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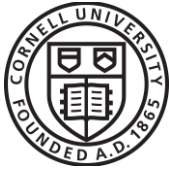
Cornell University Assembly

Minutes of the November 4th, 2025 Meeting

4:46 PM – 5:36 PM

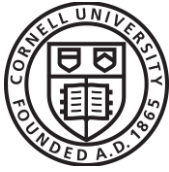
401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Chair I. Gatimi called the meeting to order at 4:46 PM.
 - b. Members Present: A. Aftab, D. Bateman, V. Bell, M. Benda, N. Brennan, J. Butcher, A. Cardenas, J. Chobirko, E. De Rosa, E. Gainor, A. Garcia-Ortiz, I. Gatimi, A. Haenlin-Mott, K. Nguyen, S. Resue, C. Tarala, W. Treat
 - c. Members Absent: Z. deRham, E. Chaudhuri (Excused), S. Bruyere
 - d. Also Present: B. Platt
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoḥo:nq̓ (Cayuga Nation)
- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. None.
- IV. Approval of the Oct 21st meeting minutes
 - a. Minutes amended by C. Tarala and W. Treat.
 - b. V. Bell motions to approve meeting minutes.
 - c. Amended minutes adopted by unanimous consent.
- V. Business of the Day
 - a. Discussion about committees
 - i. I. Gatimi updates that breakout sessions for committees won't happen.
 - b. Deadline for comments for the President's address
 - i. President Kotlikoff and Vice President Kimball will be visiting on December 2nd.
 1. There will be 15 minutes each for the President remarks and Q&A.
 2. Submit remark topics by Tuesday, Nov 11th at noon via Email.
 3. Submit Q&A questions via Qualtrics form by Tuesday, Nov 18th.
 - c. Institutional Voice Speakers request
 - i. Task Force is looking for comments on the draft of the institutional voice recommendations by Nov 14th. Submit by email or via an anonymous link.
 - ii. N. Brennan and J. Butcher raise comments and suggestions for Task Force.
- VI. Assembly Reports
 - a. Student Assembly



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- i. Have been busy with approving special project funding requests, reviewing resolutions and finance recommendations, and managing student activity fees.
 - ii. There is a referendum vote over the next few weeks regarding Resolution 10 – Student Code of Conduct.
 - b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. Multiple presentations took place. Passed \$40,000 to fund Anabel's Grocery for the next 2 years during Oct 27th meeting.
 - ii. Next meeting is on Nov 10th.
 - c. Employee Assembly
 - i. Special meeting occurred last Thursday, Oct 23rd to honor a presentation regarding health insurance.
 - ii. Expecting a presentation regarding professional development opportunities next meeting and more presentations later.
 - iii. President's address to staff is on Thursday, Jan 8th from 12 to 1 in G10 Biotech. Employee assembly members have a deadline of submitting their questions by Nov 13th.
 - iv. Next meeting is on Nov 5th.
 - d. Faculty Senate
 - i. Future of the American University will come to present.
 - ii. Reviewing teaching professor proposals.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. Have been busy with scheduling meeting times that work for everyone as well as appealing guest speaker visit times to avoid conflicts.
 - ii. Spent time talking about incoming speakers and is looking for ideas for speakers or topics.
 - b. Campus Codes Committee
 - i. Next meeting is next week.
 - ii. Several initiatives are being worked on in parallel with resolutions.
 - c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. Last meeting was yesterday.
 - ii. Planning out the framework on how the committee will operate.
 - iii. Hoping to get feedback for Cornell wide initiatives.
 - iv. A meeting will be determined in early December. A poll will be sent out.



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- d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - i. Waiting for the President's response on accessible infrastructure resolution at the Student Assembly and is considering bringing this to the University Assembly.

VIII. Liaison Reports

- a. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. First meeting is this Friday in person. No report.
- b. Coalition for Sexual Violence Prevention
 - i. Called attention to survey data regarding sexual assault and related misconduct for this cycle.
- c. Sustainable Cornell Council's Carbon Neutral Campus Steering Committee
 - i. No report.
 - ii. J. Chobirko motions to open the floor for liaison nominations for the Sustainable Cornell Council's Carbon Neutral Campus Steering Committee.
 - iii. N. Brennan nominates V. Bell for this role.
 - iv. J. Chobirko motions to close the floor for nominations. Floor is closed with unanimous consent.
 - v. V. Bell appointed liaison for the Sustainable Cornell Council's Carbon Neutral Campus Steering Committee.
- 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

- a. W. Treat notes that eligible employees enjoy 7 paid days off for this winter break.

X. Adjournment

- a. V. Bell motions to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Meeting is adjourned by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Yao
Clerk of the Assembly