

Cornell University's University Assembly

Minutes of the April 22nd, 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 4:51pm
 - i. *Members Present*: D. Bateman, M. Benda, Z. deRham, E. DeRosa, D. Dinner, E. Gainor, A. Garcia-Ortiz, A. Hanelin-Mott, O. Karim, A. LaGressa, N. Maggard, C. Tarala, W. Treat
 - ii. *Members Absent*: N. Brennan, J. Butcher, E. Crawley, D. Dinner, S. Matan, S. Modadugula, S. Resue, A. Vinson
 - iii. Also Present: E. Behlman, J. Blizzard, R. Platt, J. Withers
- 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 March 25th, 2025 and April 8th, 2025 meetings
 - a. O. Karim motioned to approve the minutes from the March 25th, 2025 meeting.
 - i. D. Bateman seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
 - b. O. Karim motioned to approve the minutes from the April 8th, 2025 meeting.
 - i. D. Bateman 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.
 - b. O. Karim put forward a motion to add a discussion with Anabel's Grocery representatives to the agenda following Liaison Reports after Section VIII.
 - i. Z. deRham seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- V. Business of the Day
 - a. Consideration of Resolution 2: Supporting Universal Access to Menstrual Hygiene Products
 - i. C. Tarala introduced the resolution to the Assembly.
 - ii. The Assembly discussed the resolution.



- iii. O. Karim put forward a motion to table the resolution for further discussion after Liaison Reports and before the discussion with Anabel's Grocery representatives.
 - 1. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. M. Benda stated that the Assembly's May 6th meeting will include a presentation from the transportation department and the yearly organizational meeting.
- 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 President Kotlikoff and Dean Love attended the assembly's last meeting and that the assembly has been working with the Faculty Senate to address student athletes' course registration. She also stated that the assembly discussed their procedural rules at their last meeting.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. O. Karim stated that the assembly has finished its petitioning period for elections and that President Kotlikoff, Dean Love, and Dean Boor attended their last meeting. He also stated that the assembly had a presentation on petitioning for the year at their last meeting. He also stated that the assembly considered four resolutions, including one on securing TCAT passes for graduate students not affiliated with the Graduate Students' Union, funding a second political participation event, and updating Appendix A and B of their bylaws.
- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. W. Treat stated that Vice President Christine Lovely attended the assembly's last meeting and that they also held their organizational meeting. She stated that she will be chairing the 2025-2026 Employee Assembly alongside an executive committee of I. Solis-Cruz, D. Wierson,



V. Bell, and R. Howard. She also stated that V. Bell, M. Benda, A. Hanelin-Mott, S. Resue, and W. Treat will be Employee Assembly representatives on the University Assembly.

- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. E. DeRosa stated that the Senate will be touring the Agritech campus tomorrow and meeting with faculty constituents while there.

VIII. 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 Carbon Neutral Campus Steering Committee
 - i. Nothing to report
- e. Sustainable Cornell Council Education and Engagement Steering Committee
 - i. Nothing to report
- f. Sustainable Cornell Council Campus Operations Steering Committee
 - i. Nothing to report
- g. O. Karim put forward a motion to enter a 15-minute recess.
 - i. Z. deRham seconded the motion.
 - ii. M. Benda dissented.
 - iii. O. Karim rescinded the motion.
- h. M. Benda put forward a motion to move into open discussion.
 - i. A. Haenlin-Mott seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

IX. Open Discussion

a. The Assembly discussed the state of Anabel's Grocery before their representatives' attendance of the meeting.

X. Business of the Day

- a. Discussion with Anabel's Grocery Representatives
 - i. E. Behlman and J. Blizard introduced themselves and answered questions from the Assembly on the state of Anabel's Grocery.
- b. Consideration of Resolution 2: Supporting Universal Access to Menstrual Hygiene Products



- i. Z. deRham put forward a motion to extend the meeting time by five minutes.
 - 1. O. Karim seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- ii. O. Karim stated the updates made to the resolution.
- iii. O. Karim put forward a motion to table the resolution for voting at the next meeting.
 - 1. D. Bateman seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

XI. Adjournment

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

This meeting was adjourned at 6:16pm.

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