

Cornell University's University Assembly

Minutes of the October 1, 2024 Meeting 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm 401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

I. Call to Order

- a. A. LaGressa called the meeting to order at 4:49pm.
 - Members Present: M. Benda, J. Butcher, Z. deRham, E. DeRosa, E. Gainor, A. Haenlin-Mott, O. Karim, A. LaGressa, N. Maggard, S. Matan, S. Modadugula, C. Tarala, W. Treat
 - ii. Members Absent: D. Bateman, N. Brennan, E. Crawley, D. Dinner, S. Resue, A. Vinson
 - iii. Also Present: R. Platt
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoho:no (Cayuga Nation)
 - a. A. LaGressa stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Approval of the Minutes from the September 17th Meeting
 - a. W. Treat put forward a motion to amend Section IV of the minutes to read "Approval of the Minutes from the September 3rd Meeting."
 - i. The motion passed with unanimous consent.
 - b. A. LaGressa put forward a motion to add "A. Haenlin-Mott" to the list of members absent in Section I, line item (ii).
 - i. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
 - c. A. LaGressa put forward a motion to remove "and" from the end of Section VI, line item (ii.b) and replace it with "."
 - i. The motion passed with unanimous consent.
 - d. A. Haenlin-Mott put forward a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17th meeting.
 - i. C. Tarala seconded the motion.
 - ii. The minutes were approved with unanimous consent.
- IV. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. A. LaGressa called for late additions to the agenda. None were proposed.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee

- i. M. Benda stated that the Committee decided that the UA's discussion of the expressive activity policy will be discussed at the November 12th meeting and that Professor Kotlikoff will attend the November 26th meeting.
 - 1. W. Treat stated that it may be good for the Executive Committee to make November 26th a Zoom meeting.
- b. Campus Codes Committee
 - i. N. Maggard stated that the committee will meet in the next few weeks.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. C. Tarala stated that the committee is waiting for members to be elected from different assemblies.
- d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - i. Nothing to report.

VI. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
 - i. Nothing to report.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. O. Karim stated that the Expressive Activity Policy will be discussed at the GPSA's November 18th meeting and that the Assembly attempted to pass Resolutions 2 and 3 at their last meeting, both of which relate to GPSA's internal budgets.
- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. W. Treat stated that President Kotlikoff attended the EA's September 18th meeting and made remarks on the importance of community. She also stated that the EA approved their 2024-2025 operating budget.
- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. E. DeRosa stated that the Faculty Senate only meets once a month and that they will discuss the part-time Bachelor's degree program for non-traditional students at their next meeting.

VII. Liaison Reports

- a. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. A. Hanelin-Mott stated that the committee met on September 19th, at which they discussed the location of and programming for Meinig Fieldhouse, relocating programs from McGraw to Mary Ann Wood drive, and relocating programs from the basement of Olin. She also stated that the Committee discussed the Student Assembly Fund and the University Architect office's work. She also stated the committee discussed the phase 2 of Maplewood apartments and transportation from the complex to campus.



- ii. J. Withers stated that the GPSA is missing representatives for the Campus Planning Committee.
- b. Coalition for Sexual Violence Prevention
 - i. Nothing to report
- c. Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Sustainable Cornell Council's Carbon Neutral Campus Steering Committee
 - i. Nothing to report
- e. Sustainable Cornell Council's Education & Engagement Steering Committee
 - i. Nothing to report
- f. Sustainable Cornell Council's Campus Operations Steering Committee
 - i. Nothing to report

VIII. Open Discussion

- a. The UA discussed the role they should play in the Expressive Activity Policy, whether they should vote on approving it, and the procedure the policy will go through in its passage.
 - i. A. LaGressa stated that the policy will be further discussed at the UA's November 12th meeting, at which Dean Barry will present.

A. LaGressa adjourned the meeting at 5:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted, *P.J. Brown*Clerk of the Assembly