



## Cornell University Student Assembly

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Minutes of the Thursday, October 6th, 2016 Meeting

4:45pm-6:30pm in WSH Memorial Room

#### I. Call to Order

- J. Berger called the meeting to order at 4:46pm
- *Present at the Roll Call:* J. Berger [0]; T. Celestin [0]; N. Chovanec [0]; D. Cox [0]; V. Devatha E. Dzodzomenyo [0]; R. Herz [1]; A. Iglesias [0]; M. Indimine [0]; A. Issur [0]; M. Kasher [1]; J. Kim [0]; D. Li [0]; D. Liu [0.25]; H. Macdiarmid [0]; T. Magloire [0]; M. McBride [0]; J. Montejo [0]; R. Musto [0]; H. Reichel [0.5]; J. Selig [0]; M. Valadez [0]; E. Vargas [0.5]; A. Viswanathan [0];
- *Not Present at the Roll Call:* N. Jaisinghami (Excused) [0]; L. Lipschutz (Unexcused) [0]; W. Rong (Excused) [0]; Y. Wang (Excused) [1];

#### II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the September 15, 2016 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

#### III. Open Microphone

- Nicholas Karavolias from Anabel's Grocery stated the organization would be hosting a meal build on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> inside Anabel Taylor Hall.
- Stacy Kim '17 the Co-President of Alternative Spring Breaks stated the group, which facilitates trips abroad during spring break would be hosting info sessions on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>. They could be reached at [Altbreaks@cornell.edu](mailto:Altbreaks@cornell.edu).

#### IV. Announcements and Reports

- VP Finance Li spoke about the Appropriations Committee reviewing Slope Media, Alternative Breaks, and OSC. She stated the committee would have decreased funding in a byline year for Slope Media due to spending directed away from Undergraduates, Alternative Breaks was suggested to request an increase in funding, and OSC was not voted on. Regarding the Collegiate Readership Program, the committee would be voting on the proposal at the next meeting.
- M. Indimine stated the restructuring forum would be postponed until the Assembly reached a consensus on Resolution 11.
- J. Montejo stated NASAC would be hosting a week-long commemoration for Indigenous People's day. Events would occur between October 11<sup>th</sup>-October 15<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, on October 14<sup>th</sup> there would be a \$5.00 Latino unity dinner.
- J. Berger stated that President Rawlings would be attending the next Student Assembly meeting alongside VP Lombardi.

#### VI. Business of the Day

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- Resolution 11: Changing and Ad-Hoc Committee with Investigating Student Assembly Membership (A. Issur, G. Kaufman)
  - The sponsors discussed being accommodating to new ideas. On Sunday a few members discussed the resolution. Disagreements arose over the committee's structure, but there was agreement over having an investigative forum before committees are created. The sponsors were open to having forums throughout the semester. They looked to have community involvement in the formal process.
  - R. Herz suggested tabling the resolution before moving forward with a forum.
  - J. Montejo hoped to have the committee recommendations done through a more open, community based approach.
  - D. Liu motioned to amend lines 45 through 55 to read, "One voting member belonging to the executive committee. Two voting members not belonging to the executive committee. Two Underclassmen voting members not belonging to the executive committee. One non-elected Student Assembly committee member. Non-SA Members: Two members who have not run in an election or applied to a committee. One former voting member of the Assembly no longer serving. One candidate who ran in the Fall or Spring 2016 Student Assembly Election but was not seated. Two additional community members."
  - G. Kaufman wanted to include a Student Assembly committee member in the group.
  - D. Li found that Assembly members often have limited time to devote to these issues, and suggested the makeup of the committee include more non-Assembly members.
  - A. Viswanathan believed a more structured group would help move forward. He believed that groups who were pessimistic about the Assembly would not offer advice.
  - There was a motion to vote on the amendment.
  - By a vote of 15-5-2 the resolution was amended.
  - D. Liu believed at the forums the time should be on restructuring the Assembly, and not on structuring an Ad-Hoc committee.
  - Line 57 to strike, "as soon as possible," and to add "after two open forums scheduled by the executive committee."
  - By a vote of 12-8-2 the resolution was amended.
  - There was a motion to amend lines 57- 58 to read, "Be it finally resolved, that the Assembly will appoint a slate of community members proposed by the Vice President for Internal Operations and the chair of the committee after two forums, and will appoint Assembly members through normal procedures in executive session."
  - By a vote of 14-6-0 the resolution was amended.
  - There was a motion to table.
  - By a vote of 13-9-0, Resolution 11 was tabled
- There was a motion to adjourn.

J. Berger adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter F. Biedenweg

Assembly Clerk, Office of the Assemblies