

#### **Cornell University Assembly**

Agenda of the April 24, 2018 Meeting 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM 701 Clark Hall

- I. Call to Order (Chair)
  - a. Call to Order (1 minute)
  - b. Welcome and Introduction (2 minutes)
  - c. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda (2 minutes)
- II. Committee on Structural Organization in the Social Sciences (J. Appleton & T. O'Donoghue) (30 minutes)
- III. Judicial Codes Counselor Annual Report (K. Karr) (20 minutes)
- IV. Judicial Codes Counselor Appointment Confirmation (G. Kanter) (5 minutes)
- V. Consensual Relationships Policy Vote (Chair) (10 minutes)
- VI. Business of the Day
  - a. Resolution 12: Increasing Access to Gender Neutral Bathrooms on Campus (C. Schott) (5 minutes)
  - b. Resolution 15: Opposing the Merger of the College of Human Ecology and the ILR School (J. Anderson) (5 minutes)
  - c. Resolution 16: Examining Cornell's Policies for Temporary Disability Parking to Ensure Financial Accessibility and Equal Access (M. Battaglia) (5 minutes)
  - d. Resolution 17: In Support of Cornell Employee Assembly Resolution #11:
     Promoting Staff Participation in Cornell Campus Climate Change Literacy Goals (M. Hatch) (5 minutes)
  - e. Resolution 18: Call for the Development of a Cornell Comprehensive Transportation Plan (M. Hatch) (5 minutes)
  - f. Resolution 19: Affirming Cornell's Commitment to Ethical Investments and Financial Transparency (C. Schott) (5 minutes)
  - g. Draft of Code Amendments (M. Battaglia) (5 minutes)
  - h. Draft of Appendix A Amendments of University Assembly Bylaws (M. Battaglia) (5 minutes)
  - i. Draft of Code Amendments: New Judicial Administrator Reappointment Procedures (M. Battaglia) (5 minutes)
- VII. Late Additions to the Agenda (10 minutes)
- VIII. Approval of the Minutes (Chair)
  - a. April 10, 2018 (2 minutes)



#### IX. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee (E. Michel) (1 minute)
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee (M. Battaglia) (1 minute)
- c. Campus Welfare Committee (J. Anderson) (1 minute)
- d. Campus Infrastructure Committee (C. Schott) (1 minute)

#### X. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly (J. Kim) (1 minute)
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (E. Winarto) (1 minute)
- c. Employee Assembly (C. Wiggers) (1 minute)
- d. Faculty Senate (C. Van Loan) (1 minute)

#### XI. Liaison Reports

- a. Policy Advisory Group (E. Winarto) (1 minute)
- b. Transportation Task Force (K. Fitch) (1 minute)
- c. Council on Sexual Violence Prevention (K. Quinn) (1 minute)
- d. Student Health Benefits Advisory Council (J. Anderson) (1 minute)
- e. Campus Planning Committee (M. Hatch) (1 minute)
- XII. Adjournment (1 minute)

# Consensual Relationships Policy Ballot: University Assembly 4/24

Name:	
Constituency/Department:	
Check One Box:	I support CRP-A
	I support CRP-B
	I support neither CRP-A nor CRP-B

#### Reminder

<u>CRP-A</u> and <u>CRP-B</u> are identical except in one respect. CRP-A prohibits sexual or romantic relationships between faculty and graduate/professional students if both are affiliated with the same graduate field or degree program. CRP-B allows for such relationships provided there is disclosure and an appropriate recusal plan. Both options prohibit romantic or sexual relationships between faculty and undergraduate students.

You can submit a comment for the public record that justifies or qualifies your vote. This can be done physically (by writing on the reverse) or electronically (via email to deanoffaculty@cornell.edu by April 27.).



# U.A. Resolution # 12

# Increasing Access to Gender Neutral<sup>1</sup> Bathrooms on Campus

March 13th, 2018

- 1 Sponsored by: Christopher Schott, Undergraduate; Chair, Campus Infrastructure
- 2 Committee
- 3 On Behalf Of: Ian Wallace, Undergraduate; Chair, Student Assembly Infrastructure
- 4 Committee and Lavanya Aprameya, Undergraduate; Chair, Haven: The LGBTQ Student
- 5 Union
- 6 Whereas, transgender and gender non-conforming persons may face discomfort and discrimination
- 7 when using gendered bathrooms;
- 8 Whereas, the university has made strides in increasing access to gender neutral bathrooms since SA
- 9 resolution 21, "Availability of Accessible Gender-Neutral Bathrooms and Locker Rooms on
- 10 Campus" was adopted during the 2011-12 school year;
- Whereas, bathrooms in dorms on West Campus operate under the gender inclusive "E" system;
- 12 Whereas, Cornell Maps shows locations for all-gender bathrooms across campus;
- Whereas, many buildings used heavily by undergraduates contain no gender neutral Bathrooms;
- Whereas, Robert Purcell Community Center, Appel Commons and the Townhouse Community
- 15 Center, three important community centers for freshman, contain no gender neutral bathrooms;
- Whereas, students should not require a map to find a bathroom they can use;
- Whereas, existing gendered bathrooms can be converted into gender neutral bathrooms promptly
- 18 and cost-effectively;
- 19 **Be it therefore resolved,** that Cornell University set the goal for itself that every building on
- 20 campus will contain at least one gender neutral bathroom and residential buildings housing more
- 21 than 400 people contain at least 2;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The term "gender neutral" is used interchangeably with "all gender"



- 22 Be it further resolved, in future renovations Cornell University will incorporate designs for gender
- 23 neutral restrooms;
- 24 Be it further resolved, that Willard Straight Hall enters a trial period in which all bathrooms on the
- 25 fourth floor be designated all-gender;
- 26 Be it further resolved, that Bartels Hall, Duffield Hall, Statler Hotel, Robert Purcell Community
- 27 Center, Appel Commons, Helen Newman Hall, Myron Taylor Hall, and Day Hall be considered
- 28 high priority for inclusion of gender neutral bathrooms;
- 29 **Be it finally resolved,** that this resolution be forwarded to the Campus Planning Committee, Dean
- 30 Vijay Pendakur and Vice President Ryan Lombardi.



