

Cornell University Assembly

Minutes of the May 7, 2019 Meeting 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM 224 Weill Hall

- I. Call to Order
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 - i. M. Battaglia called the meeting to order at 4:32pm
 - b. Roll Call:
 - Present: J. Anderson, D. Barbaria, A. Barrientos-Gomez, K. Barth, M. Battaglia, R. Bensel, L. Copman, D. Hiner, R. Howarth, L. Kenney, E. Loew, T. Onabajo, C. Van Loan,
 - ii. Absent: C. Wiggers,
 - c. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - i. There were no late additions to the agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. 4-23-19 Minutes
 - i. J. Anderson moved to approve the minutes. There was a second. There was no dissent. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- III. Presentation from the Judicial Codes Counselor
 - a. M. Battaglia suggested that order of the meeting change due to the presence of guest presenter Ryan Parker.
 - b. Ryan Parker, the outgoing Judicial Codes Counselor, who is a 3L in Cornell Law School, gave a presentation to the Assembly. He said that the case numbers went up significantly this year. He gave an overview of the statistics of the cases handled by the Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor. He said that the office will be adding another Judicial Codes Counselor next year. He spoke about Policy 6.4 cases, Campus Code of Conduct cases, and Academic Integrity cases. He discussed some issues that the Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor has faced this past year. He said that the Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor applauds the Office of the Judicial Administrator's use of educational sanctions. He said that a more in-depth report will be released later this month.
 - c. Ryan Parker fielded questions from the Assembly.
- IV. Assembly and Committee Updates
 - a. Student Assembly
 - i. J. Anderson said that the last Student Assembly meeting was last Thursday.

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- b. D. Barbaria moved to go right into resolutions. There was dissent. D. Barbaria withdrew his motion.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. T. Onabajo said that the Assembly needs to decide on a poster to release to the community for community engagement. She said that it would be \$4,500 to release the survey.
 - ii. R. Bensel said that the posters are prejudicial and anti-cigarette. He said that he would remove the cigarettes from the posters. He voiced concerns that the inclusion of the cigarette could affect the outcome of the survey.
 - iii. Point of Information D. Barbaria asked if the Assembly's budget would be able to cover the survey.
 - iv. M. Battaglia said probably not.
 - v. D. Hiner asked if the Assembly could request funds from President Pollack to fund the SRI.
 - vi. M. Battaglia said yes, it is possible.
 - vii. L. Kenney said that she agreed with R. Bensel. She also asked if T. Onabajo had considered sending the survey through email to reduce the costs.
 - viii. T. Onabajo stated that sending the emails with SRI would still be \$1,500, although Qualtrics would be free. She said that the analysis would be need to be done by committee members. She asked for other suggestions about the posters.
 - ix. L. Kenney suggested that the poster be more neutral looking and to remove the cigarette image. L. Kenney also recommended using Qualtrics.
 - x. R. Bensel agreed with L. Kenney.
 - xi. K. Barth suggested that the Assembly ask for the funds from the Office of the President. He also supported the use of paper surveys because it will reach Cornell employees that do not often use the computer for their work to complete the survey.
 - xii. There was no dissent to requesting the Office of the President to fund the tobacco referendum SRI survey.
- d. Campus Infrastructure Committee
 - R. Howarth said that the committee had their last meeting on April 30. The committee finalized a memorandum to the provost in regards to specific steps that could be taken to reduce the carbon footprint on campus specifically related to business travel and commuting. R. Howarth reported

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that the memorandum was sent to provost and that he received a response back.

- e. Employee Assembly
 - i. K. Barth said that the Employee Assembly held its election today. He announced that Adam Howell is the new Employee Assembly Chair and that Pilar Thompson has joined the University Assembly and Imani Allen has been reelected by the Employee Assembly to serve on the UA.
- f. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. E. Winarto said that the GPSA had its election yesterday.
- V. Business of the Day
 - a. Resolution 4: Appointment of the University Hearing Board and University Review Board Members for Academic Year 2019-2020
 - i. D. Barbaria said that the resolution is the same as it was two weeks ago except that the last two names on line 37 and 38 have been added to the one year appointments for students. One name one line 55 has been added to the one year appointment for staff members. He reported that the applications were reviewed by the Codes and Judicial Committee.
 - ii. J. Anderson moved to approve the resolution. L. Copman seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
 - 1. By a vote of 16-0-1, the resolution passed.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Resolution 5: Creating an Ad Hoc Budget Planning Advisory Committee
 - i. L. Copman said that this is an opportunity for constituent assemblies to gain insight into the University budget process. She said that she hoped that all assemblies have will representatives on the committee. She said that C. Van Loan will chair the committee.
 - D. Barbaria raised a point of order stating that the vote on Resolution 4 was 16-0-1 not 15-0-1 and that sixteen people would probably be voting on Resolution 5.
 - iii. M. Battaglia acknowledged the point of order.
 - iv. J. Anderson moved to approve the resolution. D. Barbaria seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
 - 1. By a vote of 16-0-1, the resolution was passed.
 - b. Resolution 6: Recognition of Outstanding Support to the AY 2019 Legislative Session
 - i. M. Battaglia said that this resolution attempts to thank everyone involved in the process of supporting the Assembly.

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- ii. J. Anderson moved to approve the resolution. There was a second. There was no dissent to vote on the resolution.
 - 1. By a vote of 17-0-0, the resolution was passed.
- c. Discussion on Letters from Committees of the University Assembly
 - i. D. Barbaria said that the Codes and Judical Committee (henceforth CJC) wanted to show that progress had been made so the entire working document will be sent out. It will include requests from the administration to review it and (where possible) to provide amendments that they would approve of. Therefore, in the Fall semester, the committee may start to vote on resolutions that are provided by the university. He said that the chair of the UA and himself would be working on the letter and would be reviewed by the committee and the UA before being sent out to the administration.
 - ii. R. Howarth said that it was an opportunity to work more informally with Day Hall, short of formal resolutions. He said there are concrete suggestions and a number of points to discuss. At the beginning of the academic year, President Pollack said that she preferred to discuss matters more informally with the CJC instead of only responding to resolutions. He also said that the memo does not purport to represent people on the University Assembly.
- VII. K. Barth said that he would like to recognize the Executive Committee for their work.
- VIII. There was a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss internal elections and other confidential matters.
 - a. There was a second. The motion was approved.
 - IX. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Terrill D. Malone Clerk of the University Assembly

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