, 2017.
 - ii. G. Kaufman apologized and acknowledged the attack on mental health.
 - iii. G. Kaufman apologized to the members of the SA and community members who have been impacted by this decision.
 - iv. G. Kaufman read a statement from the office of Provost Michael Kotlikoff. The provost acknowledged the valuable contribution of the Cinema and supports the effort to table the resolution to allow more time for discussion.
 - v. G. Kaufman made a motion to table – tabled with a vote of 24-0-1.
 - vi. J. Kim said this entire process would be done by the end of the semester. He allotted 30 minutes for comments on the issue, with each speaker allowed 1 minute 30 seconds.
 - vii. O. Corn apologized for unprofessionalism during the last meeting.

- viii. Community members spoke on their feelings in support of Cornell Cinema.
- ix. J. Sanon said they were never debating the benefits of the cinema, but rather discussing about fairness and funding.
- x. T. Cabbell said there will be an SA community forum next Tuesday from 7-9pm in WSH Memorial Room for people to voice opinions and speak to elected representatives.
- xi. J. Kim closed the discussion on Cornell Cinema.
 - 1. R. Herz – dissent
 - 2. J. Kim – dissent to dissent
- d. Convocation
 - i. G. Kaufman said Convocation is currently funded at \$14.50 and there is a request to increase by \$2.00 to \$16.50. It is one of the highest funded organizations.
 - ii. O. Corn made a motion to table – **tabeled** with a vote of 24-0-1.
- e. WSH Student Union Board
 - i. G. Kaufman said the WSH Student Union Board is currently funded \$2.14 and initially requested \$1.89, but after meeting with the board members about a rollover account, they came to a mutual understanding that it would be appropriate for them to receive \$0.50/student.
 - ii. O. Din made a motion to table – **tabeled** with a vote of 23-0-2.
- f. CUPB (Cornell University Program Board)
 - i. G. Kaufman said the CUPB is currently funded at \$7.50 and requested an increase. The Appropriations Committee recommended giving them most, but not all, of the increase. The Committee hopes they will look into their price structure.
 - ii. O. Corn made a motion to table – **tabeled** with a vote of 23-0-2.

V. Business of the Day

- a. V. Devatha made a motion to move Resolution 20 forward on the agenda.
- b. Resolution 20: Equality in Undergraduate Access to the Breazzano Family Center for Business
 - i. T. Ball said this resolution requests that the Breazzano Family Center for Business be made accessible to undergrads after 5:00pm to address the limited amount of study spaces in Collegetown. Right now, eHub is the only real study center in area.
 - ii. T. Ball made a motion to strike line 37 and 38 because it is arbitrary – **amended** by unanimous consent
 - iii. T. Ball made a motion to move resolution to Business of the Day – **passed** by a vote of 2/3.
 - iv. C. Schott questioned if they have looked at peer institutions, or have spoken with the administration and GPSA to see their view on this.
 - v. T. Ball said since the restructuring of the AEM school, SC Johnson school, and Hotel school, there have not been many efforts to improve undergraduate access to additional resources and experiences.
 - vi. V. Devatha said accessibility to one new building does not create collaboration.
 - vii. T. Ball said C. Schott has fair criticisms and they will be considered moving forward.

- viii. J. Anderson echoed reaching out to the community, including the UA and the building care management, especially if their hours may be extended. He would like to see something in the resolution regarding employees.
- ix. D. Barbara asked T. Ball if he has spoken to leadership in the colleges.
 - 1. T. Ball said he has not spoken with them yet and wanted to get student input.
- x. M. Indamine made a motion to table the resolution – **withdrawn**
- xi. S. Romero Zavala said graduate students are different from undergraduate students. Logistics for regulation and staffing needs more consideration.
- xii. O. Din said the concerns of undergraduates should be voiced.
- xiii. R. Herz suggested adding a clause stating graduate students would get priority for upper-level conference rooms.
- xiv. G. Kaufman made a motion to table until next week – **tabled** with a majority and no dissent
- c. Resolution 14: Increasing the Transparency of WCM-Q
 - i. J. Anderson made a motion to table – **tabled** with no dissent
- d. Resolution 16: Median Grade Reporting
 - i. C. Schott introduced this resolution two weeks ago. Most concerns were addressed through email.
 - ii. O. Egharevba said this resolution seeks to recommend that the Registrar report median grades on transcripts by section.
 - iii. C. Schott said this has been looked favorably by the faculty.
 - iv. J. Anderson said this resolution does not address multiple sections with one TA. He does not think it looks to address the student, and may even hurt some, citing courses in which it is not the TA grading.
 - v. G. Kaufman said it should be by lecture and not by section because it is more reasonable and likely to be accepted.
 - vi. G. Kaufman made a motion to amend line 30 to strike “Faculty senate to direct the” and strike on line 31 “to” – **amended** with a vote of 22-0-1.
 - vii. Community member suggested that classes should be curved so that the median of one class or course average is reflected on all student transcripts.
 - viii. S. Romero Zavala said a concern would be relating teaching ability to grading distribution. This may be hard to implement.
 - ix. G. Kaufman made a motion to refer to the Academic Policy Committee – **passed** with a simple majority and no dissent

VI. New Business

- a. Resolution 17: Declaring Support for Wind Development on Campus
 - i. D. Barbara made a motion to table – **tabled** with no dissent
- b. Resolution 19: Preventing the Use of University Resources for Political Purposes
 - i. O. Egharevba made a motion to table – **tabled** with no dissent

VII. Adjournment

- a. J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:24pm.

VIII. Executive Session

Respectfully Submitted,
Terrill Malone and Catherine Tran
 Clerks of the Assembly