# U.A. Resolution # 15

# Opposing the Merger of the College of Human Ecology and the ILR School

April 24, 2018

1	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Joseph Anderson, Chair of the Campus Welfare Committee, University
2	Assembly
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4	On Behalf Of: Against The Merger Coalition
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6 7	Whereas, the Committee on Organizational Structures in the Social Sciences submitted their final report on February 28, 2018;
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9	Whereas, the final report included several recommendations on how to "Develop concrete
10	models of potential organizational structures for the social sciences that might be put in place at
11	Cornell.";
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13 14	Whereas, one of the recommendations included in the final report was the potential combination of the College of Hyman Foology and the H.P. School:
15	of the College of Human Ecology and the ILR School;
16	Whereas, the College of Human Ecology and the ILR School both rank at the top of their
17	respective fields,
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19	Whereas, the College of Human Ecology and the ILR School have vastly different cultures and
20	differ in size, which has caused each school to construct their own academic policies and
21	programs that best serve their unique student populations;
<ul><li>22</li><li>23</li></ul>	Whereas, the committee was charged with considering (among other items) "the broad impacts
24	of different organizational structures, including, for instance, how different organizational
25	structures position us for success in recruiting faculty and students, external funding, and
26	international scholarship."
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28	Whereas, the committee recognized that the "resulting college might not be a good fit for all
29	units," that "some might need to move elsewhere," the merge has the "potential to harm the
30	unique external identities of both units," and that "both units have loyal alumni that may not
31	support a new college."
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34	Whereas, the committee further stated that "it was not evident what problems exist with the
35	existing structure that this is meant to cure",
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37	Whereas, the ILR faculty and the living former deans of the ILR School overwhelming
38	condemn the decision to merge,
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40	Whereas, the Trustees of the University have the ultimate responsibility for amending the
41	Bylaws of the University to create this new school; then
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<del>1</del> 3	<b>Be it therefore resolved,</b> the University Assembly supports the most highly rated
14	recommendation of the report, which is creating a Center for the Social Sciences colleges, but
<del>1</del> 5	opposes the recommendation for the merger of the College of Human Ecology and ILR School;
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<del>1</del> 7	Be it further resolved, that the University Assembly encourages the President respect the will of
<del>1</del> 8	the faculty of the two colleges and formally state her opposition to the proposed merger;
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50	<b>Be it finally resolved,</b> that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chairman of the Board
51	of Trustees, the University President, the Alumni-Elected Trustees, the Community-Elected
52	Trustees, and the Provost.



# **U.A. Resolution # 16**

# Examining Cornell's Policies for Temporary Disability Parking to Ensure Financial Accessibility and Equal Access

April 24, 2018

1	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Matthew Battaglia, Graduate and Professional; Chair, Codes & Judicial	
2	Committee; Ekarina Winarto, Graduate and Professional; Member, University Assembly	
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4	Whereas, the University Assembly (the "Assembly") has the authority to examine matters which	
5	concern the welfare of a substantial segment of the campus community and may make	
6	recommendations thereon to the President or other appropriate officers of the university; and	
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8	Whereas, areas concerning transportation policy have historically been an area of focus for the	
9	Assembly and are explicitly listed in the Assembly's Charter as areas the Assembly shall have	
10	authority in policy development in; 1 and	
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12	Whereas, ensuring equal access to disability accommodations is important to building an	
13	inclusive and caring community as well as complying with the spirit and letter of various local,	
14	state, and federal disability accessibility laws; and	
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16	Whereas, the Assembly hosted Bridgette Brady; Director of Transportation Services, Helen	
17	Steh; Customer Service Manager; and Reed Huegerich; Senior Planner at its meeting of April 10,	
18	2018; and	
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20	Whereas, at that meeting, the topic of temporary disability parking was discussed, and the	
21	Assembly was informed that students must pay the standard permit rate to access temporary	
22 23	disability parking on campus; and	
	Whereas, in that discussion, part of the justification provided was that these students were	
<ul><li>24</li><li>25</li></ul>	deriving additional "value" for the price paid as they were able to park in accessible spaces on	
26	central campus for the price of a student perimeter permit; and	
27	central campus for the price of a student permitter permit, and	
28	Whereas, the Assembly is concerned with this logic as it conflates individuals who elect by their	
29	own volition to purchase parking with individuals who have a need for temporary disability	
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> University Assembly Charter; Article III, § 3.1: Authority in policy development



30 parking through no fault of their own and who may not otherwise desire to purchase on-campus 31 parking; and 32 33 Whereas, this policy does not make allowances for students on financial aid, from low 34 socioeconomic backgrounds, or otherwise undergoing economic hardship; and 35 36 Whereas, students on financial aid, from low socioeconomic backgrounds, or undergoing 37 economic hardship are already most likely to be negatively affected by sudden medical expenses 38 which would be associated with a need for temporary disability parking; and 39 40 Whereas, in prior years the Assembly has been informed that it is the University's goal to 41 discourage individuals from bringing automobiles on campus and that charging parking fees is 42 included in this goal; 2 and 43 44 Whereas, while this resolution does not address the overall scope of that goal, the Assembly is 45 concerned that parking fees designed to discourage parking on-campus are being utilized as the 46 basis of setting a fee for temporary disability parking when the circumstances leading to a need 47 for temporary disability parking are vastly different and almost never voluntary; and 48 49 Whereas, the Assembly has been informed from constituents that in some circumstances it is 50 less expensive to pay for parking by the day in a regular university lot than to pay for a 51 temporary disability permit; and 52 53 Whereas, this incongruence is concerning as it appears to penalize students financially for 54 requiring temporary disability accommodation; and 55 56 Whereas, students electing to park in non-accessible spaces or foregoing parking on-campus 57 while temporarily disabled entirely due to financial constraints is a matter of concern to the 58 Assembly; and 59 60 Whereas, students unable to access campus easily while temporarily disabled may inadvertently put themselves and others in harm's way by attempting to attend class regardless, or miss 61 62 multiple classes entirely; and 63 64 Whereas, in subsequent conversations members of the Assembly learned that faculty and staff 65 do not pay a fee for temporary disability parking of up to eight weeks; and 66 67 Whereas, the Assembly recognizes that this is likely subsidized by the University Benefit Pool 68 but notes that all students must also pay a University Health Fee (the "Health Fee") to subsidize

the cost of medical services on-campus; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bridgette Brady Report to Assembly; November 17, 2015 University Assembly Meeting.

**Whereas,** the Assembly believes it is reasonable to consider temporary disability parking as an outgrowth of medical services and thus related to the benefits and services covered under the Health Fee; and

Whereas, the Assembly was informed that the Health Fee was introduced to subsidize the cost of medical care and ensure that all students, regardless of socioeconomic status, had access to Gannett (now renamed Cornell Health) and necessary medical services on campus;<sup>3</sup> and

Whereas, the Student Health Benefit Advisory Committee ("SHBAC") is currently already investigating the feasibility of using the Health Fee to fund free rides for Cornell Health Appointments to and from locations on campus through a potential expansion of CU Lift; and

Whereas, the Assembly recognizes and supports the work done by the Office of Student Disability services which provides various services to students with disabilities and is currently able to provide bus passes, access to CU Lift, and other accommodations to students with temporary disabilities free of charge; and

Whereas, CU Lift, bus passes, and other accommodations are not always the optimal solution and the Assembly has been informed by constituents that CU Lift is currently frequently overburdened and generally not well suited for temporary disabilities due to the long processing time and documentation required; and

Whereas, in discussions with Transportation Services members of the Assembly were also informed that pregnant women in their third trimester are eligible for accessible parking but must pay a fee to access such parking; and

**Whereas,** this parking is not included in the free temporary disability parking currently afforded to faculty and staff; and

Whereas, pregnancy is recognized under the Americans with Disabilities Act and various state and local laws as a temporary disability when it interferes with an individual's normal lifestyle;<sup>4</sup> and

Whereas, the Assembly is deeply concerned that late-term pregnancy appears to be being treated differently from other temporarily disabilities for faculty and staff; and

Whereas, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC" provides guidance stating "If a woman is temporarily unable to perform her job due to a medical condition related

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Dr. Janet Corson-Rikert Report to Assembly; April 7, 2015 University Assembly Meeting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Pregnancy Discrimination. (n.d.). Retrieved April 17, 2018, from https://www.eeoc.gov/laws/types/pregnancy.cfm



to pregnancy or childbirth, the employer ... must treat her in the same way as it treats any other temporarily disabled employee";<sup>5</sup> and

Whereas, the Assembly believes that to build an inclusive campus we must take steps to accommodate all members of our community with disabilities including those with temporary disabilities equally regardless of their status at the university or economic standing; and

**Whereas**, the Assembly is concerned that we may be falling short of our legal and ethical obligations to accommodate those with temporary disabilities; and

Whereas, the Assembly believes that intermittent use of accessible parking spaces by those with temporary disabilities will only incur minimal, if any, additional costs for the University; and

Whereas, the Assembly wishes to work cooperatively with the University Administration to address these concerns; therefore

**Be it Resolved,** that the Assembly requests the Office of Transportation Services take the following steps:

1. In situations where it would be less expensive for a student to pay by the day for parking during a temporary disability the University adjust the price of a temporary disability permit to match.

