



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Minutes of the Thursday, November 3rd, 2016 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in WSH Memorial Room

I. Call to Order

- J. Berger called the meeting to order at 4:45pm
- *Present at the Roll Call:* J. Berger [0]; T. Celestin [0]; N. Chovanec [0]; D. Cox [0]; V. Devatha [0]; E. Dzodzomenyo [0]; R. Herz [1]; M. Indimine [0]; N. Jaisinghani [1]; M. Kasher [1]; J. Kim [1]; D. Li [1]; D. Liu [0.25]; T. Magloire [0]; M. McBride [1]; J. Montejo [0]; R. Musto [0]; H. Reichel [0.5]; W. Rong [1]; J. Selig [0]; M. Valadez [0]; A. Viswanathan [0]; Y. Wang [1]
- *Not Present at the Roll Call:* A. Iglesias (Unexcused) [0]; A. Issur (Excused) [0]; L. Lipschultz (Excused) [0]; H. MacDiarmid (Excused) [0]; E. Vargas (Unexcused) [1];

II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the October 27th, 2016 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

III. Open Microphone

IV. Announcements and Reports

- President Berger stated that next week the Assembly would be hosting a restructuring forum at 6:30, and additionally on the 17th members would be required to attend Breaking Bread.
- Rep. Kasher stated SAIFC applications would close on Friday November 11th.
- VP Li informed the Assembly that the Appropriation committee saw EARS and Cornell Minds Matter. If this had been a byline year EARS would keep the same level of funding, while Cornell Minds Matter would receive a decrease in funding.
- Rep. Montejo discussed the Diversity committee. She hoped to increase publicity to underrepresented groups around campus about Assembly events. The committee was also creating a working group on training for faculty members about diversity.
- Rep. Viswanathan stated the Freshmen representatives got an email, and could be reached at freshmen-reps@cornell.edu
- Rep. Reichel stated she and Rep. Devatha, who both served on the Annabel's advisory board, met last week as a group. The board was looking to hire clerks and cashiers for the store with a lenient deadline of November 4th. The Annabel's Team would be setting up a pop-up shop on November 8/9th, and also holding a thanksgiving kit build on November 22nd from 5-8pm. She also promoted the Campus Drought Response Panel event on November 17th at 5:30pm in Warren Hall. Additionally, Rep. Reichel announced that the AAP school was in the process of setting up the Student-Dean Forum on November 15th. Finally, she was working with students in AAP to create an event to evaluate the design of governing body spaces.
- Rep. Liu gave an update on the Condom Fairy Project. He said that survey data found a low usage of condoms for the second year in a row. The projects objective was to increase condom

accessibility by mailing condoms in discrete packages to students at no cost. Planned Parenthood would be open to help out with the groups' goals, and they looked to expand their range to Fraternities and Sororities. Additionally, Rep. Liu stated that following the event 99 Problems a group was working to revolve many issues, mostly around infrastructure, with others on health and wellness.

- Rep. Selig updated the Assembly on the Resolution from last year, which updated the layout of Duffield Hall. He said that the facilities switched the buildings furniture to rectangular tables, along with fold up tables.
 - Rep. Reichel asked how Rep. Selig worked with facilities to implement these changes.
 - Rep. Selig stated that he walked through the space with facilities, and that they were open to discussing how to create the most conducive space.
- B. Murphy stated that over 7,000 students had applied so far for a new *New York Times* subscription. Additionally, he reminded the Assembly about the access to the *Financial Times*.

V. Initiatives

- Town Hall Embracing a Shared Community – VP Montejo spoke about the City and Local Affairs Committee's Embracing a Shared Community Town Hall event in EHub on November 15th at 5pm. She described the committee's involvement in last year's Town Hall event, which was an open forum attended by Ithaca's Mayor and Chief of police. The event this year would hopefully include these guests again, alongside city and campus planners who could speak about off campus housing issues, campus safety, as well as building a community between the city and college.

VI. New Business

- Resolution 17: Endorsing "The Ithaca Plan: A Public Health and Safety Approach to Drugs and Drug Policy"
 - The sponsors discussed the Ithaca Plan which focused on Ithaca's policy addressing the rising use of drugs. The policy was drafted by the University Assembly's Campus Welfare Committee, and has the backing of the broader Ithaca community. The sponsors wished to table Resolution 17 until after the Embracing a Shared Community event.
 - There was a motion to table.
 - By a vote of 22-0-0 Resolution 17 was **tabled**.
 - Resolution 18: Setting the Special Projects Funding Guidelines
 - The Sponsors spoke about establishing guidelines for the use of Special Project Funding. They made it so that any undergraduate student could apply for the funding, but believed applicants would need to demonstrate a lack of alternative funds.
 - There was a motion to move Resolution 18 to business of the day.
 - By unanimous consent the resolution was moved to Business of the day.
 - There was a motion to amend line fifteen to read "section 8, Subsection B"
 - By unanimous consent the resolution was **amended**.
 - There was a motion to amend line 116 to read, "name all sources of funding that *this project intends to apply for*"
 - There was a motion to amend the amendment to read "name all sources of funding that this project *has or intends to apply for*"
 - By a vote of 19-3-0 the amendment was **amended**.
 - There was a motion to vote on the amendment.
 - By a vote of 20-2-0 Resolution 18 was **amended**.
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- H. Reichel asked about the visibility of this fund.
- D. Li stated that this fund has historically not been open to public use, and that given new circumstances, they planned to begin advertising.
- There was a motion to amend line 34 to read, "... (not members present). *After the Appropriations Committee funds any project between \$400 and \$1500, the Vice President for Finance must report this funding to the Assembly's general body at the next Student Assembly meeting.*"
- By unanimous consent Resolution 18 was amended.
- E. Dzodzomenyo asked the size of the fund.
- D. Li stated the fund was around \$12,000.
- G. Kaufman stated that the resolution would currently allow the President and Chair of the Appropriations Committee to grant at any time up to \$399, without approval from the Assembly.
- There was a motion to amend line 30 to read, "After the approval by the Student Assembly President and Vice President for Finance, the Vice President for Finance must report the approval to the voting body of the Student Assembly"
- There was a motion to amend the amendment to read, "After the approval by the Student Assembly President and Vice President for Finance, the Vice President for Finance must report the approval to the voting body of the Student Assembly. *If the SA President and Vice President for Finance wish to fund a project more than one time per semester, the funding will require majority approval of the Student Assembly.*"
- By unanimous consent the amendment was amended.
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- There was a motion to Call the Question.
- By a vote of 18-0-1 Resolution 18 was adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter F. Biedenweg

Assembly Clerk, Office of the Assemblies