



**Minutes  
University Assembly  
November 17th, 2015  
4:30pm - 6:00pm  
G08 Uris Hall**

**I. Call to Order**

M. Battaglia called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.

**Attendance:**

*Present:* E. Baptist, M. Battaglia, M. Hatch, R. Howarth, G. Kaufman, M. McBride, G. Mezey, BJ Siasoco, P. Thompson, A. Thomson, R. Walroth

*Absent:* J. Batista, J. Burns, K. Herleman, M. Indimine, N. La Celle, E. Loew, U. Smith

*Others Present:* V. Bhaya, B. Brady, G. Giambattista, L. Schill

***Call for Late Additions to the Agenda***

No late items were requested.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of November 3, 2015 were approved by unanimous consent.

**III. Reports from Assemblies**

***Student Assembly***

M. McBride said that the Student Assembly (SA) passed the Grocery Store Resolution. They are also wrapping up the By-line funding cycle.

***Graduate & Professional Student Assembly***

R. Walroth said that the leaders of the GPSA went to the Ivy Plus Summit, a meeting of GPSA leaders from eight Ivy League schools plus MIT, which was a very interesting experience. The GPSA is in the process of sending a survey regarding the Activity Fee and other initiatives.

***Employee Assembly***

BJ Siasoco said that they had their first President's Address. They had over 585 unique viewers on live stream, and it was a huge engagement event that was well received. The lingering question was what is going on with the Bureaucracy memo and whether or not that means layoffs.

### ***Faculty Senate***

J. Burns was not available for updates since he was absent due to illness. M. Hatch said that at the Faculty Senate, there were discussions of two issues. One was the change in policy for the development of Policy 6.4. The second was about sexual relations across constituencies. M. McBride said he found it interesting that there was so much disagreement regarding the Resolution regarding sexual relations. He was wondering if there was a more holistic poll that could be taken.

## **IV. Committee Updates**

### ***Executive Committee***

A. Thomson said he would like to welcome L. Schill and B. Brady. He also welcomed Professor Baptist to the Assembly. G. Mezey stated that this was his last UA meeting before he leaves the University at the end of the month. He thanked the Assembly for this opportunity. M. Battaglia said that since G. Mezey is leaving, he is vacating a seat on the Judicial Administrator Search Committee. As G. Kaufman is currently serving as interim CJC chair, M. Battaglia said he would like to appoint G. Kaufman on the JA Search Committee, and asked if there was any discussion. G. Mezey said he thinks it is important that there is an employee represented on the JA Search Committee. M. Hatch said he thinks that is a good idea, but he does want to call to attention that there are 2 employees on that committee; he does not think they have to replace G. Kaufman, so it is better to have someone from the CJC on the committee. BJ Siosoco said that if K. Zoner is the other employee, it is a different perspective having another employee who is on the Assembly, so he echoed G. Mezey's comments. R. Walroth stated he believed it important to have the UA's delegation on the committee complete and as to ensure this, motioned to empower the Executive Committee to appoint a replacement member to the search committee. By a vote of 9-1-0 the motion carried.

### ***Campus Infrastructure Committee***

E. Loew was not present.

### ***Campus Welfare Committee***

U. Smith was not present.

### ***Codes & Judicial Committee***

G. Kaufman said the CJC has their first meeting tomorrow. They are going to be discussing the Community Bill of Rights working group, the composition of the working group, Policy 6.4, some of the changes that constituencies have seen, and the Peer Review Board.

## **V. Liaison Updates**

### ***Council of Sexual Violence Prevention***

K. Herleman was not present.

### ***Policy Advisory Group***

G. Kaufman said that the next meeting is Dec. 14.

### ***Student Health Fee Advisory Committee Liaison***

Their first meeting was today. The Health Fee has been factored into financial aid. Gannett is recommending that the health fee stay at \$350 because they want to see if it is effective in raising the accessibility of Gannett. There has been an increase in diagnostic, but they just have preliminary data.

### ***Student Insurance Advisory Committee Liaison***

M. Indimine was not present.

## **VI. Business of the Day**

### ***Update from the Cornell Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee & UA 2014-2015 Resolution #12 followup***

B. Brady said that in transportation planning, you have to look at the entire thing as a system. It took them a year to find the right person as Transportation Planner, but they found someone from the Chapel Hill campus who really knows what is going on. They need to know what infrastructure they have – sidewalk conditions, paved vs. unpaved, etc. They have to identify problem areas, called hot spots, regarding safety. They are reviewing previous Cornell Plans, such as the Transportation Generic Environmental Impact Statement, Campus Market Plan, and Commuter Surveys. L. Schill said they can go out and inventory the annual sidewalk assessment. They just developed a new mid-block crosswalk standard. They are also considering ADA access entries. The Cornell Bicycle and Pedestrian Realm is completed. Coming this summer, there will be a new pine tree bridge and trail project that will connect the E. Hill Rec Way to campus. B. Brady said we should know more about the Big Red Bikes program this winter. M. McBride asked if they considered putting any speed bumps on North and West Campus. L. Schill said that for West Campus, they are thinking of having raised crosswalks that would serve the function of a speed bump. E. Baptist said he and his kids have almost died on Stewart and University Ave. He said he would love it if they considered one of those raised-tables crosswalks at that intersection. G. Mezey asked if they have adopted the Midblock standard. L. Schill said yes, they have adopted that. G. Mezey then asked what the plan was to bring them to standard. L. Schill said to just integrate them when they have a chance. G. Mezey asked if there was any research information regarding signage, communication, or programs on how to educate new-to-the-US pedestrians and drivers. L. Schill said they are 75% complete with their Wayfinding Plan. BJ Siasoco asked what kind of communication plans they have. B. Brady said they have a Director of Outreach

who is working with TCAT and other providers. A. Thomson motioned to extend meeting by 5 minutes. Motion was seconded.

***For Discussion/Tabling: UA Resolution #3: Adoption of an Inclusive Restroom, Locker Room, and Gender-Specific Facility Usage Policy***

A. Thomson said the Assembly can retable the resolution. Resolution was tabled to December 1st.

***Discussion on median grade reporting on student***

G. Kaufman motioned to remove this item from the Agenda. Motion was seconded and the item was removed.

**VII. Late Additions to the Agenda**

No late items requested.

**VIII. Adjournment**

M. Battaglia adjourned the meeting at 5:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vishal Bhaya  
*Assemblies Clerk*