Include third-trimester accessible parking for pregnant faculty and staff within the scope
of temporary disability parking such that it is treated no differently than other temporary
disabilities and is included in the no-cost temporary disability parking currently available
to faculty and staff.

3. Investigate the marginal cost to Cornell associated with providing temporary disability parking to students.

 4. Examine the total number of community members (broken out by constituency: student, faculty, staff) who have needed temporary accessible parking permits for the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and thus far in the 2017-2018 academic years.
5. With the marginal cost data, evaluate the feasibility of removing the fee for temporary

disability parking for students entirely in line with current policy for faculty and staff.

6. Examine how the Student Health Fee and the Student Health Insurance Program might

help account for the back-end cost of temporary disability parking, in collaboration with the SHBAC and Cornell Health (formerly Gannett).

7. Seek to remove or reduce the cost to students to access temporary disability parking.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pregnancy Discrimination. (n.d.). Retrieved April 17, 2018, from https://www.eeoc.gov/laws/types/pregnancy.cfm



Further Resolved, that Assembly requests the University Administration and Office of Student and Campus Life examine the usage of Student Disability Services and ensure that it and its appurtenant programs are adequately resourced; and

Further Resolved, that Assembly requests the Office of Transportation Services provide an update on this matter to the Assembly during the Fall 2018 Semester including follow-up steps taken; and

Be it Finally Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Vice-President of
Infrastructure Properties and Planning, the Vice-President of Student and Campus Life, the
Director of Cornell Health (formerly Gannett), the Director of Transportation Services, the
Director of Student Disability Services, and other offices who may be necessary to ensure its
implementation.

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# U.A. Resolution # 17

# **In Support of Cornell Employee Assembly Resolution #11: Promoting Staff Participation in Cornell Campus Climate Change Literacy Goals**

April 24, 2018

1	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Martin Hatch, Faculty; Member, Campus Infrastructure Committee
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3	Whereas, the Cornell Employee Assembly adopted Resolution EA Resolution #11: Promoting
4	Staff Participation in Cornell Campus Climate Change Literacy Goals ("EA R11"), on
5	April 4, 2018 and conveyed said resolution to President Martha Pollack on April 17,
6	2018; and
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8	Whereas, EA R11 "supports the University's efforts to promote climate change literacy"; and
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10	Whereas, EA R11 recognizes "the looming negative impacts of climate change" that "adversely
11	affect the health and well-being" of members of the Cornell University community; and
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13	Whereas, the University Assembly recognizes that EA R11 represents an important step to
14	addresses this issue of unparalleled importance for all members of the Cornell University
15	community; therefore
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17 18	<b>Be it Resolved</b> , the University Assembly strongly supports the Employee Assembly Resolution
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20	Do it further received that University Assembly recognizes the importance of this receivtion
	<b>Be it further resolved</b> , that University Assembly recognizes the importance of this resolution for the health and well-being of all members of the Cornell University community and is
21 22	prepared to assist in the efforts to promote Climate Change Literacy Goals to the full
23	extent of its abilities.
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# U.A. Resolution # 18

# Call for the Development of a Cornell Comprehensive **Transportation Plan**

April 24, 2018

1	<b>Sponsored by:</b> Martin Hatch, Faculty; Member, Campus Infrastructure Committee
2 3	Whereas, the University Assembly (the "Assembly") has the authority to examine matters
4	which concern the welfare of a substantial segment of the campus community and may
5	make recommendations thereon to the President or other appropriate officers of the
6	university; and
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8	Whereas, areas concerning transportation policy have historically been a focus for the
9 10	Assembly and are explicitly listed in the Assembly's Charter as areas the Assembly shall
11	have authority over in policy development in; 1 and
12	Whereas the Assembly recognizes that the Cornell Employee Assembly's Resolution #7:
13	Advancing a Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the Ithaca Campus ("EA R7) was
14	passed unanimously by the EA on November 28, 2017 and requests action in an area that
15	is of concern to the entire university community; and
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17	Whereas EA R7 was conveyed to President Martha Pollack on November 29, 2017 and
18	acknowledged on January 2, 2018; and
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20	Whereas in her acknowledgment, President Pollack noted that "Given the many competing
21 22	priorities for Cornell's resources, we intend to pursue a focused transportation assessment that will support the work on North Campus <sup>[2]</sup> , inform our capital planning process, and
23	optimize use of regional mass transit."; and
24	optimize use of regional mass transit. , and
25	Whereas, the Assembly hosted Bridgette Brady; Director of Transportation Services, Helen
26	Steh; Customer Service Manager; and Reed Huegerich; Senior Planner at its meeting of
27	April 10, 2018; and
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29	Whereas, at that meeting the Assembly was informed of the value a comprehensive
30	transportation plan could provide to the University; and
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> University Assembly Charter; Article III, § 3.1: Authority in policy development

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Regarding the North Campus Residential Expansion ("NCRE")



- Whereas transport (by automobile, bus, walking and bicycling) of members of the university community (defined as undergraduate students, graduate and professional students, employees, and faculty) to, from, and within the various components of the Ithaca/Tompkins County campus of Cornell University is essential to the fulfillment of the mission of the university; and
   Whereas the numbers of persons, numbers and sizes of buildings, and geographic extent of the
- Whereas the numbers of persons, numbers and sizes of buildings, and geographic extent of the university has increased considerably over the past fifty years -- particularly in the last 15 years; and
- Whereas the points of origin and destination for persons in the university community have increased concomitantly both in numbers and distances from the university, while the various options for and regulation of transport to, from, and on campus during that period have remained virtually the same or have decreased; and
- Whereas studies, plans, and projects addressing the consequences of the above developments have been limited, relatively silo-ized and circumscribed (for example, bicycle availability, bike-ways, counts of parking spaces and use thereof, or transport assessments connected with limited areas of campus development, such as the NCRE and TWC studies); and
- Whereas the Assembly recognizes the financial and logistical constraints faced by the University but believes that continuing a piecemeal analysis results in long-term inefficiency and leaves larger scale issues only partly addressed; and
- Whereas to create a unified, comprehensive solution for student housing, in 2016, the University undertook a process to create a Student Housing Master Plan to "provide a near- and long-term strategy for student housing";<sup>3</sup> and
- **Whereas** this plan enables Cornell to strategically address large scale issues and the Assembly believes a similar approach would be beneficial to address Cornell's transportation needs, infrastructure, and strategy; and
- Whereas, clear areas of concern have developed regarding the effects of lack of comprehensive transportation planning: increases in carbon emissions; increases in congestion; increases in threats to public safety; decreases in efficient modes of connection from point of origin to destination; inefficient use of parking infrastructure; all resulting increases in costs born by Cornell's facilities, its environment, and its community members; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://scl.cornell.edu/about-us/housing-master-plan



