

# Cornell University University Assembly

## Cornell University Assembly

Minutes of the September 18th, 2018 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building

### I. Call to Order (Chair)

#### a. Call to Order

- i. M. Battaglia called the meeting to order at 4:38pm

#### b. Attendance:

- i. *Present:* I. Allen, J. Anderson, D. Barbaria, K. Barth, M. Battaglia, R. Bensel, L. Copman, V. Devatha, D. Geisler, D. Hiner, R. Howarth, T. Onabajo, C. Van Loan, A. Viswanathan, E. Winarto
- ii. *Absent:* M. Hatch, E. Loew, C. Wiggers

#### c. Welcome and Introduction

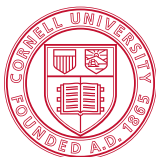
- i. M. Battaglia welcomed new members of the University Assembly and visitors.

#### d. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda

- i. There were no calls for late additions to the agenda.

### II. Presentation from Cornell Health

- a. Kent Bullis, Executive Director of Cornell Health, gave a presentation on Cornell Health, the services and treatments offered, and new programs and changes to services. He also gave brief overviews of different trends of utilization of Cornell Health services. He said that many services are offered on a one-to-one basis, but that Cornell Health is open to partnering with the University to address campus-wide public health concerns. He also mentioned that many partnerships, for example, Cornell Health's partnership with Wegmans for flu clinics, have been very successful.
- b. M. Battaglia asked if there was anything that the University Assembly could do to help Cornell Health's initiatives.
- c. K. Bullis said that help in the area of social media outreach would be welcomed.
- d. J. Anderson asked about the retention of diverse staff in CAPS.
- e. K. Bullis said that, to his knowledge, many diverse staff leave for family-related reasons. He said that Cornell Health has been working harder to increase social opportunities amongst counselors and staff at Cornell Health.
- f. D. Geisler said that he has often heard complaints about wait times. He asked if wait times were being tracked.



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- g. K. Bullis said yes, but he also said that there is a larger goal of making sure that the need of urgent care is met.
- h. E. Winarto asked about how much Cornell Health in Ithaca interacts with Cornell Tech, for example, by providing services like CAPS at Cornell Tech.
- i. K. Bullis said that, currently, Weill Cornell is better resourced than Cornell Health, but that Cornell Health still has some responsibility. He said that he has frequently finds that Cornell Health is in a role of advising, but that there is no responsibility of Cornell Health being a presence at Cornell Tech. He said that students registered in Ithaca are absolutely covered by Cornell Health in Ithaca.
- j. T. Onabajo asked about the opportunities for pre-medicine students to engage with Cornell Health.
- k. K. Bullis said that primarily the Skorton Center for Health Initiatives liaises with different student-led groups and Cornell Health. He said that Cornell Health provides support, and sometimes advice, to pre-medicine students. He said that one issue with engaging with pre-medicine students is that students may fear of having to share their health concerns with peers and fear a lack of confidentiality. He said that there are student employees in Student Disability Studies.
- l. K. Bullis said that Cornell Health is in a position with the function to provide access to all students that need help. He said that he encouraged Vice-President Lombardi and President Pollack to move forward with the comprehensive review of mental health services and access.
- m. A. Viswanathan asked about outreach efforts of Cornell Health.
- n. K. Bullis said that a pamphlet is sent out to every new student, stickers are posted on nearly every bathroom door and stall, social media and posters are utilized, and more.

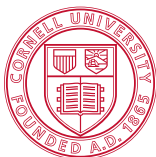
### III. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly (V. Devatha)
  - i. There were no updates.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (E. Winarto)
  - i. There were no updates.
- c. Employee Assembly (C. Wiggers)
  - i. K. Barth said that the Employee Assembly is sponsoring the President's Address to Staff, and people are welcome to help out.
- d. Faculty Senate (C. Van Loan)
  - i. There were no updates.

