



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Minutes of the October 12, 2017 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30PM in Willard Straight Hall, Memorial Room

- I. Call to Order
 - a. EVP V. Devatha called the meeting to order at 4:46pm.
 - b. *Members Present at Roll Call:* D. Barbaria [0]; A. Chowdhury [0]; O. Corn [0]; R. Cornell [1]; V. Devatha [0]; O. Egharevba [0]; G. Kaufman [0]; S. Lim [0]; L. Lipschutz [2.25]; A. Martinez [1]; S. Zavala [0]; J. Sanon [0.5]; C. Schott [0.25]; E. Shapiro [0]; J. Sim [0]; D. Tokunboh [1.5]; M. Valadez [1]; I. Wallace [0]
 - c. *Members Absent at Roll Call:* T. Ball (*excused*) [0]; O. Din (*excused*) [0]; H. Hassan (*unexcused*) [0.5]; R. Herz (*unexcused*) [3]; M. Indimine (*unexcused*) [1.5]; J. Won Kim (*excused*) [0]; T. Magloire (*unexcused*) [3]; S. Park (*unexcused*) [1.25]; M. Peralta-Ochoa (*excused*) [0]; J. Pollard (*excused*) [0]
- II. Open Microphone
 - a. I. Wallace thanked the assembly for coming to the _____ event
- III. Announcements & Reports
 - a. VP Barbaria – Committees Update
 - i. All SA committees are functional, except for Technology Committee because the chair no longer wishes to fulfill the duties
 - ii. If anyone on the assembly is interested in serving on a committee, more information will be available during the Executive Session after the meeting.
- IV. Byline Reports
 - a. VPF Kaufman – Cornell Minds Matter
 - i. They presented to the appropriations committee and requested \$2.00 per student
 - ii. Appropriations Committee realizes how important they are to Cornell's campus and student body
 - iii. Motion to approve the requested amount
 - iv. Funding **approved** by a vote of 17-0-1
 - b. VPF Kaufman – ECO (Environmental Collaborative)
 - i. New to the byline (last cycle was their first) and they didn't ask for an increase
 - ii. The Appropriations Committee recommended they stay at \$0.76 per student
 - iii. Motion to approve the funding
 - iv. Funding **approved** by a vote of 17-0-1
 - c. VPF Kaufman – Big Red Bikes



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- i. VPF Kaufman explained that because of some confidential financial information, if the specifics of the requested amount need to be discussed, the assembly needs to move into Executive Session
 - ii. L. Lipschutz: Has Big Red Bikes reached out to us?
 1. G. Kaufman met with them personally to discuss their situation
 - iii. Motion to vote
 - iv. Funding **approved** by a vote of 17-0-1
 - v. G. Kaufman: if anyone has questions, I can answer them now
 - vi. K. Early: Why did they decide to not appeal?
 1. G. Kaufman: they recognize the issues stated in the meeting packet, and they want the SA's help to address those issues
- V. New Business
 - a. Resolution 11: Affirming Cornell's Stance on Supporting the Rights of Transgender Individuals in Employment
 - i. Response to the memo that Attorney General Jeff Sessions put out regarding transgender individuals in employment
 - ii. J. Anderson: Recommend that this resolution is recommitted to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the Employee Assembly. Once the Employee Assembly puts out the resolution, the SA will write a resolution supporting their resolution.
 - iii. Vote to recommit to Diversity and Inclusion Committee and coordinate with the Employee Assembly **passes** unanimously.
- VI. Miscellaneous Announcements
 - a. G. Kaufman: two events the SA should think about attending tonight
 - i. SAFC Appeals Board will convene at 7pm in Goldwin Smith G19
 - ii. Feminism Food for Thought at 6pm in Rose House Common Room
- VII. Motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarvinoz Fahriddinova
Clerk of the Assembly