



Minutes
University Assembly
May 2, 2017
4:30pm – 6:00pm
401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order
 - a. G. Kaufman called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.
 - b. *Present:* E. Baptist, J. Berger, L. Copman, M. de Roos, K. Fitch, M. Hatch, R. Howarth, G. Kaufman, J. Krsuer, A. Loiben, M. McBride, M. Munasinghe, S. Park, N. Rogers, U. Smith, C. Van Loan, A. Waymack, E. Winarto
 - c. *Absent:* R. Herz, E. Loew
 - d. *Others present:* V. Bhaya, A. Olofin
 - e. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - i. M. McBride motioned to have an Executive Session before the Internal Elections. By a vote of 14-0-2, the Agenda was **amended**.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 3.21.2017 Meeting Minutes
 - i. **Approved** by unanimous consent.
 - b. 4.11.2017 Meeting Minutes
 - i. **Approved** by unanimous consent.
 - c. 4.18.2017 Meeting Minutes
 - i. **Approved** by unanimous consent.
- III. Assembly Reports
 - a. EA Chair
 - i. U. Smith said the EA elected all of its new officers to the UA.
 - ii. He said that they are voting on the academic calendar tomorrow.
 - b. SA President
 - i. J. Berger said President Pollack came last week.
 - ii. She said that this week is the last SA Meeting of year, and that the SA would be discussing a restructuring proposal.
 - c. Dean of Faculty
 - i. C. Van Loan said there is a Qualtrics survey so every Assembly member can vote on the three possible academic calendars. He said he hopes to inform the Faculty Senate next week on the Assembly vote.
 - d. GPSA President
 - i. N. Rogers said President Pollack came to their last meeting.
 - ii. The GPSA approved Resolution 14, which is a resolution regarding sexual relationships.
 - iii. The GPSA also had elections for their new officers. N. Rogers said that E. Winarto is now president of the GPSA.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. E. Baptist said they look forward to the election of the new Executive Committee.
 - b. Campus Welfare Committee

- i. U. Smith said they had a brief meeting and discussed unfinished business.
 - c. Campus Infrastructure Committee
 - i. No updates.
 - d. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. M. Battaglia said the CJC had their last meeting last week.
- V. Liaison Reports
 - a. Policy Advisory Group
 - i. No updates.
 - b. Student Health Advisory Committee
 - i. The last meeting of the SHAC is tomorrow.
 - c. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. The last meeting of the CPC is next week.
 - d. Transportation Hearing and Review Boards
 - i. No updates.
- VI. Business of the Day
 - a. Presentation by Judicial Codes Counselor
 - i. A. Olofin is the Judicial Codes Counselor.
 - ii. He said that the JCC represents people on campus who are accused of Campus Code of Conduct violations, academic violations, and Policy 6.4.
 - iii. He said that this job has allowed him to connect with the Cornell community and administration.
 - iv. M. McBride said that A. Olofin has always fought for due process. He asked the JCC what he would like to be changed about JCC resources as well as the Campus Code of Conduct.
 - 1. A. Olofin said he thinks the Campus Code of Conduct needs to be looked at in its entirety. He said that he thinks the current Campus Code of Conduct still has deficiencies that need to be addressed, particularly that many of the provisions lack state-of-mind requirements. He said that there are a lot of ambiguities that go hand in hand with the Code, and that administration can do a better job in balancing their interests. He said there are internal procedures for how the UHRB works and those are less publicized than the Campus Code of Conduct, so he thinks it would be great if the CJC or University Assembly can look at those provisions. He said a lot of these deficiencies became apparent during the McBride trial, but the JCC office sees many of those issues come up in many cases.
 - 2. A. Olofin said that their office is composed of two second-year and two third-year law students. He said that there has been a decrease in the number of Campus Code of Conduct cases that the JCC office sees.
 - v. M. Battaglia asked him if there was any way the UA could help him.
 - 1. A. Olofin said he does not want to leave unaddressed how important the role of an advisor is. He said he thinks one of the best things Cornell has done is the complainant office that deals with Title IX cases. He said the role of an advisor is to help students.

- vi. M. Hatch asked A. Olofin how he would describe the relationship of the judicial system (such as the UHRB and JCC) to the administration.
 - 1. A. Olofin said the JCC does not report to anyone and they feel wholly independent. They pride themselves in being independent because in order for the Cornell community to work effectively, there must be a communal, adversarial process.
- vii. A. Waymack asked him if he has any requests of the UA.
 - 1. He said the OJA, JCC, other Assemblies, as well as other stakeholders should dramatically look at the Campus Code of Conduct.
- viii. A. Olofin said he does not think there is anyone in the administration who does not have student interests at heart.
- b. For Vote: UA Resolution #7: Recognition of Outstanding Support to AY 2017 Legislative Session
 - i. There was a motion to amend line 66. The line was amended.
 - ii. By a vote of 17-0-1, UA Resolution #7 passed.
- c. For Vote: UA Resolution #9: Tobacco-Free Campus Referendum
 - i. U. Smith said that this resolution asks the question about whether or not Cornell should go tobacco-free. He said that this resolution does not announce a timeline or a plan of action—it simply asks the question.
 - ii. There was a motion to amend line 4. The line was amended.
 - iii. There was a motion to add “Aravind Natarajan” and “Natalie Hofmeister” as members of CWC in the resolution. The resolution was amended.
 - iv. By a vote of 16-0-1, UA Resolution #9 passed.
- d. For Vote: UA Resolution #10: Appointment of University Hearing and Review Boards Members for Academic Year 2017-2018
 - i. M. Battaglia said this year, the UHRB applications had 12 new questions. The applications were received in an anonymous way.
 - ii. There was a motion to amend the resolution. The resolution was amended unanimously.
 - iii. By a vote of 16-0-1, UA Resolution #10 passed.
- VII. Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. There was an Executive Session.
- VIII. Executive Session for Internal Elections for 2017-2018 Legislative Session
 - a. Voting members elected new members for the 2017-2018 Academic Year.
- IX. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vishal Bhaya
Assemblies Clerk