



# Cornell University University Assembly

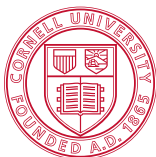
## Cornell University Assembly

Minutes of the September 4th, 2018 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order (Chair)
  - a. Call to Order (1 minute)
    - i. M. Battaglia called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.
    - ii. Attendance:
      1. *Present:* A. Viswanathan, C. Van Loan, C. Wiggers, D. Barbaria, D. Hiner, D. Geisler, E. Winarto, E. Leow, I. Allen, J. Anderson, K. Barth, L. Copman, M. Battaglia, R. Bense, R. Howarth, T. Onabajo, V. Devatha
      2. *Absent:* M. Hatch
      3. *Others Present:* G. Giambattista, T. Malone
  - b. Welcome and Introduction (10 minutes)
    - i. M. Battaglia said that it is a pleasure to have everyone here. He began with introductions and allowed the entire membership of the University Assembly to introduce themselves. He said that he recommends that everyone take a look at the PowerPoint that outlines the functions of the Assembly. He said the UA is unique, and he gave a brief overview of the UA. He said that he looks forward to a great year.
  - c. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda (1 minutes)
    - i. Michelle Horvath, the Judicial Administrator
      1. R. Howarth motioned to allow, M. Horvath, the Judicial Administrator, time to speak to the assembly. The motion was seconded. There was no dissent. The motion was adopted.
      2. M. Horvath said that she wanted to raise a contextual point about the confirmation of the University Hearing and Review Board Members. She said that on page 15 of the new Campus Code of Conduct, with regard to the pool of judicial board members, it says “the Office of the Assemblies shall solicit written applications and the Codes and Judicial Committee shall nominate candidates to the University Assembly for its confirmation no longer than its last regular meeting of the outgoing Assembly.” She said that she is raising whether or not this current University Assembly can appoint



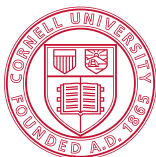
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judicial members for this current term. She said that the original language for this was a check and balance. She also discussed vacancies and emergency appointments. She said that, although there was some hesitancy in getting the names, the names were provided to the Codes and Judicial Committee before the May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

3. M. Battaglia said that he would provide context when discussing Resolution #1.

### II. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly (V. Devatha) (2 minutes)
  - i. V. Devatha said that the Student Assembly has been passing resolutions that deal with internal business, like establishing new offices and roles, and changes to Appendix B.
  - ii. R. Benschel asked how “shell” organizations work?
  - iii. D. Barbaria explained the Student Assembly funding changes.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (E. Winarto) (2 minutes)
  - i. E. Winarto said that the first meeting was last week. She said that the GPSA is trying to sort out staffing on its committees. She said the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly is working to staff its committees and finish its Graduate and Professional Community Initiative that outlines its goals.
- c. Employee Assembly (C. Wiggers) (2 minutes)
  - i. C. Wiggers said that the Employee Assembly had its summit and has welcomed many new faces. He said that the Employee Assembly is looking to streamline many of its committees. He said that one of the Employee Assembly’s goals is to ensure that the staff community knows of the Employee Assembly and its representatives.
- d. Faculty Senate (C. Van Loan) (2 minutes)
  - i. C. Van Loan said that there has been work on addressing the topic of representation of non-tenure track faculty. He said that there has been work done, and that there is a plan to move those faculty members under the Faculty Senate. He said that the Policy on Consensual Relationships, Policy 6.3, is now official. He said that there is now an emerging plan to look at the class period meeting time.
  - ii. L. Copman asked about the subset of non-tenure track faculty.
  - iii. C. Van Loan said that visiting faculty, adjunct faculty, and post-doctoral students are included in the subset. He said that this information and some statistics can be accessed in-depth on the faculty website.



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- iv. L. Copman asked about the people who do not meet the criteria mentioned, and how they will be represented.
- v. C. Van Loan said that the plan is to set up “channels” to provide structure for certain teaching faculty to have voice.

