

Cornell University's University Assembly

Minutes of the November 12th, 2024 Meeting 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm 700 Clark Hall | Zoom

I. Call to Order

- a. A. LaGressa called the meeting to order at 4:51pm.
 - Members Present: D. Bateman, M. Benda, N. Brennan, J. Butcher, E. Crawley, E. DeRosa, E. Gainor, A. Haenlin-Mott, O. Karim, A. LaGressa, N. Maggard, S. Matan, S. Modadugula, S. Resue, C. Tarala, W. Treat, A. Vinson
 - ii. Members Absent: Z. deRham, D. Dinner, A. Garcia-Ortiz
 - iii. *Also Present*: C. Barry, M. Dorf, E. Kalweit, D. Lee, A. McCauley, A. Odoms-Young, R. Platt, J. Withers, L. Yager
- 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 October 1st, 2024 Minutes
 - a. W. Treat put forward a motion to amend the minutes to correct the spelling of "Michelle Artaby" in line item 8(b)(i) to "Michelle Artibee."
 - i. The motion to amend **passed** with unanimous consent.
 - b. N. Brennan motioned to approve the minutes from the October 29th, 2024 meeting.
 - i. C. Tarala seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed with unanimous consent.
- IV. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. A. LaGressa called for late additions to the agenda. None were provided.
- V. Business of the Day
 - a. Discussion of the draft report of the Executive Activity Policy
 - i. D. Barry and members of the Cornell Committee of Expressive Activity provided a 10-minute presentation on the draft report of the Expressive Activity policy.
 - ii. The Assembly provided questions and comments to the Committee on the draft report of the Expressive Activity policy over a 30-minute period.
 - iii. E. DeRosa put forward a motion to extend the question period by five minutes.
 - 1. J. Butcher seconded the motion.



- 2. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent.
- Reminder to submit questions for Preisdnet Kotlikoff's visit to the UA by November 19th
 - i. A. LaGressa stated that Interim Preisdent Kotlikoff would attend the University Assembly's meeting on November 26th and requested the assembly submit questions for his visit by November 19th.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - M. Benda stated that the Executive Committee has arranged for Interim Preisdent Kotlikoff to attend the University Assembly's meeting on November 26th
- b. Campus Codes Committee
 - i. N. Maggard stated that the committee is in the process of scheduling their meeting.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - i. Nothing to report

VII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
 - i. N. Maggard stated that the Assembly hosted President Kotlikoff and Vice President Lombardi at their last meeting and will have the Committee on Campus Expressive Activity at their next meeting.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - O. Karim stated that Bridgette Brady from Cornell's Department of Transportation and Delivery Services attended their last meeting and that the Committee on Campus Expressive Activity would attend their next meeting.
- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. E. Crawley stated that Ken Miranda, Cornell's Chief Investment Officer, attended their last meeting to discuss investment and divestment. She also stated that the Assembly filled a vacancy and discussed parking. She also stated that the Committee on Campus Activity would attend their next meeting and that they would be sponsoring a co-worker coffee event on December 5th to foster interdepartmental connections among employees.
- d. Faculty Senate



i. E. DeRosa stated that the Faculty Senate put forward a resolution condemning the idea of surveillance of faculty and reaffirming academic freedom. She also stated that the Committee on Campus Expressive Activity would attend their next meeting.

VIII. Liaison Reports

- a. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. Nothing to report
- b. Coalition for Sexual Violence Prevention
 - i. E. Gainor stated that she would be following up with faculty groups in Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies to find out who is conducting relevant research to the topic on campus.
- 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

IX. Open Discussion

a. The Assembly discussed the importance of addressing the impact of alcohol consumption on violence.

X. Adjournment

- a. O. Karim motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. W. Treat seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:04pm.

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