71	Whereas, cognizant of these problems connected with transportation in the region, local
72	governments, not-for-profit organizations, and ad-hoc citizen groups in the
73	Ithaca/Tompkins County region have, over the course of the past 15 years, organized
74	working groups charged with proposing solutions to portions of the transportation
75	challenges in the region, yet there has been to date little participation by Cornell in the
76	comprehensive planning and coordination of the various modes of transport, or
77	collaboration with these groups in addressing these issues; and
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79	Whereas, the costs of transportation born now by members of the Cornell community and the
80	costs to Cornell in work-time lost and environmental degradation, can be considerably
81	ameliorated in a well-planned transportation system for the region; and
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83	Whereas, a well-planned transportation system for the region will result in cost-savings to

- **Whereas,** a well-planned transportation system for the region will result in cost-savings to Cornell and members of the Cornell community in these and other areas, that far outweigh the costs of the study itself; therefore
- **Be it Resolved,** that President Martha Pollack direct the appropriate planning, safety, and facilities sectors of the university, coordinating with local transportation planning, facilities, and safety organizations and agencies engaged in transportation planning for the region, beginning in Spring 2019, to advance a comprehensive transportation study that will lead to the development of a Comprehensive Transportation Plan; and
- **Resolved**, that this comprehensive plan incorporate the focused transportation assessment being conducted as part of the North Campus Residential Expansion; and
- **Be it Finally Resolved,** that the university allocate sufficient funds for that study; and to develop the plan, and that the appropriate elements in the plan be integrated into the comprehensive plan of the university.

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# U.A. Resolution # 19

# **Affirming Cornell's Commitment to Ethical Investments** and Financial Transparency

April 24, 2018

1	Sponsored by: Christopher Schott, Undergraduate; Chair, Campus Infrastructure
2	Committee
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4	On Behalf Of: Zachary Schmetterer, Undergraduate; Parliamentarian, Student Assembly
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6 7	Whereas, the University Assembly (the "Assembly") has the authority to examine matters which concern the welfare of a substantial segment of the campus community and may make
8	recommendations thereon to the President or other appropriate officers of the university;
9	and
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11	Whereas, a letter signed by 28 organizations was sent to President Pollack on October 16, 2017
12	regarding the university's endowment holdings in the Baupost Group ("Baupost"), which
13	owns \$911.6 million worth of Puerto Rican debt bonds; and
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15	Whereas, Baupost has lobbied for the collection of these bonds through the PROMESA Act
16	advisory board and the collection of such debt in a negotiated payback potentially puts
17	Puerto Rico's recovery from Hurricane Maria at risk; and
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19	Whereas, Cornell has in the past made investments in distressed government debt through
20	Baupost as well as through other entities without formal guidance principles from the
21	Office of Investments; <sup>1</sup> and
22 23	Whereas, the Student Assembly passed a resolution calling for a divestment from Puerto Rican
23 24	debt and greater transparency on February 22, 2018; and
25	debt and greater transparency on rebruary 22, 2018, and
26	Whereas, President Pollack rejected said resolution on March 30, 2018 on the grounds that 1)
27	divestment from Puerto Rican debt did not meet the trustee's standards for divestment
28	and 2) current disclosure on tax statements is in accordance with legal requirements; and
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30	Whereas, investing in distressed government debt necessitate a balance between seeking
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31 32	repayment from a bankrupt entity and reducing investor profits; and
33 34 35	Whereas, such investments are likely to generate less than maximal return for Cornell's endowment due to their highly volatile payback period and unknown risk; and
36 37 38 39	<b>Whereas,</b> the Board of Trustee and the University President have fiduciary responsibilities to the University to the care for the institution's short- and long-term financial health, as well as ensure the preservation of its resources for future generations; and
40 41 42 43	Whereas, the Assembly appreciates the time and energy the Board of Trustee and the University President put into improving Cornell and responding to the needs of the Campus Community; and
44 45 46 47	Whereas, a culture of more transparent disclosure of investment partners and reports to relevant campus entities for input and collaboration is likely to build trust, engage the community in the budget planning process, and may produce healthier endowment returns by increasing the amount of input; and
48 49 50	<b>Whereas,</b> the Assembly wishes to work cooperatively with the University Administration to address these concerns; and
51 52 53 54 55	<b>Whereas,</b> the University Assembly passed Resolution #9 on 04/10/2018, reconstituting the Budget Planning Committee to increase community involvement in the University's budgeting process; and
56 57	<b>Whereas,</b> in informal discussions, Resolution #9 has received positive feedback from the Provost's office; therefore
58 59 60	<b>Be it resolved,</b> that the Assembly requests that Cornell University makes a commitment to ethical investing and operational transparency; and
61 62 63 64 65 66	<b>Be it further resolved,</b> that the University conduct a due diligence investigation of its holdings with the Baupost Group and other investment partners for Puerto Rican debt and report said findings confidentially to the UA Budget Planning Committee for further feedback; and
67 68 69 70 71	<b>Be it further resolved,</b> that the University also makes a commitment to expanding this collaboration by having relevant offices share information on investment partnerships in terms of initial investment amount, fund name, and other strategic details confidentially with the UA Budget Planning Committee to develop a working relationship to guide investment strategy and policy; and



Be it further resolved, the Cornell Board of Trustees' Investment Committee as well as the
Office of University Investments create distressed government debt investment
guidelines in collaboration with the UA Budget Planning Committee to effectively
review existing investments and partnerships as well as guide subsequent investments
and

**Be it finally resolved,** such guidelines shall endeavor to prevent the university from investing in exploitative creditor relationships, minimize return volatility, and ensure the sustainable growth of Cornell's endowment.

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# CJC Approved Amendments to the Campus Code of Conduct

## Language to address to the suspension length, definition, and reporting date for organizations

Passed Language (Title Three, Art. III, Sec. D.4 (pg. 24, 2017).

#### 4. Limitations Period

Any charge of a violation of this Code must be initiated by the filing of charges by the Judicial Administrator within one calendar year of the date of the alleged violation. Exceptions to this policy that extend the period beyond one year are:

- a. In cases where the charge involves fraud, the period shall be one calendar year from the alleged fraud or 60 calendar days from the filing of a complaint alleging fraud, whichever is longer, but in any event no more than three calendar years from the alleged fraud.
- b. In cases where the individual to be charged is absent from the University because of either (1) a leave of absence, (2) a termination of employment, or (3) a withdrawal as a student, a charge may be brought within one calendar year of the alleged violation or within 60 calendar days of his or her return to the jurisdiction of the University judicial system, whichever is later.
- c. In cases where the individual to be charged is facing public prosecution involving the same matters, a charge may be brought within 60 calendar days of the final disposition of such prosecution. Should it appear that the individual will leave the University before such time, the President or his or her designee may cause the individual's degree to be withheld for the period in which the Judicial Administrator may file charges.
- d. In cases where the Respondent is a University-Registered Organization the period shall be no more than three calendar years from the alleged violation.
- e. d. The Judicial Administrator may request a Hearing Board Chair to extend any limitations period by up to an additional six calendar months, without required notice to any other person but upon a showing of special circumstances justifying such an extension, provided that the Judicial Administrator delivers such written request to a Hearing Board Chair prior to the expiration of that period.

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(Title Three, Art. IV, Sec. A.1.c.6 (pg. 25, 2017).

(6) Suspension of all privileges for a stated period not to exceed one year five years.

# Language to address to immediate suspension for non-compliance of sanctions

Passed Language (Title Three, Art. III, Sec. D.4 (pg. 24, 2017).