### IV. Committee Reports

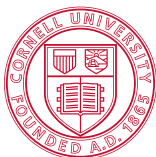
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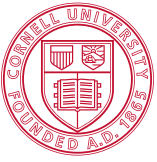
- a. Executive Committee (J. Anderson)
  - i. There were no updates.
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee (D. Barbaria)
  - i. D. Barbaria said that the Codes and Judicial Committee has met once last week, and that the Employee Assembly constituency needs a representative.
  - ii. C. Van Loan asked about the Working Group on Hate Speech and Harassment and President Pollack's Task Force.
  - iii. D. Barbaria explained a brief overview of the plan for the Codes and Judicial Committee.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee (T. Onabajo)
  - i. T. Onabajo said that the Campus Welfare Committee is missing a number of appointments, and that the committee has created a survey that will be sent out to the entire Ithaca campus.
- d. Campus Infrastructure Committee (M. Hatch)
  - i. M. Battaglia said the M. Hatch is still travelling.
  - ii. There were no Updates.
- V. Liaison Reports
  - a. There were no updates.
- VI. Business of the Day
  - a. Resolution 1: Appointment of the University Hearing Board and University Review Board Members for Academic Year 2018-2019 (D. Barbaria)
    - i. D. Barbaria said that this resolution is to fill the vacancies on the University Hearing and Review Boards.
    - ii. M. Horvath said that she does not think that this the current University Assembly has the authority to appoint new members to the University Hearing and Review Boards because the plain language of the Campus Code of Conduct says that the appointments have to be made by the last meeting of the outgoing University Assembly. She said that emergency appointments could be made.
    - iii. M. Battaglia said that he and D. Barbaria disagree with that interpretation. He said that there would be a number of vacancies on the University Hearing and Review Boards.
    - iv. R. Benseal asked if this was a substantive issue or a procedural issue without substance. He asked why this issue is important.
    - v. M. Horvath said that this is an important issue because the University Hearing and Review Boards should have legitimacy, and that, if the



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University Hearing and Review Boards are not appointed in a way that is not legitimately sanctioned by the Campus Code of Conduct, then a question of trust in the system arises. She said that procedures matter.

- vi. R. Bensel asked, if the University Assembly can make emergency appointments for a year, why not do that.
- vii. R. Howarth said that he feels that this matter can be handled by the University Assembly, and that he would feel more comfortable if the University Assembly handled this matter, instead of just the University Assembly Executive Committee.
- viii. A. Viswanathan said that, if the previous Codes and Judicial Committee nominated the University Hearing and Review Boards members before the final University Assembly meeting of the previous University Assembly, there should be no issue in appointing these members.
- ix. J. Anderson asked if there would be any repercussions if the University Assembly just appointed the University Hearing and Review Boards members.
- x. M. Battaglia said that the University Assembly has the full authority to appoint University Hearing and Review Boards members, so he sees no repercussions.
- xi. K. Barth asked why there was an issue to appoint these names in the previous University Assembly.
- xii. M. Battaglia explained a number of issues that arose last year with the previous Codes and Judicial Committee and University Assembly.
- xiii. T. Onabajo said that she would agree with R. Bensel that the University Assembly should make temporary appointments.
- xiv. D. Geisler asked about when this matter needs to be handled.
- xv. M. Battaglia said that the temporary emergency appointments would be terminated as soon as the University Assembly took formal action on this matter.
- xvi. R. Bensel motioned to commit the resolution to the Codes and Judicial Committee. D. Barbaria seconded the motion. There was no dissent. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.
- xvii. R. Bensel motioned to have the University Assembly Executive Committee ensure that the emergency appointments are extended and do not run out until the University Assembly takes formal action on this matter. The



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motion was seconded. There was no dissent. The motion was **adopted** by unanimous consent.

- xviii. G. Giambattista asked if the emergency appointments are meant to last the full year, or for specific cases.
- xix. G. Giambattista asked, if there were enough University Hearing and Review Boards members, would there be a need to make emergency appointments.
- xx. M. Battaglia gave a few different statistics and said that he thinks that the University Hearing and Review Boards is operating at approximately 40-percent of its strength.

VII. Late Additions to the Agenda

VIII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01pm

Terrill D. Malone

Clerk of the Assembly