



# University Assembly

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## Cornell University Assembly

Minutes of the February 10th, 2026 Meeting

4:50 PM – 5:43 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Chair I. Gatimi called the meeting to order at 4:50 PM.
  - b. **Members Present:** D. Bateman, V. Bell, M. Benda, N. Brennan, S. Bruyere, J. Butcher, J. Chobirko, Z. deRham, E. Gainor, A. Garcia-Ortiz, I. Gatimi, A. Haenlin-Mott, C. Tarala,
  - c. **Members Absent:** A. Aftab, A. Cardenas, E. Chaudhuri, E. De Rosa, K. Nguyen, S. Resue, W. Treat
  - d. **Also Present:** T. Bittner
  
- II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. None.
  
- III. Approval of the January 27th Meeting Minutes
  - a. V. Bell motioned to approve. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
  
- IV. Business of the Day
  - a. Presentation from Todd Bittner, *Director of Natural Areas, Botanical Gardens*
    - i. T. Bittner spoke on the lack of guidance in the Student Code of Conduct for improper student activities and its implications on natural areas. The speaker mentioned the number of debris, such as chairs and signs, found in the Gorges from fraternities and elaborated on the risks of the cleaning process.
    - ii. T. Bittner discussed with the assembly regarding debris removal, attempts to flag individuals through CCTV footages, ideal penalties for individuals and groups to ensure behavior continuity, and more.



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## V. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
  - i. Z. deRham reported updates regarding resolutions, President Kotlikoff's response to the referendum, and the student activity fee proposal.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
  - i. N. Brennan stated that Julie Edwards from Cornell Health came and spoke about services offered for students. In addition, 3 bills from the special grant recommendations were considered and passed.
- c. Employee Assembly
  - i. On W. Treat's behalf, I. Gatimi said that the co-chairs of The Future of American Universities Committee will visit the EA on February 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Kristine Mahoney is scheduled to visit the EA on February 18<sup>th</sup> to provide information about the CARE fund. Spring 2026 Employee Assembly Election information shall be shared at this meeting as well.
  - iii. President Kotlikoff and Interim Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer Sean Moeller is scheduled to attend the March 4<sup>th</sup> EA meeting. A Qualtrics form had been sent out to EA members to submit questions.
- d. Faculty Senate
  - i. No report.

## VI. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. A. Haelin-Mott updated that speakers are being planned and booked.
  - ii. President Kotlikoff and Vice President Kimball are scheduled to join UA's February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to give a report to the assembly. A. Haelin-Mott reminded the assembly to submit questions to the Qualtrics form.
- b. Campus Codes Committee
  - i. J. Butcher discussed updates on resolution drafts and reminded the assembly to submit feedback for these drafts.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee



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- i. No report.
- d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
  - i. On A. Aftab's behalf, I. Gatimi said the committee discussed painted bike lanes on campus and planned to reach out to SAIFC to learn about past efforts and potential next steps for this issue. A weekly meeting time had been established on Thursdays from 12 PM to 1 PM starting February 19<sup>th</sup>.

## VII. Liaison Reports

- a. Campus Planning Committee
  - i. No report.
- b. Coalition for Sexual Violence Prevention
  - i. No report.
- c. Sustainable Cornell Council's Carbon Neutral Campus Steering Committee
  - i. No report.
- d. Sustainable Cornell Council's Education & Engagement Steering Committee
  - i. No report.
- e. Sustainable Cornell Council's Campus Operations Steering Committee
  - i. No report.

## VIII. Open Forum

- a. None.

## IX. Adjournment

- a. V. Bell motioned to adjourn. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Yao

Clerk of the Assembly