2. If an offender has not complied with the prescribed penalty or remedy within the specified time, the Judicial Administrator shall may suspend the offender or issue a lesser penalty. In the event the JA elects to suspend, the JA shall notify the University Registrar, Office of the Dean of Students, and other offices on a need-to-know basis that the individual or organization is suspended, and the suspension shall have immediate effect and continue until the offender has complied. For any violation of the terms of probation committed during the probationary period, the Judicial Administrator may impose on the offender additional penalties, including suspension or dismissal. The offender may request an appearance before the Judicial Administrator in order to show the fact of compliance, to contest the violation of probation, or to argue for a lesser penalty. The offender may petition the University Hearing Board in writing for a review of the penalty imposed by the Judicial Administrator for noncompliance or for violating probation.

None noted.

# Language to address the role of non-matriculated minors

### Passed Language (Title Two, Art. I, Sec. B.2 (pg. 10, 2017).

- 1. The term student shall be interpreted to mean any person, whether or not incidentally on the University payroll, who is currently registered with the University as:
  - a. a degree candidate in any of Cornell's undergraduate or graduate divisions;
  - b. a special student in the undergraduate divisions; or
  - c. a non-degree-candidate in the graduate school.
- 2. The term student shall be interpreted to mean also persons not officially registered, and not faculty members or other University employees, if they are:

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a. currently enrolled in or taking classes at the University, with the exclusion of any individual enrolled in or taking classes at the University while still an elementary, middle, high school student, or foreign equivalent, so long as such individuals are subject to written behavioral expectations, policies or procedures;

b. currently using University facilities or property, or the property of a University-related residential organization, in connection with academic activities, with the exclusion of any individual enrolled in or taking classes at the University while still an elementary, middle, high school student, or foreign equivalent, so long as such individuals are subject to written behavioral expectations, policies or procedures; or

c. currently on leave of absence or under suspension from being a student of the University.

## Language regarding removal of indefinite suspension

Passed Language (Title Three, Art. II, Sec. E.1.c (pg. 24, 2017).

Circumstances Requiring Hearing

c. The offender may petition in writing for readmission from indefinite suspension.

(Title Three, Art. IV, Sec. A.1.a.8 (pg. 34, 2017).

(8) Suspension from the University for a stated period not to exceed five years. Or indefinitely with the right to petition the University Hearing Board in writing at any time for readmission after the academic term following the academic term in which the suspension occurred. Such petition shall be submitted no later than April 1 if the petition is for readmission for the fall semester and by November 1 if the petition is for readmission for the spring semester. If the Judicial Administrator agrees with the petition of the accused, he or she may permit the readmission without the petition being considered by the University Hearing Board, after consulting with appropriate professional colleagues and receiving approval of a Hearing Board Chair. If the University Hearing Board denies the petition, the accused may not petition again until the next semester and, in any event, may not petition for readmission for the same semester denied by the University Hearing Board. While on such suspension, the student may not obtain academic credit at Cornell or elsewhere toward the completion of a Cornell degree. [Add footnote reading "The Code previously allowed for indefinite suspension. While indefinite suspensions are no longer given, any student indefinitely suspended at the time of indefinite suspensions being removed shall continue to be indefinitely suspended and subject to the appeals provision in-place at the time of removal.]

(Title Three, Art. IV, Sec. A.2.b (pg. 34, 2017).

b. Ordinarily, the penalty for a third violation by a student within a twelve-month period should be probation or suspension from the University for a stated or indefinite period and denial of academic credit for the term in which the suspension occurs. The penalty may be reduced if a lesser penalty would more appropriately serve the interests of justice and if, in addition, the offender expressly agrees not to engage in misconduct of specified kinds in the next twelve months. In such a case of indefinite suspension, the offender may petition the University Hearing Board in writing for readmission, but no application for readmission for the academic term following the academic term in which the suspension occurred will be permitted

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# Language clarifying UHRB appointment procedures

#### Passed Language (Title Two, Art. IV, Sec. C.3 (pg. 14-15 2017).

- 3. Members of the University Hearing Board and University Review Board pool shall serve terms of office as follows:
  - a. All members shall be appointed for two-year staggered terms, except for students entering their final year of study, who shall be appointed for one-year terms.
  - b. Terms of office shall begin June 1 of the year appointed. Any appointment to fill a vacancy or to address an emergency shall become effective immediately. Appointments made to fill a vacancy arising mid-term shall be granted the balance remaining of that term.
  - c. Currently serving members may be appointed for additional terms if reconfirmed by the University Assembly after review by the Codes and Judicial Committee. Faculty members seeking renewal will be reviewed by the Codes and Judicial Committee who shall receive input from the Dean of the University Faculty prior to reconfirmation by the University Assembly.
  - d. The Chair of the Hearing Board or Review Board shall have the authority to remove a member of the pool if the member is not honoring his/her commitment to the university to communicate promptly with the Chair or the Judicial Administrator's office, to participate in hearings, to arrive punctually, and otherwise to participate responsibly in this process.

### Language adding discretion to No Contact Directive procedures

## Passed Language (Title Three, Art. III, Sec. B.2 (pg. 19, 2017).

- a. In cases involving allegations of harassment, abuse, assault, rape, or other menacing activity, the Judicial Administrator, after making a reasonable effort to meet with the accused if appropriate to do so, may issue a No-Contact Directive, binding upon all involved parties.
- b. The Judicial Administrator shall make available to the accused the exact terms of the No-Contact Directive, as soon as it is issued.
- c. In the event the Judicial Administrator is notified of a violation of the terms of the No-Contact Directive, the accused shall be provided with an opportunity to review the matter with the Judicial Administrator within two business days. If the Judicial Administrator determines, based upon the information available, that the No-Contact Directive has been violated, he or she may impose additional interim measures or suspend the accused temporarily, pending resolution of the underlying case.
- c. Such directives may be initially issued for a duration of up to 21 calendar days. Should the Judicial Administrator believe a No-Contact Directive remains necessary after that time, he or she may petition a University Hearing Board Chair to renew the directive for up to an additional 21 calendar days. Should the Chair choose to extend the directive, he or she may modify the directive's terms but may not supersede an active court order. Prior to a directive being renewed, the parties to the directive may submit written statements to the Chair for consideration. If additional renewals are requested by the Judicial Administrator, a different Hearing Board Chair shall review each additional request. Chairs may evaluate multiple renewal requests on the same case only if all other currently available Chairs have already reviewed an equal number of requests on that case.

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## Language increasing the judicial boards pool size and clarifying the application process

#### Passed Language (Title Two, Art. IV, Sec. C.1 (pg. 14-15 2017).

#### C. Pool of Board Members

- 1. The University Hearing Board and University Review Board pool shall comprise 75 members confirmed by the University Assembly: 35 students, 20 faculty members, and 20 nonfaculty employees.
  - a. Faculty members are nominated by the Dean of the Faculty for review by the Codes and Judicial Committee.
  - b. For students and nonfaculty employees, the Codes and Judicial Committee shall solicit written applications in consultation with the Office of the Assemblies which shall provide logistical support.

The Codes and Judicial Committee shall nominate candidates to the University Assembly for its confirmation no later than the last regular meeting of the outgoing University Assembly. The University Assembly Executive Committee may make emergency appointments on a temporary basis.

