



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Minutes of the September 8, 2022 Meeting
4:45-6:30 p.m.
Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall | Zoom

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. *Members present* [16]: S. Ali, S. Bhardwaj, D. Cady, K. Chan, E. D'Angelo, P. Da Silveira, G. Dong, J. Kalinski, B. Kotb, A. Lampert, A. Lewis, L. Lu, N. Son, J. Swenson, C. Ting, V. Valencia.
- b. *Members Excused*: J. Lee, J. Mayen, M. Song
- c. *Members Absent*: D. Edelman, S. Gavin
- d. *Also present*: Isaac Chasen, Jeff Goodmark, Mitchell Hoy, Naveen Sharma, Carson Taylor

II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:nq̓ (Cayuga Nation)

III. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. J. Kalinski motions to add Resolution 3 to agenda, unanimous consent

IV. Consent Agenda:

- a. [Approval of Minutes](#)
- b. P. da Silveira moves to approve by unanimous consent, passes

V. Open Microphone

- a. No speakers

VI. Announcements and Reports

- a. Unanimous consent given to swearing-in of new members A. Lewis and C. Ting
- b. A. Lewis and C. Ting are sworn in
- c. V. Valencia will be taking headshots for SA members on Saturday September 10 outside Willard Straight Hall.
- d. A. Lampert speaks on two mental health initiatives she is involved with. A. Lampert wants to explore funding access to Better Mind and Manual for Cornell students through the SA. Better mind is an online therapy site and Manual is a mental health app.

- e. K. Chan asks SA members to share SA content on their personal Instagram.
- f. I. Chasen announces elections for freshman and transfer students, announces information sessions to be held on September. 12 and 13

VII. Initiatives

- a. None

VIII. Presentations and Forums: *Bikeshare presentation by Jeff Goodmark*

- a. Jeff Goodmark-Director of Micromobility-Center for Community Transportation presents the following information to SA membership:
- b. Center for Community Transportation aims to enhance transportation access in the community while reducing negative environmental and economic impacts.
- c. Most people in Ithaca (54%) don't have access to a working bicycle.
- d. Over 100,00 trips were taken on LimeBike in Ithaca in 2019.
- e. J. Goodmark states that LimeBike is a third-party profit-based company- Cornell may be more willing to partner with CCT as a local organization.
- f. Goal is 250-400 shareable pedal-assist electric bikes- a mixture of Class 1, 2, and 3 bikes.
- g. CCT is a 501c3 not-for profit institution and has experience running shared mobility services in Ithaca since 2008.
- h. CCT has 130,000 of 200,000 dollar goal accounted for so far.
- i. J. Swenson asks if CCT has researched the possibility of adding scooters. J. Goodmark states that they are examining 3 and 4 wheeled power vehicles but bicycles are the focus.
- j. J. Kalinski asks about sponsorship. J. Goodmark states CCT is working to partner with NYSEG, bringing back Big Red bikes to downtown, outreach to IC and Cornell. As a 501c(3) not-for-profit organization, most of the revenue for CCT legally has to come from donations.
- k. C. Ting asks about liability coverage. J. Goodmark states that CCT Bikeshare has a comprehensive insurance policy that covers riders and the CCT and indemnifies the city of Ithaca; this policy is an industry standard.
- l. B. Kotb asks about paying up front for monthly or yearly memberships. J. Goodmark states that CCT Bikeshare will offer both options, as well as income-qualified membership options.
- m. J. Kaliski recommends that CCT reach out to Cornell University Employee Assembly, University Assembly, and the Atkinson Center.

- n. P. da Silveira asks why LimeBike left Ithaca. J. Goodmark states that the choice was made for economic motivations and that operating in Ithaca did not make financial sense for a for-profit company.
- o. D. Cady asks about LimeBike and relationship with Cornell. J. Goodmark states that Cornell did not wish to partner with a third-party for-profit company.
- p. M. Hoy states that San Diego experienced overcrowding with bikeshares as of 2018. J. Goodmark states that this has happened in several cities, but Ithaca has tight enforcement and the competition issues of other cities will not be a factor in Ithaca.
- q. P. da Silveira asks if CCT can guarantee the program launch if SA provides funding. J. Goodmark states there is an oversight committee which will have a seat available for donors; Cornell is likely to have a significant influence on oversight committee if Cornell organizations meet CCT's fundraising goal.
- r. B. Kotb asks how bikeshare will function during the winter. J. Goodmark replies that any day the sidewalks are clear the bikes will be operational, there may be a reduced fleet due to reduced demand in winter but will continue to operate.
- s. D. Cady asks about Ithaca College's current relationship with CCT. J. Goodmark replies that CCT has made the same request to IC, however IC's location makes them more removed from downtown. CCT's most current contact within Cornell is the Transportation Department.

IX. Business of the Day

- a. New Business : [Resolution 4: Amending and Ratifying the 2022-2023 Standing Rules](#)
- b. Changes to Standing Rules are adding current dates for 2022-2023
 - i. J. Kalinski motions to end debate and vote.
 - ii. P. da Silveira dissents and requests to add amendment, amendment is **passed** by unanimous consent.
 - iii. P. da Silveira motions to end debate, unanimous consent.
 - iv. Resolution 4 passes **13-0-2**
- c. ***Resolution 3-Office of Ethics Bylaw Amendment***
 - i. N. Sharma presents on Office of Ethics regarding advisory powers and confidentiality.
 - ii. Bylaws must be passed so that committee can begin to function.

- iii. K. Chan asks about lines 11-14, asks about powers implied by phrase “interpreting and applying.” N. Sharma states that the Office of Ethics views itself as a mediation facility, and will work in an advisory capacity to make recommendations.
- iv. V. Valencia announces that 2/3 margin of all voting members on the Assembly is necessary to pass the Bylaw, there are not enough present today to pass.
- v. N. Sharma asks when first meeting to include newly elected SA reps will be. Reps. I. Chasen states that freshman and transfer voting will fill seats by third or fourth week of October.
- vi. N. Sharma asks about attendance regulations. P. da Silveira states that voting members are allotted three unexcused absences.
- vii. D. Cady motions to **table indefinitely**, S. Bhardwaj seconds, unanimous consent.

X. Staffing Committees

- a. Unanimous consent to move into executive session. The following appointments were made in executive session:
 - i. **G. Dong-University Assembly Representative.**
 - ii. **Appropriations Committee-** J. Kalinski, C. Ting, G.Dong, J. Swenson, L. Lu, N. Son, A. Lewis.
 - iii. **Financial Aid Review Committee-**D. Cady
 - iv. **University Assembly CCITE-** J. Kalinski, I. Chasen
 - v. **Student Assembly Social Chairs-** N. Son, P. Da Silveira
 - vi. **University Assembly Campus Welfare Committee-**C. Ting
- b. Motion to end executive session, unanimous consent.
- c. I. Chasen accepts nomination to UA CCITE and is confirmed.

XI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Kalweit

Acting Clerk of the Assembly