

# Cornell University's University Assembly

Minutes of the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 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
  - i. *Members Present*: M. Benda, J. Butcher, E. Crawley, Z. deRham, E. DeRosa, E. Gainor, O. Karim, A. LaGressa, N. Maggard, S. Resue, C. Tarala, W. Treat, A. Vinson
  - ii. *Members Absent*: D. Bateman, N. Brennan, D. Dinner, A. Garcia-Ortiz, A. Haenlin-Mott, S. Matan, S. Modadugula
  - iii. Also Present: J. Withers
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoho:no (Cayuga Nation)
  - a. A. LaGressa stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. A. LaGressa called for late additions to the agenda. No late additions were proposed.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the September 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
  - a. A. LaGressa motioned to amend the minutes to read "A. LaGressa stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation" instead of "S. Williams stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
    - i. O. Karim seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
  - b. O. Karim motioned to approve the minutes from the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 meeting.
    - i. A. Vinson seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- V. Business of the Day
  - a. Confirmation of Committee Chairs
    - i. A. Vinson put forward a motion to confirm the approval of N. Maggard as chair of the Campus Codes Committee.
      - 1. O. Karim seconded the motion.
      - 2. The nomination of N. Maggard was **approved** by unanimous consent.

- N. Maggard put forward a motion to confirm the approval of A. Vinson as chair of the Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment.
  - 1. O. Karim seconded the motion.
  - 2. The nomination of A. Vinson was **approved** by unanimous consent.
- iii. A. LaGressa called for nominations to chair the Campus Welfare Committee.
  - 1. C. Tarala put forward a self-nomination to chair the committee.
  - 2. N. Maggard put forward a motion to approve C. Tarala as chair of the Campus Welfare committee.
    - a. O. Karim seconded the motion.
    - b. The nomination of C. Tarala was **approved** by unanimous consent.
- b. Discussion of Goals and Future Meeting Topics/Speakers
  - i. The Assembly discussed goals, future meeting topics, and speakers they wished to have for the 2024-2025 school year. This included a discussion of suggestions for improving parking.

## VI. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
  - i. Z. deRham stated that the Student Assembly has appointed committee chairs with no vacancies and are currently operating at 2/3 of their membership capacity with fall elections and vacancies. She also stated that the Student Assembly passed resolutions on governing documents, creating a committee for the purpose of filling vacancies, support of the UAW strike, and internal budget approval.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
  - i. O. Karim stated that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly has filled all but one of their vacancies for the year, passed a resolution agreeing to send a Graduate representative to the ESG committee, and is considering a resolution to finalize their budget for the Executive Committee. He also stated that Dean Barry will discuss the Expressive Activity Policy at a future meeting.
- c. Employee Assembly
  - i. J. Withers stated that the EA has filled their committee chair roles as well as that Interim President Kotlikoff will speak and they will approve their budget at their meeting tomorrow.
- d. Faculty Senate



i. E. DeRosa stated that the Faculty Senate discussed a resolution on the transparency of the tenure process, had a presentation on speaking across difference in the classroom and managing conversations on the election. She also stated that President Kotlikoff will visit on September 25<sup>th</sup> and that Dean Barry will attend a discussion of the Expressive Activity Policy on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

## VII. Liaison Reports

- a. Campus Planning Committee
  - i. Nothing to report
- 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 Assembly discussed the purpose of the Student Assembly's Campus Pulse Committee established by SA Resolution 75 passed under P. Kuehl last semester and the possibility of collaboration between Assemblies to increase programming for Cornell life.

#### IX. Adjournment

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

This meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm.

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