



MINUTES

Campus Welfare Committee

March 7, 2017

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Day Hall 316

I. Call to Order

II. Review of Semester Priorities

1. Summer housing and dining plans for students impacted by the ban
2. Mental health and overall wellness
 - i. Linda has begun speaking with Janis Whitlock about developing anonymous online screening tools
3. Representation of Academic Non-Professorial Staff
 - i. Some preliminary conversations have been had with the GPSA, the EA, and the Faculty Senate about this matter.
 - ii. The next step is to determine an avenue to ask these individuals how they would prefer to be represented, especially given ongoing conversations about unionization.
4. Adjunct Faculty at IC
 - i. IC has a very large cohort of adjunct faculty, who are not receiving fair compensation or benefits.
 - ii. Some Cornell student organizations in ILR have been supportive of this group and some departments have written letters in support.
 - iii. Maybe we should not formally make any statement or position through the UA, as it does not seem to be Cornell's place to dictate how another college compensates its employees. Cornell also should probably resolve its own ANPS representation matter first.

III. Tobacco-Free Campus Referendum

1. CWC Recommendation from Fall 2016
 - i. We will allocate time (about 20 minutes) at an upcoming UA meeting to discuss the recommendation and appropriate next steps.
2. Referendum Process Outline
 - i. There is no specified process for a referendum through the UA; only the SA has specified a process.
 - ii. It is possible to use the SA's model and adapt it to fit the scope and purpose of the UA. Questions to be considered:
 1. What should the threshold be for getting a measure on the ballot?



2. Should the UA have to approve a resolution to put a measure on the ballot?
 3. Should we affix or apportion a voter proportion for each constituency?
 4. How do we protect the minority?
 5. What happens if something is passed via referendum? Is the UA obliged to take action on the matter?
3. Educational Campaign Design
 - i. An educational campaign would have to be developed to help people understand the referendum process
 - ii. For tobacco, how do we present information objectively? Is it possible to have an overview page on the referendum itself? Unclear what the capabilities of the new OA petitions website/platform will be.
 - iii. Ted has made contact with the people at Yale who were responsible for distributing their information.
 - iv. For the SA the EVP solicits pro-con statements and summarizes them. Would we want to adopt a similar process?
 - v. Does it just make more sense to simply display all public comments instead of having to do a summary?
 - vi. We will invite the Office of the Assemblies to our next meeting to discuss the petition website.

IV. Affirming Transgender Rights at Cornell

1. [SA Resolution 30](#) and [Appendix](#)
 - i. No action needed at this time. We will wait until we see what the president's response to the SA resolution is first.

V. Ithaca Plan Endorsement Follow-Up

1. [UA Resolution 3](#) – Returned by President
 - i. The president's response was supportive of the tenets of the plan, but he did not endorse having Cornell be responsible for presenting updates on a plan that was owned by the city.
 - ii. The mayor was grateful that the resolution passed. UA endorsement is enough; it does not have to be a Cornell endorsement.
 - iii. The mayor has volunteered to present on the progress of the plan annually to the Assemblies.



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VI. Questions

VII. Adjournment

Next meeting: March 21, 2017 | 1-2pm | 316 Day Hall