## **Language clarifying Hearing Board removal process**

#### Passed Language (Title Two, Art. IV, Sec. C.3.c (pg. 15 2017).

- c. Any Chair of the Hearing Board(s) or Review Board(s) shall have the authority to begin removal proceedings against a member of the pool if the member is not honoring his/her commitment to the university to communicate promptly with the Chair or the Judicial Administrator's office, to participate in hearings, to arrive punctually, and otherwise to participate responsibly in this process. Upon a Chair beginning removal proceedings, the Chair shall furnish to the Codes & Judicial Committee of the University Assembly the following:
  - 1. The name of the board member.
  - 2. A rationale for their removal from the boards.
  - 3. Prior steps taken to attempt to resolve the relevant issue(s).
  - 4. Indication that the board member received at least fourteen days' notice of a Chair's intent to seek removal.

Upon receipt of the information, the Codes & Judicial Committee may remove the board member by a two-thirds vote of its seated membership. The Codes & Judicial Committee may request additional information from a Chair or other parties as part of their deliberation. For instances involving faculty members, the Dean of the Faculty shall also be consulted.

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## **Language concerning Hearing Board oversight**

#### Passed Language (Title Two, Art. IV, Sec. C.5 (pg. 15 2017).

- 5. Although the judicial boards decide cases and appeals when sitting in panels, the pool as a group, convened by the Administrative Chair, shall perform the following functions:
  - a. The judicial boards in consultation with the Codes & Judicial Committee of the University Assembly shall be responsible for establishing their own internal rules and procedures not specified elsewhere, and making them available through the Offices of the Judicial Administrator and the Judicial Codes Counselor.
    - (1) Such rules and procedures must not conflict or contradict provisions in this Code.
    - (2) Such rules and procedures must be published in the Cornell Chronicle before going into effect.
    - (3) Any changes in rules and procedures must be published in the Cornell Chronicle at least 30 calendar days before taking effect.
- b. All changes to the judicial board's rules and procedures must be provided to the Codes & Judicial Committee of the University Assembly at least 14 calendar days prior to approval by the boards. The Codes and Judicial Committee may reject any proposed change by a majority vote of its seated membership.
- c. The Codes & Judicial Committee of the University Assembly may choose to modify the judicial board's rules and procedures by a majority vote of its seated membership. Changes made by the Codes & Judicial Committee follow the same public notice procedures as apply to the judicial boards.
- d. Upon request, the judicial boards shall report on their operations to the Codes and Judicial Committee of the University Assembly. When a report is requested, the boards shall provide it in the manner requested within thirty days of receipt.

## Language addressing public hearing notice timeframe

## Passed Language (Title Three, Art. III, Sec. E.3.b (pg. 28 2017).

(7) All hearings shall be private unless (a) the accused notifies the Judicial Administrator, no later than two three business days before after the scheduling of the hearing, that he or she wishes a public hearing and (b) the Hearing Board Chair determines that a public hearing would not result in undue intimidation of the complainant, the victim, or the witnesses.

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#### **UA Bylaws Appendix A: UHRB Staffing Procedure**

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Per the Campus Code of Conduct, the University Assembly (the Assembly) is charged with confirming members of the University Hearing and Review Boards. As the Assembly has an interest in ensuring the integrity and clarity of the confirmation process, the Assembly shall confirm members in accordance with the following procedures. If conflicts arise between this document and the Campus Code of Conduct, the Campus Code of Conduct shall supersede.

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Nothing herein shall be construed to constrain or modify the authority of the University Assembly's Executive Committee to make temporary, emergency appointments when required.

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A. The Codes and Judicial Committee of the University Assembly (the Committee)

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- a. The Committee is charged with nominating candidates to the University Assembly through the form of a resolution before the last regular meeting of the outgoing Assembly. Upon receipt of the nominations, the Assembly shall consider the nominations in a manner similar to other resolutions as it sees appropriate.
- b. The Assembly interprets the Committee's nomination responsibility in the Campus Code of Conduct to include its independent ability to determine and enforce its own procedure for carrying out its nomination responsibility. This discretion includes, but is not limited to, whether or not and how to:
  - Set the criteria by which the candidates are to be assessed
  - ii. Decide the eligibility qualifications of students, staff, and faculty to apply, subject to the requirements of the Campus Code of Conduct
  - Enter executive session to discuss the applications iii.
  - iv. Interview the applicants
  - Redact the names of the applicants<sup>1</sup> v.
  - Create and amend the content and format of all application materials vi.
- c. Any discretionary decisions taken by the Committee may be suspended and or reversed by a majority vote of the Assembly.
- d. Discretionary decisions taken by the Committee shall be abided by and respected by other university offices involved in the application process.
- e. The Committee is empowered to designate a subsection of its voting membership as a primary selection committee. Should the committee choose to do so, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To ensure the integrity of the process, if names are redacted, the Chair of the Committee and Chair of the Assembly shall maintain the un-redacted master list specifying which names correspond to which applications. This list will be delivered to the chairs simultaneously with the anonymized applications. No party or office may withhold information about the master list or unredacted applications under any circumstances.

recommendations made by the subsection may advance directly to the floor of the
Assembly as nominations after notification to the full Committee.

A. Timeline and Procedure

- a. The Chair of the Committee is responsible for determining the total number of nominations to be made by the Committee through reconciling the current roster on file with the Office of the Assemblies, Office of the Judicial Administrator, Hearing Board Administrative Chair, or successor entities. The expected number of appointments to be made is equal to the number of expiring seats. The Chair will report this number, the number of returning members indicating their desire to continue service, and the number of new appointments in writing to the
  - will report this number, the number of returning members indicating their desire to continue service, and the number of new appointments in writing to the Committee and the Assembly by the Assembly's first regularly scheduled meeting in March.
- b. Returning Member Appointments:

- i. The Chair of the Committee will work with the Administrative Chair of the UHRB to contact, in writing, the members of the University Hearing and Review Boards currently holding expiring seats by the second Tuesday in February to offer to submit their name to Committee for reappointment to serve another term or part thereof, provided the member remains in good standing.
- ii. Returning members must indicate their desire to continue their service by the last day of February.
- iii. Upon hearing from those members who wish to continue, the Chair of the Committee will contact the Hearing and Review Board Chairs, the Office of the Judicial Administrator, and the Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor with the list of members seeking to renew their terms to determine if any reasons exist that an individual's term should not be renewed.
- iv. The Chair of the Committee will also forward the list of all faculty members seeking renewal to the Dean of the University Faculty to receive input if any reasons exist that an individual's term should not be renewed.
- v. The Committee shall notify the Assembly both in writing and at a regularly scheduled meeting of those UHRB members who wish to continue their service. Such notice shall be public.
- vi. Upon receipt of a statement that a particular individual's term should not be renewed, the statement will be forwarded to the full Codes and Judicial Committee for review.
  - 1. The Committee will then vote to determine if the individual should be recommended for a term renewal.

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- 2. The Committee is empowered to request information relevant to determining the merit of any concern raised.
- vii. All individuals who are recommended for additional terms will be listed alongside the new members recommended by the Committee to the full Assembly.
- c. New Member Appointments:
  - i. The number of new member appointments is defined as the total number of expiring seats less the number of continuing members.
- d. Faculty Member Appointments:
  - i. Consistent with the Code, faculty candidates for the Boards shall be nominated by the Dean of the Faculty. The Committee shall review faculty nominations in a similar manner to applicants from other constituencies. Faculty nominations received prior to the close of applications for other constituencies shall be reviewed alongside other received applications. The Committee may, at its discretion, consider faculty nominations received outside the application period for other constituencies as needed.
  - ii. The Committee is empowered to request additional information in their evaluation of faculty nominees and may request they fill out an application of the same or similar nature as other constituencies to aid the Committee in evaluation.

