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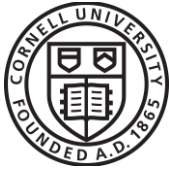
Cornell University Assembly

Minutes of the November 18th, 2025 Meeting

4:49 PM – 6:08 PM

701 Clark Hall

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Chair I. Gatimi called the meeting to order at 4:49 PM.
 - b. Members Present: A. Aftab, D. Bateman, V. Bell, M. Benda, N. Brennan, S. Bruyere, J. Butcher, A. Cardenas, E. Chaudhuri, J. Chobirko, Z. deRham, E. De Rosa, E. Gainor, A. Garcia-Ortiz, I. Gatimi, A. Haenlin-Mott, K. Nguyen, S. Resue, C. Tarala, W. Treat
 - c. Members Absent:
 - d. Also Present: B. Platt, J. Tavares, K. Kimball, A. Smith
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoḥo:noḥ (Cayuga Nation)
- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. None.
- IV. Approval of the Nov 4th meeting minutes
 - a. A. Aftab motions to approve.
 - b. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
- V. Business of the Day
 - a. Adam Smith, Committee on the Future of the American University
 - i. Envisions and focuses on the long-term future of Cornell as an American R1 school.
 - ii. Investigates several challenges that the university may face in the future, such as the loss of public trust, government relations, and rapid pace of technological changes.
 - iii. The FAU took questions from the Assembly regarding the composition of the committee, advertisement for the committee's planned outreach events, and the committee's online website.
 - b. Kyle Kimball, VP of University Relations



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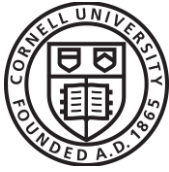
- i. Discusses the relationship between Cornell University and TCAT in the context of recent changes to TCAT's business plan and its future.
- ii. K. Kimball took questions from the Assembly regarding Ithaca College's contribution to TCAT, underperforming bus routes, and ridership concerns.

VI. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
 - i. Expecting 3 more special meetings.
 - ii. Passed 1 resolution regarding accessible ramps on campus.
 - iii. Fully staffed now with Freshmen and Transfer Representatives.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. Had a busy meeting on Nov 10th with presentations from FAU and Cornell Dining addressing café services for graduate students.
 - ii. Had one resolution that addressed the \$5 million funding cuts for Cornell University Library. Called for the reversal of library funding cuts.
 - iii. Initial recommendations for the 2026 – 2028 FAF allocation.
 - 1. Will be continuing this discussion next meeting on Nov 24th.
- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. Welcomed a presentation regarding profession development opportunities for staff on Nov 5th.
 - ii. Next meeting is on Nov 19th with a presentation from Steven Burke.
- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. FAU presentation and 3 teaching professor proposals in Arts and Science, CHE, and VET.
 - ii. Task force presentation on institutional voice.
 - iii. A revised draft resolution on the overuse of temporary suspensions.

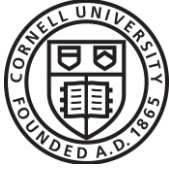
VII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. On Dec 2nd, the president is coming to speak on submitted topics.
 - ii. Dean Love will come to speak regarding the listening session on the Student Code of Conduct – want to host a special meeting with the UA.



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1. This special meeting is suggested for Tuesday, February 3rd at 4:45 PM on Zoom. There will be more information to come.
- b. Campus Codes Committee
 - i. Met last week and discussed an initial proposal on code revisions for the Student Code of Conduct.
 - ii. Currently drafting two additional resolutions regarding jurisdiction of the review process and the UA and its ability to regulate its own interactions with respect to central administration.
 - iii. Welcomes everyone to add comments for these drafts in the Box.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. No major updates. Next meeting is planned for Early December.
- d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - i. Waiting on President's approval regarding R11.
 - ii. Hoping to plan a meeting soon to adjust the wording of the resolution.
- VIII. Liaison Reports
 - a. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. Meeting was on Nov 7th regarding the Cornell botanical garden – planning to implement an East Asian Garden.
 - ii. Improvement for pathways on North Campus.
 - iii. There was an update on the Maplewood 2 project.
 - 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.
- IX. Open Forum



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- a. I. Gatimi clarifies that there is no longer a UA liaison position for the Student Health Advisory Council Committee.
 - b. A. Haelin-Mott advocates for everyone to be in person for when the President comes to visit.
- X. Adjournment
- a. A. Aftab motions to adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Meeting is adjourned by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Yao

Clerk of the Assembly