

Cornell University University Assembly

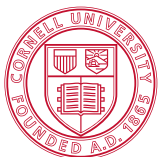
Cornell University's University Assembly

Minutes of the March 11th, 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
 - i. *Members Present:* M. Benda, J. Butcher, Z. deRham, E. DeRosa, E. Gainor, A. Garzia-Ortiz, A. Haenlin-Mott, A. LaGressa, N. Maggard, S. Matan, S. Modadugula, C. Tarala, W. Treat
 - ii. *Members Absent:* D. Bateman, N. Brennan, E. Crawley, D. Dinner, O. Karim, S. Resue, A. Vinson
 - iii. *Also Present:* E. Kalweit, R. Platt
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogõhõnoꞓ (Cayuga Nation)
 - a. A. LaGressa stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Approval of the Minutes from the February 5th, 2025 meeting
 - a. W. Treat put forward a motion to amend section 1(a) of the minutes to reflect her absence of the meeting.
 - b. N. Maggard motioned to approve the minutes from the February 5th, 2025 meeting.
 - i. M. Benda seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- IV. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. C. Tarala put forward an addition to Business of the Day to discuss Resolution 1 by unanimous consent.
 - i. Discussion of the resolution was **added** to the agenda by unanimous consent.
- V. Business of the Day
 - a. A. LaGressa stated a reminder of the Trustee Reception with Shared Governance on March 19th at 4pm in Taverna Banfi's Rowe Room in Statler Hotel and that since the event is at capacity, no further RSVPs will be accepted.
 - b. The assembly discussed Cornell's commitment to DEI and a possible UA response.
 - c. The assembly discussed Cornell Leadership's communications on the hiring pause, nonessential travel, and discretionary spending from February 27th, 2025.
 - d. C. Tarala introduced Resolution 1: Supporting the Establishment of Campus-Wide Community Restorative Days to the assembly.



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- i. The assembly discussed the resolution.
- ii. M. Benda put forward a motion to table the resolution.
 1. C. Tarala seconded the motion.
 2. The resolution was **tabled** for the March 25th meeting.

VI. Assembly Reports

a. Student Assembly

- i. Z. deRham stated that the assembly has passed several resolutions addressing Executive Orders, funding health supplies beyond Cornell Health, and incorporating the meal plan at Trillium to incorporate unlimited meal swipes for takeaway meals and hot breakfast. She also stated that the assembly will be bringing back the airport shuttle for the end of the spring and are working with Annabel's Grocery to include them in the student activity fee.

b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

- i. A. Garcia-Ortiz stated that Mike Hoffmann from the Climate Change Curriculum working group presented at the assembly's last meeting and that the assembly is changing their election procedures.

c. Employee Assembly

- i. W. Treat stated that the assembly discussed the February 27th email from Interim President Kotlikoff at their last meeting, that President Kotlikoff and VP Lovely are attending their April 16th meeting, and that elections are underway.

d. Faculty Senate

- i. E. DeRosa stated that at the Faculty Senate's next meeting, Interim President Kotlikoff will attend, VP Honan will discuss video surveillance, and the Director of Transportation will discuss electric vehicle charging stations.

VII. Committee Reports

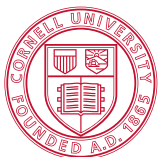
a. Executive Committee

- i. M. Benda stated that the committee discussed the agenda for this meeting and President Kotlikoff's attendance of the next meeting.

b. Campus Codes Committee

- i. N. Maggard stated that the committee has not met yet and that the applications for the University Hearing and Review Panels should be sent to constituencies.

c. Campus Welfare Committee



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- i. C. Tarala stated that the committee is working on a second resolution for the assembly to consider following Resolution 1.
 - d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - i. A. LaGressa stated that two Student Assembly members may be bringing a resolution for consideration to their assembly addressing a lack of care for sidewalks during inclement weather.

VIII. Liaison Reports

- a. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. A. Haenlin Mott stated that the committee meets next week.
- b. Coalition for Sexual Violence Prevention
 - i. E. Gainor stated that the spring semester meeting occurred on February 13th and that they heard presentations on a student survey on sexual assault and related misconduct, the victim advocacy program, information on the campus task force on sexual assaults, and upcoming sexual violence prevention initiatives.
- c. Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee
 - i. W. Treat stated that the committee's December meeting involved a discussion of the student health benefit rate for 2025-2026.
- 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

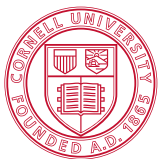
- a. The assembly discussed precedents of annual reports given by both the Ombuds and Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards and the role the assemblies play in ensuring transparency from these organizations.

X. Adjournment

- a. A. Haenlin-Mott motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. C. Tarala seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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P.J. Brown
Clerk of the Assembly