## e. Application Period:

- i. All amendments to the application materials, including but not limited to the content and format of the application questions, must be approved by an affirmative vote of the Committee prior to the beginning of the application period.
- ii. By the third Monday of February, the Office of the Assemblies will publish the draft application utilizing the questions approved by the Codes and Judicial Committee. The Chair of the Committee will inspect the application, may modify its appearance, ancillary text, and correct errors. The Chair must approve the application prior to it being publicly advertised or accepting applications. The Office of the Assemblies will advertise the application alongside and in consultation with the Committee.
- iii. Application materials will be publicly accessible and made open for community application by the Office of the Assemblies no later than the last Wednesday of February.
- iv. Application materials shall be publicly accessible and accepting applications for at least 10 calendar days, at the discretion of the Committee.

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- v. During the application process, the Office of the Assemblies will provide an update on the number of applicants, their constituency, and other information related to the applications upon request of the Chair of the Committee or majority vote of the Assembly. The Office of the Assemblies shall also prove an update on the number of applicants and their constituency when the application period is half over.
- vi. The Office of the Assemblies will transmit the received applications to the Committee in the manner and format of the Committee's choosing no later than 3 business days after the application period has concluded.

#### f. Selection

- i. The Committee shall strive to fill all anticipated vacancies on the boards but is not required to do so should insufficient qualified candidates apply or be nominated.
- ii. The Committee may designate or rank an appropriate number of alternate candidates sufficient to fill anticipated vacancies during the year at the Committee's discretion. Such alternates will be approved by the Committee and given to the Chair and Executive Vice Chair of the Assembly and will be confirmed by additional resolution or emergency authority should the need arise. Such alternate list will be treated confidentially.
- iii. At the start of each semester, the Chair of the Committee will reconcile the UHRB membership roster on file with the Office of the Assemblies, Office of the Judicial Administrator, Hearing Board Administrative Chair, or successor entities. Should a need arise to seat additional members, the Chair of the Committee shall contact individuals in order of their appearance on the previously approved list verifying their continued interest in serving. Upon verification, the Chair of the Committee shall consult with the Executive Committee of the Assembly to determine if emergency appointment is necessary prior to a formal resolution being presented. Should the Executive Committee exercise its emergency authority, the full Assembly must be notified at its next regularly scheduled meeting and a resolution for formal confirmation must follow within a reasonable timeframe.



#### **Cornell University Assembly**

Minutes of the April 10, 2018 Meeting 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM 401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order (Chair)
  - a. Call to Order (1 minute)
    - i. G. Kaufman called the meeting to order at 4:30pm
    - ii. *Present*: J. Anderson, M. Battaglia, R. Bensel, A. Cohn, M. de Roos, M. Hatch, R. Howarth, G. Kaufman, J. Kim, J. Kruser, E. Michel, C. Schott, C. Van Loan, C. Wiggers, E. Winarto
    - iii. Absent: L. Copman, K. Fitch, V. Guido, E. Leow, K. Quinn
    - iv. Others Present: Terrill Malone
  - b. Welcome and Introduction (2 minutes)
  - c. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda (2 minutes)
- II. Transportation and Delivery Services (B. Brady, H. Steh & R. Huegerich) (20 minutes)
  - a. B. Brady, H. Steh, and R. Huegerich gave a presentation of the current transportation plan. They spoke about: the parking supply at Cornell and relevant statistics and metrics, the 2008 Campus Master Plan, parking optimization goals, a campus-wide survey, and bike and pedestrian improvement efforts.
  - b. M. Battaglia asked about the achievement of objectives and how to ensure that parking is financially feasible and accessible.
  - c. R. Huegerich said that most accounts state that most people appreciate the work that has been done. He said that there are still areas with room for improvement.
  - d. H. Steh said that her office encourages all students with need to go the Student Disability Services Office for things regarding accessibility.
  - e. J. Kruser asked if there was any feedback acquired from bikers.
  - f. R. Huegerich said that, as of now, there is no formal report or survey, but there is a campus biking coordinator.
  - g. J. Kruser said that he hopes that the employees of Cornell are considered within this process and plan, especially when it comes to low-paid employees.
  - h. B. Brady said that Transportation and Delivery Services is a part of the Transportation Task Force, and that they are working to be inclusive.
  - i. A. Cohn asked about the distribution of accessible spaces with regard to graduate students.
  - j. J. Anderson asked about parking for move-in and move-out days.



- k. B. Brady said that, with losing 400 spaces, her team needs to look at days and events like that that may be affected.
- M. Hatch asked about why there is not a report on transportation. He asked if there was any thought to alternative transportation to move people around the campus. He said that it is a major oversight that the University has not spent more time on crafting a more robust transportation plan for moving people around. He suggested that Transportation and Delivery Services focus on moving people around more efficiently.
- m. R. Huegerich said that the Park Plus software will allow Transportation and Delivery Services to deal with hypothetical situations of shifting demand.
- n. C. Van Loan asked if there was an item in the budget for Emeritus free parking.
- o. B. Brady said that she is not sure, but that it is a part of a benefit package, and there is no information on the use of those permits.
- p. M. Hatch asked if there was anything that the UA could do to support the work of Transportation and Delivery Services.
- q. B. Brady said that the UA can help with disseminating the feedback that Transportation and Delivery Services' needs.
- r. R. Bensel said that he likes Jeremy's point that that parking is a tax on the employees, so now there needs to be work on seeing how to reduce the overall tax on parking for permits and the impact of the tax on employees.
- s. R. Huegerich said that there are ways that the burden of the tax can be reduced. He said that Transportation and Delivery Services is sensitive to the fact that the parking permit costs present a burden.
- III. Judicial Codes Counselor Appointment Confirmation (G. Kanter & M. Battaglia) (10 minutes)
  - a. E. Michel said that, due to miscommunication, the JCC-elect was unable to make the appointment confirmation.
  - b. M. Battaglia motioned to table the appointment until the next meeting. There was no dissent. The appointment was tabled.
- IV. Approval of University Assembly 2018-2019 Calendar (Chair) (5 minutes)
  - a. M. Battaglia asked if there are any deviations from the normal calendar.
    - i. G. Kaufman said no.
  - b. M. Battaglia motioned to approve the calendar. R. Howarth seconded.
    - i. There was no dissent. The calendar was adopted.
- V. Approval of the Minutes (Chair)
  - a. February 13, 2018 (2 minutes)



- i. M. Battaglia motioned to amend the minutes to correct the attendance record.
  - 1. M. Battaglia motioned to call the question. The motion was seconded. There was no dissent.
    - a. The amendment was adopted.
- ii. J. Anderson motioned to approve the minutes. There was no dissent.
  - 1. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- b. February 27, 2018 (2 minutes)
  - i. M. Battaglia motioned to amend the minutes. There was a second.
    - 1. The amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.
  - ii. M. Battaglia motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded.
    - 1. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- c. March 13, 2018 (2 minutes)
  - i. J. Kruser motioned to approve the minutes. M. Battaglia seconded the motion. There was no dissent. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- d. March 27, 2018 (2 minutes)
  - i. M. Battaglia motioned to approve the minutes. J. Kruser seconded the motion. There was no dissent. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- VI. Introduction to coming Code changes (M. Battaglia) (5 minutes)
  - a. M. Battaglia said that after receiving comments from the President's Office, the amendments to the Campus Code of Conduct have been moving along through the CJC. He said that the CJC is hoping to hold a public forum next week to solicit feedback and question. He said that he hopes that the changes come to the UA for a vote at the last meeting in May.
  - b. M. de Roos asked how the forum for the Hate Speech and Harassment Working Group went.
  - c. M. Battaglia said that he thinks that it went well, but the forum in question is for the other amendments to the Campus Code of Conduct.
- VII. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee (E. Michel) (1 minute)
    - i. No Updates
  - b. Codes and Judicial Committee (M. Battaglia) (2 minutes)



