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Minutes of the January 26, 2023 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM

407 Willard Straight Hall

I. Call to Order

- a. President V. Valencia called the meeting to order at 4:52pm

II. Roll Call

- a. *Members Present [23]: S. Ali, M. Baker, S. Bhardwaj, D. Cady, R. Chatterji, P. Da Silveira, D. Edelman, J. Kalinski, K. Chan, A. Lampert, J. Lee, A. Lewis, L. Lu, J. Mayen, D. Nachman, M. Song, V. Valencia, S. Williams, K. Liu, B. Mehretu, A. Richmond, Y. Yuan, N. Son, C. Ting, E. D'Angelo*
- b. *Members Excused: R. DeLorenzo, G. Dong, B. Kotb, B. Luckow, J.P. Swenson*

III. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogohó:nq̓ (Cayuga Nation)

- a. President V. Valencia stated the land acknowledgment

IV. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. None

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the December 1, 20223 meeting minutes
 - i. C. Ting motions to amend “deformation to defamation” throughout the minutes, passed by unanimous consent
 - ii. S. Bhardwaj motions to approve the meeting minutes, passed by unanimous consent
- b. V. Valencia announces that Resolution 16 was acknowledged by the President and that the full response can be found online
- c. V. Valencia announces that Resolution 15 has not gotten a response yet, but got an email saying the President will take a little longer to respond
- d. V. Valencia announces that Resolution 14 was acknowledged by the President
- e. V. Valencia announces that Resolution 13 was returned by the President for a clarification change
- f. V. Valencia announces that Resolution 12 was acknowledged by the president and her response was read aloud

VI. Open Microphone



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- a. None

VII. Announcements and Reports

- a. V. Valencia announces that the FARC committee needs a chair and members and they're looking for anyone in SA or the community and can reach out to her or P. Da Silveira
- b. I. Chasen states that there's three vacant seats on the SA: LGBTGIA+ students liaison, CALs representative, and Undesignated representative at-large. There will be an abbreviated special election to fill those three seats. Encourages everyone to reach out to people who might be interested and that petition signatures will be due next Friday.
 - i. M. Baker asks if there's a reason an election is being done and not appointing them
 - ii. I. Chasen states it's the same process as last Fall essentially. If there was more than one person interested in the positions that would've triggered an election, but there was not.
 - iii. M. Baker asks if it's fair that she didn't have to collect petition signatures, but these three new people would
 - iv. I. Chasen states that due to the lack of SA activity this year it would be necessary for students to show more interest and the best way to do this would be petition signatures
 - v. V. Valencia states that we do special elections when we have multiple vacancies and last semester the Office of Assemblies was understaffed, so we didn't have the capacity to do elections
 - vi. D. Cady asks if the signature process is on paper or electronic
 - vii. I. Chasen responds that they're going to stick with paper, but will push for electronic signatures for later elections
 - viii. P. Da Silveira asks what CALs seat is vacant
 - ix. I. Chasen responds that J. Lee resigned
- c. A. Lewis states that they're going to send out a newsletter with updates on what the SA is doing and anyone can reach out to her about it
 - i. They're also going to include promotional materials from clubs and organizations
 - ii. P. Da Silveira adds it will be presented to the whole SA before being sent out
 - iii. D. Cady asks if we could spotlight past initiatives that are currently in practice



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- iv. A. Lewis responds that those are things they will include along with current initiatives

VIII. Initiatives

- a. S. Williams states she wants to convene a meeting of the Academic Policy Committee in the next week or so and will try to get the academic policy survey out in the next 2 weeks
- b. S. Williams states there's a community member whose being working with an organization called Boys in Sport, which is working to improve equality for women in sports and they were speaking over the break about doing a title ix compliance review for Cornell
- c. D. Cady states he's in the process of reaching out to people to make ice skating at Lynah more accessible and anyone is welcome to get involved
- d. N. Sharma states his committee is trying to find a meeting time to review the bylaws and will be looking for other solutions to re-word it
- e. N. Son states they reached out to cultural organizations about their resolution and are following up and will present their resolution next week or the week after

IX. Presentation and Forums

- a. None

X. Business of the Day

- a. None

XI. New Business

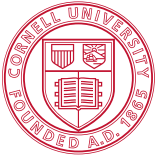
- a. S. Bhardwaj motions to move into Executive Session, passed by unanimous consent
 - i. A. Lewis was elected VP of External Affairs
- b. V. Valencia announces that we only did 16 resolutions last semester and the prior semesters they did 40+, so we need to start doing more work

XII. Adjournment

- a. B. Mehretu motions to adjourn, passed by unanimous consent

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Birmingham
Clerk of the Assembly



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