### III. Committee Reports

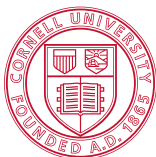
- a. Executive Committee (J. Anderson) (2 minutes)
  - i. J. Anderson said that the Executive Committee met last week to set priorities for the meeting. He said that, over the summer, the Executive Committee determined that President Pollack will be presenting at the October 16 meeting, and that the Executive Committee made emergency appointments to the University Hearing and Review Boards.
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee (D. Barbaria) (2 minutes)
  - i. D. Barbaria said that the Codes and Judicial Committee will be meeting next week. He said that, with his current workload, he will be stepping down as Chair of the committee because he does not feel as though he has the time to commit to the Codes and Judicial Committee.
  - ii. E. Leow asked if stepping down as the Chair of the Codes and Judicial Committee means that D. Barbaria will no longer be on the Codes and Judicial Committee.
  - iii. D. Barbaria said that, as soon as he steps down as the Chair of the Codes and Judicial Committee, there will not be a seat for him on either the Codes and Judicial Committee or the University Assembly.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee (T. Onabajo) (2 minutes)
  - i. T. Onabajo said that the Campus Welfare Committee has yet to have a meeting.
- d. Campus Infrastructure Committee (M. Hatch) (2 minutes)
  - i. M. Battaglia said that M. Hatch is out of town, so there are no updates.

### IV. Liaison Reports

- a. There were no updates.

### V. Business of the Day

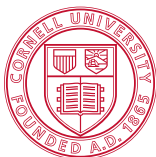
- a. Resolution 1: Appointment of the University Hearing Board and University Review Board Members for Academic Year 2018-2019 (D. Barbaria) (5 minutes)
  - i. D. Barbaria said that the intention of the resolution is to appoint the nominated applicants to the University Hearing and Review Board. He said that, because the Codes and Judicial Committee did have the decoder key for the applications. He said that there should be a discussion about whether



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or not the current University Assembly has the power to appoint individuals for the next term. He said that he believes that the University Assembly does have that power.

- ii. M. Battaglia said that, as Chair of the Codes and Judicial Committee last year, the Codes and Judicial Committee was unable to provide names to the previous University Assembly by its last meeting to appoint members to the University Hearing and Review Board because it took a considerable amount of time to receive a decoder key. He said that the University Assembly Executive Committee, consistent with its emergency appointment power, appointed the nominations of the previous year for the summer until the names could come before the full University Assembly. He said that this is also past practice.
  - iii. G. Giambattista said that the University Assembly Executive Committee received the decoder key on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - iv. There was a motion to postpone discussion of resolution to next meeting. There was a second. There was no dissent. The resolution was postponed to the next meeting.
- b. Discussion on goals for the 2018-2019 University Assembly (M. Battaglia) (20 minutes)
- i. M. Battaglia said that the University Assembly Executive Committee has set forth a number of goals for the upcoming year, like the Campus Code of Conduct, campus health, and looking at carbon neutrality.
  - ii. V. Devatha asked about the rejection of the Budget Planning Committee Resolution by President Pollack.
  - iii. M. Battaglia explained how President Pollack rejected the resolution, noting that a body with a similar prerogative already exists.
  - iv. D. Geisler asked if M. Battaglia could elaborate on why President Pollack rejected the resolution.
  - v. M. Battaglia read the response of President Pollack to the resolution on the Budget Planning Committee, which can be found [here](#).
  - vi. D. Barbaria said that the faculty committee that looks at the budget is only comprised of faculty members, he asked if there was any way that the committee structure could change.
  - vii. C. Van Loan said that it could be changed. He said that the budget is complex and would need people that are experienced. He said that very few people understand the budget.



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- viii. V. Devatha asked in which committee the Budget Planning Committee Resolution originated.
  - ix. M. Battaglia said the resolution originated from the work of J. Anderson and L. Compan in the Campus Welfare Committee.
  - x. M. Battaglia said that all of the meetings are open to the public, and that the resolution must come back to this body.
  - xi. R. Howarth said that he is quite optimistic moving forward. He said that he saw the committee as advisory, so he was quite surprised at President Pollack's response.
  - xii. R. BenseL said that, following up from C. Van Loan's point, the budget and its complexities are confusing. He also addressed more issues to consider.
  - xiii. L. Copman said that she was actually a co-sponsor of the resolution, and that she actually spoke about it with Gabe Kaufman, the former Chair of the University Assembly. She said that the Budget Planning Committee used to exist at one point in time. She said that the resolution was an attempt to revive the Budget Planning Committee. She said the G. Kaufman contacted many people in the University administration, and that those individuals were supportive of the resolution.
  - xiv. C. Wiggers asked if there was any knowledge of why the former BPC committee was dissolved.
  - xv. M. Battaglia explained the dissolution of the former Budget Planning Committee.
  - xvi. D. Geisler asked which group is charged with writing and amending the resolution.
  - xvii. M. Battaglia said that L. Copman, J. Anderson, and himself, feel very passionate this resolution, and that they will be working on it and will all bring information forward.
- VI. Late Additions to the Agenda (2 minutes)
- VII. Adjournment (1 minute)
- a. M. Battaglia adjourned the meeting at 5:20pm

Terrill Malone  
Clerk of the University Assembly