



Cornell University
University Assembly

Cornell University's University Assembly

Minutes of the May 6th, 2025 Meeting

4:45 pm — 6:15 pm

701 Clark Hall | Zoom

I. Call to Order

a. A. LaGressa called the meeting to order at 4:47 pm.

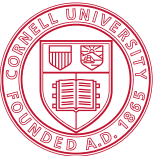
- i. *Members Present:* D. Bateman, M. Benda, N. Brennan, J. Butcher, Z. deRham, E. DeRosa, E. Gainor, A. Garcia–Ortiz, A. Haenlin–Mott, O. Karim, A. LaGressa, N. Maggard, S. Resue, C. Tarala, W. Treat, A. Vinson
- ii. *Members Absent:* E. Crawley, D. Dinner, S. Matan, S. Modadugula
- iii. *Also Present:* S. Bruyere, J. Chobirko, J. Withers

II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohō : no (Cayuga Nation)

a. A. LaGressa stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.

III. Approval of the Minutes from the April 22nd, 2025 meeting

- a. O. Karim motioned to approve the minutes from the April 22nd, 2025 meeting.
 - i. Z. deRham seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.



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IV. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. A. LaGressa called for late additions to the agenda. None were put forward.

V. Business of the Day

- a. Presentation from the Department of Transportation Services
 - i. Bridgette Brady, Senior Director of Transportation Services, and Reed Huegerich, Assistant Director of Transportation Services, presented to and answered questions from the assembly.
- b. Consideration of Resolution 2: Supporting Universal Access to Menstrual Hygiene Products
 - i. C. Tarala introduced the resolution.
 - ii. The assembly discussed the resolution.
 - iii. O. Karim put forward a motion to vote on resolution 2.
 1. A. Vinson seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent.
 - iv. Resolution 2 **passed** by a roll call vote of 14–0–1.
 1. D. Bateman, M. Benda, N. Brennan, J. Butcher, Z. deRham, E. DeRosa, E. Gainor, A. Garcia–Ortiz, A. Haenlin–Mott, O. Karim, N. Maggard, S. Resue, W. Treat, and A. Vinson voted in favor of the resolution.
 2. A. LaGressa abstained from voting.



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VI. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. Nothing to report
- b. Campus Codes Committee
 - i. Nothing to report
- 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. Z. deRham stated that the last Student Assembly meeting consisted of ten agenda items, including considering resolutions on fair course access for student access, parking, integration of Medicare and Medicaid at Cornell Health, and nutritional labeling in dining halls.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. O. Karim stated that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly held leadership elections and that N. Brennan will be the incoming president of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly for 2025–2026. He also stated that the assembly passed Resolution 15, which updated Appendix A and



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B of the assembly's financial bylaws and that the assembly has an end-of-semester gala coming up on Thursday.

c. Employee Assembly

- i. W. Treat stated that the Employee Assembly meets tomorrow featuring Vice President for Budget and Planning Laura Sayre presenting and will have a final meeting at the end of May. She also stated that the assembly will fill an incidental vacancy and consider two resolutions, one calling for the university to recommit to diversity, equity, and inclusion and the other to amend the Employee Assembly charter and bylaws to expand engagement options.

d. Faculty Senate

- i. E. DeRosa stated that the Faculty Senate will be holding a reception after their meeting tomorrow and that at the meeting, they will be having updates from the Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX on policy 6.13 and from the Generative AI Advisory Council. She also stated that they will be considering resolutions on adopting a one Cornell transfer policy for transfer students and three teaching proposals from Bowers, Brooks, and Cornell Engineering.

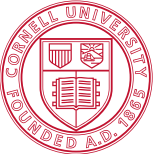
VIII. Liaison Reports

a. Campus Planning Committee



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- i. A. Haenlin–Mott stated that at their last meeting, the committee discussed strategies with the Campus Sustainability Office, had a presentation from Environmental Health and Safety on the 2025 wetland regulations, and discussed summer construction coordination.
- IX. Coalition for Sexual Violence Prevention
 - a. Nothing to report.
- X. Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee
 - a. W. Treat stated that the committee discussed the welcome email on health insurance that goes out to new students at their last meeting.
- XI. Sustainable Cornell Council Carbon Neutral Campus Steering Committee
 - a. A. Vinson stated that the committee met to discuss a proposal for a backup generator and they will be presenting at an upcoming conference.
- XII. Sustainable Cornell Council Education and Engagement Steering Committee
 - a. Nothing to report
- XIII. Sustainable Cornell Council Campus Operations Steering Committee
 - a. Nothing to report
- XIV. Adjournment
 - a. A. Vinson motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. Z. deRham seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.



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This meeting was adjourned at pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

P.J. Brown

Clerk of the Assembly