



Cornell University
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Agenda of the January 27, 2020 Meeting 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

- I. Call to Order
 - a) 5:30 A. Barrientos-Gómez calls meeting to order
- II. Roll Call
 - a) Present: P. Vinhage, A. Barrientos-Gómez, R. Harrison, A. Johnson, M. Keefe, L. Louis, K. Laurent, D. Yucalan, N. London, W. Andersson, A. Woods, K. Esannason, M. Daly, M. Gelsinger, J. Faulk, K. Masters, C. Duell, V. Kasonde, A. P. D. G. Everett, E. Call, M. Schoeffler,
 - b) Absent: A. Cirillo, A. Sontag, D. Wang, M. Sawey, K. Masters
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a) Minutes from December 9, 2019
 - i. Motion to Approve
 - ii. Approved
- IV. Presentations
 - a) Dr. Gary A. Koretzky, Vice Provost for Academic Integration (Graduate School Dean Search)
 - i. Dr. G. Koretzky: I am here to update you on the Graduate School Dean Search, as well as, here some of your suggestions. Preparations began Summer 2019 & continued throughout the Fall Semester. Over the summer we did Graduate School Self Study. In September we conducted a

External Review with 4 Vice Provosts of Graduate Education from peer institutions and Met with ~100 constituents in 2 days. In October we created focus groups with students, DGS, Grad School & partner units, had the External Report Rec'd, created Leadership Presentations, and had 1:1 Meetings with leaders. By November the Provost began to call for Search Committee nominations from Deans and Faculty, and finally in December the Search Committee empaneled, Dean/VPGE position finalized & publicized prior to break, and the Search announced on Provost website. We also expanded the job description of the Vice Provost: "Providing outstanding graduate education is essential to the scholarship and research mission of Cornell. The dual title of Dean/VPGE ensures there is an advocate for graduate education and the graduate student experience at the highest level of the university." Our search committee features a large array of faculty and students. The next steps which are occurring this spring include:

Accepting application (19 received to date)

January 23: Message to faculty about search process

January 27: GPSA Presentation

January 28: Faculty Town Hall

February 3: Faculty Town Hall

Mid- February: Application screening begins

March/April: 1st Round of Interviews via Zoom begins

2nd Round of Interviews - Campus Visits

We would like to receive input and perspectives from student and faculty before the committee begins to screen applications.

- ii. Everett: What is your vision of a perfect candidate?
- iii. Dr. G. Koretzky: We are looking candidates who excel in scholarship (recognized in their field), teaching, diversity and inclusion, administrative experience.
- iv. A. Johnson: Has everybody in the committee signed up to taking the bias training?
- v. Dr. G. Koretzky: In our second meeting we went through the bias training as a committee that was specific to our search.
- vi. A. Johnson: Are going through the search by consensus or by....
- vii. Dr. G. Koretzky: So far, we have decided that every member of the committee will review every application and we have set up some scoring criteria.

V. Division Breakout

- a) Discussion on the Dean search and complete Google form

VI. New Business

- a) Introduction to Resolution 5: *Support of the Development and Implementation of a Cornell Campus Circular System*
 - i. K. Barth: A Circulator bus transit is a short-distance, circular, fixed-route transit mode that takes riders around a specific area with major destinations. It may include streetcars, rubber-tire trolleys, electric buses, or compressed natural gas buses. The resolution's goal is to point out the documents and instances which have highlighted how a Campus Circulator system could improve life for everyone on the Ithaca campus, and request that the Administration prioritize the development and implementation of such a system within the next 5 years. The resolution specifically does not go into detail about what technology is required, or where and when a Circulator would travel. Those are design decisions that the Transportation Office and other committees can work together on as the project takes off. This resolution is just about affirming the

commitment of the assemblies to the project, and a request to the administration to get things finally started.

ii. A. P. D. G. Everett: Motion to table the resolution

1. Approved

b) Introduction to Resolution 6: *Support of Divestment from Fossil Fuels*

i. A. P. D. G. Everett: Motion to table introduction the resolution but to discuss it at the next meeting

1. Approved

VII. Open Forum

a) C. Duell: Faculty awards committee is going to be meeting and if you would like to join please let me know.

b) V. Kasonde: Hi new members you will be receiving an ongoing packet soon, if you have questions about anything please contact me.

Adjournment 7:06pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashlynn Lee

Clerk of the Assembly