- i. M. Battaglia said that the Hate Speech and Harassment Working Group is having two fora this week. He said that the UHRB applications have closed, and that the CJC is awaiting the applications.
- ii. G. Kaufman asked if M. Battaglia emailed G. Giambattista, and if he did not, G. Kaufman said that M. Battaglia should email her.
  - 1. M. Battaglia said no, but that he would.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee (J. Anderson) (2 minutes)
  - i. No Updates
  - ii. L. Copman asked about the tobacco referendum.
  - iii. J. Anderson said that it did not take place because the Office of the Assemblies did not have the availability to support it with other current events. He also said that, after speaking with Cornell Health, the fact the ecigarettes were not included was raised.
- d. Campus Infrastructure Committee (C. Schott) (2 minutes)
  - i. C. Schott mentioned the work on the of the assemblies and the resolutions in discussion relating to campus infrastructure.

#### VIII. Business of the Day

- a. Resolution 9: Reinstating the Budget Planning Committee (J. Anderson) (5 minutes)
  - i. J. Anderson said that he wants to vote on this resolution today.
  - ii. M. Battaglia said that he noticed that, in the Bylaws, it says that committees must hold at least one open meeting per semester.
  - iii. G. Kaufman asked if that relates to standing committees or associated committees.
    - 1. M. Battaglia said that it is unclear.
  - iv. M. Battaglia motioned to amend line 83 in the Appendix to add ", but must hold at least one open meeting per semester." at the end of the sentence. R. Howarth seconded.
    - 1. J. Anderson motioned to call the question. R. Howarth seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
      - a. The amendment was adopted.
  - v. J. Anderson motioned to call the question. M. Battaglia seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
    - 1. By a vote of 13-1-1, the resolution was adopted.
- b. Resolution 12: Increasing Access to Gender Neutral Bathrooms on Campus (C. Schott) (5 minutes)



- I. Wallace, a representative from the Campus Infrastructure Committee, said that Cornell should be a leader in increasing access to gender neutral bathrooms.
- ii. C. Schott motioned to amend line 25 to read "**Be it further resolved**, that Willard Straight Hall enters a trial period in which all bathrooms on the fourth floor be designated all-gender, the Office of Campus and Student Life will administer a survey at the end of the period to gauge user experience;" J. Anderson seconded the amendment.
  - 1. J. Kruser asked if anyone has reached out to student and campus life about conducting a survey.
    - a. I. Wallace said no.
    - b. J. Kruser said that there should be contact with that group.
  - 2. J. Anderson asked about the content that would be sought from the survey.
    - a. I. Wallace said that the survey would gauge very strong positive or negative experiences and opinions.
  - 3. M. Hatch suggested that survey be much broader.
  - 4. J. Anderson said that he echoes C. Wiggers' point.
  - 5. R. Bensel said that social practice is often different than what one would expect when one creates new policies.
  - 6. E. Winarto thanked I. Wallace for his clarification. She asked about the length of trial period.
    - a. I. Wallace said maybe a few months or the semester.
  - 7. By a vote of 6-4-6, the amendment was adopted.
- iii. J. Anderson said that, sense he senses that everyone is not sold on this resolution, he feels that it might be best to send this resolution back to the Campus Infrastructure Committee.
- iv. J. Kruser said that he supports J. Anderson's point, and that he supports that resolution's goal, but he said that the necessary work on the resolution has not been done, nor has there been contact.
- v. M. Battaglia motioned to refer the resolution back to the CIC. J. Anderson seconded the motion.
  - 1. M. Hatch motioned to call the question. There was a second. There was no dissent to the motion
    - a. The motion was adopted, and the resolution was sent back to the CIC.



- c. Resolution 14: Making Cornell's Economics program STEM-certified (C. Schott) (5 minutes)
  - i. C. Schott said that he has sent amendments to the body. He said that this resolution calls for an assessment of STEM CIP codes for the extension of professional training for international students. He said that he thinks that this would be useful for every single major. He said that this is just a technical change. He said that he has not been able to speak with every single dean and department yet. With that, a formal motion to amend the resolution was called. The motion was seconded.
  - ii. R. Howarth said that he appreciates the effort to broaden the resolution.
  - iii. M. Hatch asked about why this resolution is not in the EPC.
    - 1. C. Van Loan said that this may start the conversation.
  - iv. M. Battaglia asked about the feasibility of the application timeline.
    - 1. C. Schott said that that timeline for that application is just for the Economics program. He said that it is realistic to meet the deadlines.
  - v. M. Hatch motioned to call the question on the amendment. J. Anderson seconded the motion. There was no dissent. The amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.
  - vi. M. Battaglia motioned to call the question on the resolution. There was a second. There was no dissent to voting.
    - 1. By a vote of 15-0-1, the resolution was adopted.
  - vii. M. Hatch motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. M. Battaglia seconded the motion. There was no dissent. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. The meeting was extended by 15 minutes.

#### IX. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly (J. Kim) (2 minutes)
  - i. J. Kim said that he expects that the elections results will released soon. He said that President Pollack and VP for Student and Campus Life Lombardi will be at the meeting.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (E. Winarto) (2 minutes)
  - i. E. Winarto said that the Graduate and Professional Student Trustee election is taking place, and voting is taking place next week. She said that, at the next meeting, the GPSA will be hearing a presentation on the Social Sciences by the committee sanctioned by the Provost.
- c. Employee Assembly (C. Wiggers) (2 minutes)



- i. C. Schott said that President Pollack was in attendance. He said there were questions about sexual assault and harassment, retirement, federal policies and compensation for employees.
- d. Faculty Senate (C. Van Loan) (2 minutes)
  - i. There were no updates.
- X. Liaison Reports
  - a. Policy Advisory Group (E. Winarto) (1 minute)
    - i. E. Winarto said that the group has not met.
  - b. Transportation Task Force (K. Fitch) (1 minute)
    - i. There were no updates.
  - c. Council on Sexual Violence Prevention (K. Quinn) (1 minute)
    - i. There were no updates.
  - d. Student Health Benefits Advisory Council (J. Anderson) (1 minute)
    - i. There were no updates.
  - e. Campus Planning Committee (M. Hatch) (1 minute)
    - i. M. Hatch said that McGraw hall will be renovated. He said that this fits well with the Budget and Planning Committee. He also mentioned the upcoming Biennial. He added that the University will address the issues of climate change and emerge as a leader.
    - ii. M. Battaglia asked about the University's deferred maintenance problem.
    - iii. M. Hatch said that that is another area for investigation.
    - iv. R. Bensel asked if McGraw Hall would be able to be saved.
    - v. M. Hatch said that the exterior will be saved, and that the interior will have considerable renovations. He said that the departments will be moved in the meantime.
- XI. Late Additions to the Agenda (2 minutes)
- XII. Adjournment (1 minute)
  - a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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