



Cornell University
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Minutes of the February 10, 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, R. Harrison, A. Johnson, M. Keefe, L. Louis, K. Laurent, D. Yucalan, C. Duell, N. London, E. Schoenly, M. Schoeffler, P. Cole, M. Daly, M. Gelsinger, M. Sawey, J. Faulk, M. Cantar
 - b) Absent: H. Xu, M. Sturgeon, A. Bidjarano, A. Cirillo, A. Sontag, D. Wang, K. Masters, A.P.D.G. Everett, E. Call
- III. A. Cohn: Motion to move new business to be before presentations
 - a) **Approved**
- IV. New Business (15 Minutes)
 - a) Introduction to Resolution 7: *Condemnation of the dangerously late closure of Ithaca campus on 7 February 2020*
 - I. The goal is to acknowledge the of severity of storm was known well in advance and state that the lack of foresight to close early was dangerous/hazardous to students, faculty, and staff. The suspension of TCAT bus service prior to cancelation of classes and university closure

left many people having to make the journey to campus on foot only to find out that classes had been canceled.

V. Presentations (30 Minutes)

a) Dr. Martha Pollack, President of Cornell University

I. Dr. M. Pollack: I would like to apologize for late closure during 2/7/20 storm. We will be taking a post-mortem look at a better solution moving forward. On a lighter note I would like to also Academic points of pride such Wilson Synchrotron and his success with particle acceleration, Susan Choi '95 winning of the National Book Award for "Trust Exercise", and the Graduate and Professional Community Initiative that is timing well with Graduate Dean of Students search. On the topic of divestment from fossil fuels I would to state that funds managers are signatories on ESG policies – 70.8%, and If the resolutions are passed by all assemblies, the Board of Trustees has no choice but to take it very seriously. We are aware that we are struggling to meet mental health needs of students – ratio of counselors to students is out of proportion and it is something we are working hard on. We had internal review last year and external review this past fall and are taking these reviews seriously in order to better serve students and faculty. With the coronavirus we are following CDC and WHO guidelines, and we did have wo students met criteria for testing but have come back as negative for coronavirus. Please wash your hands, get the flu shot, and show kindness in this community regarding students with family/friends back in China.

VI. Division Breakout

VII. Old Business

a) Discussion on Resolution 6: *Support of Divestment from Fossil Fuels*

I. Motion to call to question the resolution

1. 17-0-9

2. Approved

VIII. Committee Q&A (5 Minutes)

a) Executive: none.

b) Operations: There is list of all of the internal and external so we can start to fill the vacancies.

c) Communications: none.

d) Appropriations: none.

e) Finance: If you have a question about budgets or campus groups you can go to the new student organization benefits office

f) Student Advocacy: none.

g) Diversity and International Students: none.

h) Programming: none.

i) Faculty Awards: We are starting our meetings, if you are interested please email me at cjd259@cornell.edu

j) GPCI: We have a meeting tomorrow from 11-12 in Sage Hall.

k) General Committee: We had our first meeting today where we approved a new minor in data science, and we now working on providing a guide for the advisors to help them advise students. If you want to talk to me let me know.

l) Graduate School: none

m) University Assembly: We have a meeting coming let me know if you have any questions for me or Martha let me know.

IX. Open Forum

Adjournment 6:59pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashlynn Lee

Clerk of the Assembly