



Minutes
University Assembly
November 1st, 2016
4:30pm – 6:00pm
401 Physical Science Bldg.

- 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. Herz, R. Howarth, G. Kaufman, J. Kruser, E. Loew, M. McBride, S. Park, N. Rogers, U. Smith, C. Van Loan
 - c. *Absent:* M. Munasinghe, E. Winarto
 - d. *Others present:* V. Bhaya, G. Giambattista, B. Murphy
 - e. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - i. No late items were requested.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 18th, 2016
 - i. The Minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.
- III. Assembly Reports
 - a. EA Chair
 - i. U. Smith said the EA had a retreat on Oct. 27. There were lots of teambuilding activities.
 - ii. Tomorrow, the EA will be hearing from C. Van Loan about the academic calendar.
 - iii. The EA will be discussing new resolutions about the Ithaca Plan, web accessibility, LGBT inclusion in campus records, as well as LGBT inclusion in University Benefits.
 - b. SA President
 - i. M. McBride said the SA is still discussing restructuring.
 - ii. He said that President Rawlings came to the SA and discussed campus safety.
 - iii. The SA committees are working on other issues.
 - c. Dean of Faculty
 - i. C. Van Loan said the Faculty Senate will discuss 3 topics at their next meeting: carbon neutrality, instructional space utilization, and the Provost will talk about the expansion of the undergraduate population.
 - d. GPSA President
 - i. N. Rogers said the Senior Leaders Climate Action Group (SLCAG) attended the last GPSA meeting.
 - ii. Dean Knuth came and talked about GPCI updates.
 - iii. The GPSA also discussed how to have a protocol to allow groups of students everywhere apply for funding.

IV. Report from the Chair

a. Chair

- i. G. Kaufman said he has met with the Judicial Administrator (JA) the Judicial Codes Counselor (JCC) at the Codes and Judicial Committee (CJC).
- ii. He met with the Ombudsman, Charles Walcott, to see how more people can utilize the Office of the Ombudsman.
- iii. G. Kaufman also attended the Trustee meeting.

V. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

- i. E. Baptist said that Executive Committee talked about long-range planning for the rest of the academic year.
- ii. He said that Assembly may want to rethink practices about the Agenda and Attachments in order to make it less cumbersome.

b. Campus Welfare Committee

- i. U. Smith said that the CWC reviewed and approved the Resolution that L. Copman brought forward about endorsing the Ithaca Plan.
- ii. The CWC also decided to move forward with a referendum regarding the tobacco policy on campus. At their next meetings, they will be focusing on the language of that referendum.
- iii. K. Fitch asked if U. Smith was prepared for the response to the referendum.
 1. U. Smith said the language of the referendum would be specific enough that people would know what they are voting on.
- iv. K. Fitch asked if they should look at other universities who have done this so they know what issues they will face.
 1. U. Smith said the CWC has been receiving a lot of information about other universities, campuses, and municipalities.

c. Campus Infrastructure Committee

- i. J. Kruser said the CIC is next meeting on Nov. 3.
- ii. The CIC has been working on setting up liaisons from the CIC to activist groups on campus to build some layers of communication.

d. Codes and Judicial Committee

- i. M. McBride said the CJC is meeting on Friday from 12pm-1:30pm. They are trying to move forward on the Campus Code changes that were passed by the University Assembly.
- ii. At the last meeting, there was a new proposal from the JA regarding transcript notations. M. McBride said the policy proposal is to include a transcript notation for any violation of the Campus Code of Conduct that results in expulsion/suspension. He said that the CJC expressed concern about how the permanency of notations will affect job prospects for students in the future.

VI. Liaison Reports

a. Policy Advisory Group

- i. E. Winarto was absent.
- b. Transportation Task Force
 - i. K. Fitch said the Transportation Task Force no longer has a Hearing and Appeals Board because there are not enough people to serve on it.
- c. Student Health Advisory Committee
 - i. J. Berger was not present for the committee update.
- d. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. M. Hatch said the CPC discussed the forums that are developed in order to engage people in thinking about results of change on campus, so that there can be more opportunities for public participation.
 - ii. The CPC also discussed the Housing Master Plan, mainly regarding undergraduates, but also graduate students and staff.

VII. Business of the Day

- a. For Vote: Campus Welfare Committee Vacancy
 - i. S. Park was **approved** to fulfill the vacancy by unanimous consent.
- b. For Vote: Council on Sexual Violence Prevention Liaison
 - i. M. Munasinghe has already been serving as the liaison to the Council on Sexual Violence Prevention.
- c. For Introduction: UA Resolution #2: Endorsing the Recommendations of the Senior Leaders Climate Action Group
 - i. L. Copman said this Resolution endorses the recommendations of the Senior Leaders Climate Action Group (SLCAG). These recommendations have been in the Climate Action Plan since 2009, but now, there are new ways of measuring carbon.
 - ii. The Resolution also asks the administration to report to the University Assembly on an annual basis
 - iii. M. McBride said he has concerns that this will take away from the Financial Aid budget. He said he would like more perspective on what the implications are on Financial Aid since it is such a large cost.
 - 1. R. Howarth said that the capital cost of \$700 million seems like a large amount, but split over time until 2035, the economics and ethics of it make sense in the long term.
 - 2. He said we end up at about the same place we are at now, and SCLAG hopes that other sources of funding will come from grants and private sources, so it would be cheaper than what we are paying for energy now.
 - iv. M. Hatch said this is a potential to make money. He said that Cornell is about thinking of new ways to do things so big problems can be solved.
 - v. L. Copman said that this is an attraction for external funding.
 - vi. There was a motion to **Call the Question**.
 - vii. By a vote of 15-0-2, UA Resolution #2 **passed**.
- d. For Discussion: UA Resolution #1 Updating and Clarifying University Assembly Charter and Bylaws

- i. G. Kaufman said that this resolution is being considered *seriatim*, which means that each section is considered individually, but the entire resolution must be voted on as a whole.
 - ii. Section 2.12 Bylaws
 - 1. U. Smith said he understands what the amendment is trying to achieve in trying to allow the Assembly to conduct its business.
 - 2. Section 2.12 of the Bylaws was amended.
 - iii. Section 3.22 of Bylaws
 - 1. By a vote of 14-0-1, Section 3.22 of the Bylaws was amended.
 - iv. Section 4.1
 - 1. M. McBride said that he does not believe the JA and JCC should participate in or attend Executive Session.
 - 2. By a vote of 14-0-1, Section 4.1 was amended.
 - v. There was a motion to divide UA Resolution #1 by Charter and Bylaws.
 - 1. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.
 - vi. The changes to the Bylaws as proposed were approved by a vote of 13-0-1.
- e. For Introduction: UA Resolution #3: Endorsing “The Ithaca Plan: A Public Safety Approach to Drugs and Drug Policy”
- i. L. Copman said this process started in April 2014.
 - ii. She said that Ithaca’s mayor would value the University Assembly’s endorsement, as he needs to go to the N.Y.S. legislature with this.

VIII. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. No late items were requested.

IX. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.

X. Executive Session

- a. Voting members entered an Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Vishal Bhaya
Assemblies Clerk