University Assembly

Cornell University Assembly

Minutes of the December 2nd, 2025 Meeting

4:50 PM – 5:51 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building

I. Call to Order
   a. Chair I. Gatimi called the meeting to order at 4:50 PM.
   b. **Members Present:** D. Bateman, V. Bell, M. Benda, S. Bruyere, J. Butcher, J. Chobirko, Z. deRham, E. De Rosa, E. Gainor, A. Garcia-Ortiz, I. Gatimi, A. Haenlin-Mott, S. Resue, C. Tarala, W. Treat
   c. **Members Absent:** A. Aftab, N. Brennan, A. Cardenas, E. Chaudhuri, K. Nguyen
   d. **Also Present:** M. Kotlikoff, K. Kimball

II. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogo̱ho:nǫ (Cayuga Nation)

III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
   a. None.

IV. Approval of the Nov 18th meeting minutes
   a. V. Bell motioned to approve.
   b. The motion was approved with unanimous consent.

V. Business of the Day
   a. President Michael Kotlikoff and VP for University Relations Kyle Kimball
      i. Remarks:
         1. M. Kotlikoff said that the recent agreement imposed no changes to Cornell's policies or procedures.
      ii. Q & A:
         1. M. Kotlikoff clarified questions from A. Haelin-Mott and D. Bateman regarding the recent settlement.
         2. M. Kotlikoff and K. Kimball answered pre-submitted and follow up questions from the assembly.

VI. Assembly Reports

a. Student Assembly

i. Planned meetings on Dec 3rd and Dec 4th to discuss student activity fees.

ii. Mentioned that FAU will present to the Student Assembly this week.

b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

i. Representatives from the Student Code of Conduct Review came to speak and addressed questions.

ii. Made recommendations to decrease the 2026 - 2028 student activity fee.

c. Employee Assembly

i. Steven Burke presented during the Nov 19th meeting.

ii. Sent out a staff poll regarding different topics.

iii. Dean Love planned to host a special meeting on Monday, Jan 26th during normal EA meeting time.

iv. Staff townhall for FAU was held after the EA meeting last Monday.

v. Next meeting planned for Dec 3rd with several guest speakers.

d. Faculty Senate

i. Next meeting is planned for Wednesday, Dec 10th to discuss a proposed resolution to increase transparency in Cornell policies.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

i. Noted that there is a special Zoom-only meeting with the Dean of Student's Office on Tuesday, Feb 3rd from 4:45 PM to 6:50 PM. The meeting is open to all UA members.

1. The Dean of Student's Office planned to discuss topics, such as the Student's Code of Conduct, that they want to bring to the UA.

ii. The committee had been working on an agenda for future meetings and is open to recommendations for speakers and topics.

b. Campus Codes Committee
    i. Met a few weeks ago and had been working on several resolutions.
c. Campus Welfare Committee
    i. No report.
d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
    i. No report.

VIII. Liaison Reports
a. Campus Planning Committee
    i. No report.
b. Coalition for Sexual Violence Prevention
    i. No report.
c. Sustainable Cornell Council's Carbon Neutral Campus Steering Committee
    i. Had reached out and asked for availability.
d. Sustainable Cornell Council's Education & Engagement Steering Committee
    i. No report.
e. Sustainable Cornell Council's Campus Operations Steering Committee
    i. No report.

IX. Open Forum
a. W. Treat reminded everyone about the increase in health care and insurance plan rates.

X. Adjournment
a. J. Butcher motioned to adjourn the meeting.
b. The meeting was adjourned with unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Yao
Clerk of the Assembly