



**Minutes**  
**University Assembly Meeting**  
**September 19, 2017**  
**4:30PM – 6:00PM**  
**700 Clark Hall**

**I. Call to Order**

- a. G. Kaufman called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.
- b. *Present:* J. Anderson, M. Battaglia, R. Bensel, L. Copman, M. de Roos, K. Fitch, M. Hatch, N. Jaisinghani, G. Kaufman, J. Kim, J. Kruser, E. Loew, A. Martinez, E. Michel, K. Quinn, U. Smith, C. Van Loan, A. Waymack, E. Winarto
- c. *Absent:* R. Howarth
- d. *Others present:* The Black Students United Organization and supporters, G. Giambattista, M. Horvath, T. Malone
- e. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- a. 9.2.2017 Meeting Minutes, 2017
  - i. **Tabled** to the next meeting

**III. Assembly Reports**

- a. **Tabled** to the next meeting.

**IV. Committee Reports**

- a. **Tabled** to the next meeting.

**V. Business of the Day**

- i. A. Waymack motioned to move Black Students United at Cornell to the front of the agenda. There was no dissent. The motion was **adopted**.
- ii. Presentation from Black Students United at Cornell
  1. A. Waymack invited Black Students United at Cornell to make their statements.
  2. The Black Students United at Cornell sat in silence for the full duration of the 25 minutes allotted.
  3. M. Hatch said that the Codes and Judicial Committee should consider Hate Speech in the Campus Code of Conduct in the context of laws affecting the educational environment.
  4. M. Hatch suggested that the University begin to question whether speech impacts the environment of a university.
  5. J. Kruser motioned to allow the Black Students United at Cornell the rest of the allotted time in agenda to continue their protest. The motion was **adopted** by unanimous consent.
    - a. The Black Students United at Cornell continued to sit in silence.
  6. J. Anderson motioned to extend the time given to the Black Students United at Cornell for five (5) minutes. There was no dissent. The motion was **adopted**.

7. G. Kaufman motioned to extend the time for the Blacks Students United at Cornell indefinitely. There was no dissent. The motion was adopted.
8. By a vote of 18-0-1 the motion was adopted.
- iii. A. Waymack motioned to direct CJC to report to UA at its next meeting, a specific timeline to incorporate an amendment the Code to address hate speech.
  1. Motion seconded by M. Hatch
  2. Amendment by J. Anderson to include “timeline within the 2017 Fall semester”
    - a. M.Battaglia asked to not confine to timeline because the Code is complex.
      - i. Needs adequate community input
      - ii. Rather not rush this.
    - b. A. Waymack asked to stick with timeline, as this change should take priority over other amendments being considered.
    - c. J. Anderson asked that this be the highest priority of the CJC; indicating the incidents of recent days on campus oblige the assembly to move quickly.
    - d. Motion to move the question
    - e. Dissent by M. Battaglia. Withdrawn
  3. Motion called, “to direct CJC to report to UA at its next meeting, a specific timeline within the fall semester of 2017 to incorporate an amendment the Code to address hate speech.
  4. By a vote of 18-0-1, the motion was adopted.
- iv. A. Waymack motioned to bring Dean Lance Collins' presentation on Carbon Neutrality forward on the agenda. There was no dissent. The motion was adopted.
- v. Report on Carbon Neutrality Plan from Senior Leaders Climate Action Group (L. Collins)
  1. L. Collins said that the target date for Carbon Neutrality has moved from 2050 to 2025, and he discussed the key priorities (9) to moving forward. He discussed efficient buildings, electricity and power sources, heat sources, transportation, resources, and other goals and objectives.
  2. He said that funds are drawn from the federal government, state government, and other sources to provide funding, and that Cornell is a leader and the only school that would be able to achieve a project of this magnitude.
  3. G. Kaufman asked how the SCLAG is going to balance.
    - a. L. Collins said that everything done to reduce energy is just as important to produce energy in a new way. He said a key way to do this is to stay accountable to make progress.
  4. M. Hatch said that there might be an initiative to make this project a centerpiece and stress its educational value.

5. A. Waymack motioned to extend the meeting by 10 minutes, giving 5 to Dean Lance Collins to finish answering questions, taking the remaining 5 minutes to address the Codes and Judicial Committee's University Hearing and Review Board resolution, and table everything else until the next meeting. There was no dissent. The motion was **adopted**.
6. L. Copman asked what resources were needed or what could be done to support the effort for Carbon Neutrality.
  - a. L. Collins said that a redesign of the website on information of Sustainability would be helpful.
7. A community member, Brendan, a first-year student on North Campus said that there is a huge disconnect regarding the community and sustainability initiatives and environmental issues and first-year students on North Campus.
  - a. L. Collins said that this had not been considered, but it should be more encouraged.
- vi. K. Fitch motioned to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. There was no dissent. The motion was **adopted**.
- vii. M. Battaglia discussed the Resolution 1: Appointment of University Hearing Board and University Review Board Member for Academic Year 2017-2018
  1. J. Kruser called the question. M. Battaglia dissented.
  2. A. Waymack motioned to table the resolution to the next meeting. There was no dissent. The resolution was **tabled**.
- viii. K. Fitch said that he is concerned with what has been taking place, and if there was a way to help take care of the issues.
- ix. G. Kaufman said that the Codes and Judicial Committee would be able to convene an Ad-Hoc committee to help.
- x. M. Battaglia said that Codes and Judicial Committee moved to weekly meetings, but the bigger question is how to handle the matters at hand. He said that a timeline is aggressive, but that he would make it a priority for the Codes and Judicial Committee.
- xi. J. Anderson said that it is good to include the communities that are not well represented in the process.
- xii. M. Battaglia said that the Codes and Judicial Committee is happy to converse with anyone, however, the Codes and Judicial Committee needs experts to amend the document.
- xiii. J. Kruser motioned to move the meeting into executive session. A. Waymack dissented.
- xiv. G. Kaufman moved the question to vote to move the Assembly into an executive session.
  1. By a vote of 13-3-1 the motion was **adopted**.
- xv. The University Assembly adjourned their meeting and moved into an executive session.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Terrill D. Malone  
*University Assembly Clerk*