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Agenda of the October 20, 2020 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

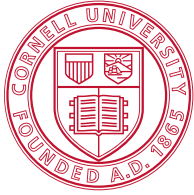
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- I. Call to order - 4:30pm
- II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda – 4:32pm to 4:35pm
- III. Business of the Day
 - a. Summary from 10/19 Executive Meeting
 - b. Approval of Meeting Dates (Oct. 27th, Nov. 10th, Nov. 24th, Dec. 8th, Feb. 16th)
 - c. Potential Changes to UA Bylaws/Charter
 - i. Silence in bylaws regarding Committee Chairs
 - ii. Amending pronouns in charter and bylaws
- IV. Meeting with President Martha Pollack and University Counsel Madelyn Wessel
- V. Adjournment at 6pm

Applicable Links:

- Resolution 8: Recommendation for the Revision of the Campus Code of Conduct
https://assembly.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/ua_r8_recommendation_or_revision_of_the_campus_code_of_conduct.pdf
- Fall 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Campus Code of Conduct (with public comment)
<https://assembly.cornell.edu/get-involved/input-issues/fall-2020-proposed-amendments-campus-code-conduct>
- CJC Spring 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Campus Code of Conduct (with public comment)
<https://assembly.cornell.edu/get-involved/input-issues/spring-2020-proposed-amendments-campus-code-conduct>
- Office of the Student Advocate Proposed Amendments to the Campus Code of Conduct
https://assembly.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/student_code_of_conduct_procedures-osa-final.pdf

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U.A. Resolution # 1

Bylaw Changes to the Appointment of Standing Committee Chairs and Members

October 20th 2020

Sponsored by: Logan Kenney, Chair, University Assembly; Jeff Pea, Graduate & Professional Student Assembly Representative, Bennett Sherr, Student Assembly Representative

Whereas, Subsection 3.2.3 of the Bylaws of the Cornell University Assembly does not specify the process by which Chairs of Standing Committees are appointed,

Whereas, Subsection 3.2.3 of the Bylaws of the Cornell University Assembly also does not specify the membership by which the Standing Committee Chairs must represent,

Whereas, Subsection 3.2.3 of the Bylaws of the Cornell University Assembly does not specify how Chairs of Standing Committees are filled in the presence of a vacancy,

Whereas, the University Assembly has historically elected the Chairs and members of the Standing Committees through the popular vote at its annual Organizational Meeting,

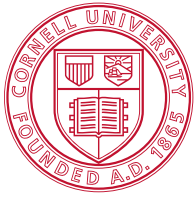
Be it therefore resolved, members of the Standing Committees representing the University Assembly are elected by the University Assembly,

Be it further resolved, Chairs of the Standing Committees of the University Assembly are elected by the University Assembly,

Be it further resolved, the Chair of the Standing Committee must present regular updates to the University Assembly at all regularly scheduled meetings.

Be it further resolved, in the instance of a vacancy following the University Assembly Committee Chair election, that the Chair is elected from the members of the Standing Committee and confirmed the Vice Chair of Internal Operations in consultation with the University Assembly Exec Board,

Be it finally resolved, in the instance that a non-UA member is elected Chair of the Standing Committee, that they will serve ex-officio as non-voting members of the University



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Assembly and are beholden to the attendance policy of voting members of the University Assembly.

Be it finally resolved, that the University Assembly will amend its Bylaws by changing the existing language to Subsection 3.2.3 to read:

“A. The Vice Chair for Operations, in consultation with the Executive Board, may appoint non-Assembly members on behalf of the voting membership of the Assembly. The Executive Board may remove members.

B. Chairs and voting-members representing the Assembly on standing committees will be voted in by the Assembly during the first organizational meeting.

C. In the instance of a vacancy in the chair of a standing committee, the standing committees will elect a new chair from their voting membership. The elected chair will be subject to approval by the Vice Chair of the Operations, in consultation with the Executive Board, on behalf of the voting membership of the Assembly.

D. In the instance that a non-Assembly member is elected chair of the standing committee, that they will serve ex-officio as non-voting members of the Assembly and are beholden to the attendance policy of voting members of the Assembly.

E. Except for compelling circumstances, no person should serve more than two consecutive terms in a given committee.”

No signature block is present until the resolution has been disposed of by the Assembly (Passed, Failed, Withdrawn, etc.) Then a block with the certifying member (customarily Chair/Vice-Chair) verifying the authenticity and vote tally of the resolution.