

Cornell University Assembly
Minutes of the September 16, 2025 Meeting
4:45 PM – 6:15 PM
401 Physical Sciences Building/Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Chair I. Gatimi called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m.
 - b. *Members Present:* D. Bateman, V. Bell, N. Brennan, S. Bruyere, J. Chobirko, Z. de Rham, E. deRosa, E. Gainor, I. Gatimi, A. Haenlin-Mott, C. Tarala, W. Treat .
 - c. *Members Absent:* A. Aftab, M. Benda, J. Butcher, A. Cardenas, E. Chaudhuri, A. Garcia-Ortiz, K. Nguyen, S. Resue.
 - d. *Also Present:* R.Platt
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohono (Cayuga Nation)
- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. I. Gatimi moves to move “Open Forum” to the end of the agenda. Approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. Approval of the August 26, 2025 meeting minutes
 - a. W. Treat moves to amend the minutes to read “S. Resue” as “absent.” Adopted by unanimous consent.
 - b. The amended August 26, 2025 minutes adopted by unanimous consent.
- V. Business of the Day
 - a. Appointments
 - i. V. Bell appointed to Sustainable Cornell Council and Education and Steering Committee.
 - ii. Christian Tarala confirmed as University Assembly Representative to Campus Committee for Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment (CCITE).
 - b. Discussion of committee structure and participants
 - c. Future speakers and topics
 - i. Discussion of prospective future speakers, including Katie King, Kim Anderson, and University Relations VP Kyle Kimball.
 - ii. E. Kalweit stated that VP K. Kimball will be invited to attend along with President Kotlikoff for the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 Presidential visits to the Assembly.
- VI. Assembly Reports
 - a. Student Assembly-Z. deRham
 - i. The Student Assembly has held three meetings and passed a number of resolutions.
 - ii. The Assembly is focusing on outreach efforts and filling voting member vacancies and committees, with the goal of filling all voting member positions by October break.

- iii. New member orientation will be held on September 21.
 - b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly-N. Brennan
 - i. The GPSA held its first meeting on September 8, in which:
 - 1. The GPSA filled several voting member vacancies.
 - 2. The Assembly welcomed Tal Lewis as Dean of the Graduate School.
 - 3. J. Chobirko presented on the GPSA Special Grants Committee.
 - 4. Katie King presented on the Cornell Office of Civil Rights.
 - ii. The next GPSA will be held on September 29.
 - c. Employee Assembly-W. Treat
 - i. The EA held its first meeting on September 3, in which:
 - 1. The EA elected Michael Boggs as Facilities and Campus Services Representative.
 - 2. The EA approved the 2025-2026 standing rules.
 - ii. The next Employee Assembly meeting will be held on September 17.
 - iii. Katie King will present on the Cornell Office of Civil Rights on October 1.
 - iv. Faculty & Staff Assistance Program Director Dr. Wai-Kwong Wong will present to the EA on October 15.
 - d. Faculty Senate-E. deRosa
 - i. The Faculty Senate held its first meeting on September 10, in which:
 - 1. Steve Jackson presented on generative A.I.
 - 2. Katie King presented on the Cornell Office of Civil Rights.
 - 3. The Senate discussed administrative decisions regarding teaching professorships and department mergers.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. Discussion of future guests and presenters to the Assembly.
- b. Campus Codes Committee
 - i. The committee has not met.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. Chair J. Chobirko has sent out a poll to establish the first committee meeting time.
- d. CCITE
 - i. The committee has not met.
- e. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. The committee has not met.
- f. Coalition on Sexual Violence Prevention
 - i. The committee has not met.
- g. Student Health benefits Advisory Committee
 - i. No report.

VIII. Open Forum

- a. W. Treat proposes VP and Chief Global Information Officer Curtis Cole as a potential future presenter.
- b. E. Kalweit states that the Office of the Assemblies is offering trainings for committee chairs and Assemblies VPs for Operations to learn to add records and committee staffing to the Office of the Assemblies website.

IX. Adjournment

- a. V. Bell moves to adjourn
- b. N. Brennan seconds

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,
Erik Kalweit
Clerk of the Assembly