

# Cornell University

## University Assembly

### University Assembly Meeting Agenda

**March 21, 2023**

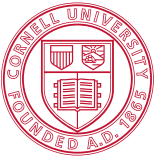
**4:45-6:15pm**

**701 Clark Hall | [Zoom](#)**

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogohonoꝓ (Cayuga Nation)
  - c. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. [Minutes of February 21, 2023 meeting](#)
- III. Open Forum
  - a. [Introduction of UA R6 Purple Heart Designation](#)
  - b. [Introduction of UA R7 Right to Protest](#)
- IV. Business of the Day
  - a. Kate Supron, Campus-Community Liaison, Office of Community Relations; presentation on Cornell Community Relations focused on the newly released 2022 Cornell [Local Economic Snapshot](#), with a brief overview of Cornell's [Office of Community Relations](#)
- V. Assembly Reports
  - a. Student Assembly
  - b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
  - c. Employee Assembly
  - d. Faculty Senate
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee
  - b. Codes and Judicial Committee
  - c. Campus Welfare Committee
  - d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
- VII. Liaison Reports
- VIII. Adjournment

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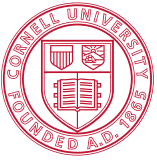
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Minutes of the February 21st, 2023 Meeting

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
  - a. D. Cady called the meeting to order at 4:48 pm.
    - i. *Members Present:* G. Akkan, S. Aysola, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, K. Carter-Cram, E. DeRosa, A. Haenlin-Mott, M. Heeney, I. Hewson, D. Howell, A. Juan, J. Kruser, M. McEntee, B. Milles, V. Valencia, S. Williams
    - ii. *Members Absent:* O. Akujuo, E. DeRosa, D. Hiner, Y. Hua, J. Sun
    - iii. *Also Present:* E. Kalweit, J. Malina, M. Pollack, J. Withers
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohono (Cayuga Nation)
  - a. D. Cady stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. D. Cady called for late additions to the agenda.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - a. S. Williams motioned to approve the minutes from the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting.
    - i. M. Heeney seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- V. Open Forum
  - a. President Pollack and Vice President Malina visit: 15-minute President's remarks and 15-minute Q&A.
    - i. M. Pollack provided academic and leadership updates to the University Assembly. She also discussed inflation and the University's efforts on salaries and student tuition; parking on campus and transportation to campus using the TCAT; the Graduate Student Union and the rally recently held by graduate students outside of Day Hall; how the University Assembly can assist in communicating support to the University during international catastrophes such as the earthquake in Turkey; and the issue of burnout and fatigue.
    - ii. Questions for M. Pollack and J. Malina led to discussions on [Resolution 5](#); the University's grading system; filling the vacancies in the TCAT transportation system; Greek life on campus and the implementation of



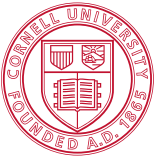
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policies toward fraternities; and selectivity of clubs and club culture on campus.

### VI. Business of the Day

- a. [Resolution 4 – On Revision of Codes and Judiciary Committee Responsibilities.](#)
  - i. R. Bensel presented the resolution as amended by the Codes and Judicial Committee following revisions from J. Malina to the Assembly.
  - ii. A. Juan motioned to vote on the resolution.
    1. S. Williams seconded the motion.
    2. The motion to vote on the resolution **passed** by unanimous consent.
    3. The resolution **passed** by a vote of 13-0-3.
- b. [Resolution 5 – Dependable and Inclusive Supply of Pharmaceutical and Essential Nonprescription Supplies to the Assembly.](#)
  - i. D. Cady presented the resolution to the Assembly and noted the amendments to the resolution from the Assembly at their last meeting.
  - ii. R. Bensel motioned to vote on the resolution.
    1. B. Milles seconded the motion.
    2. The motion to vote on the resolution **passed** by unanimous consent.
    3. The resolution **passed** by a vote of 15-0-1
- c. Vacancy for Chair of the Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
  - i. B. Milles provided details on the vacancy and asked the Assembly for any volunteers to occupy the position.
  - ii. D. Cady noted that the Committee needs an interim chair to continue their proceedings.
  - iii. D. Howell nominated I. Hewson to fill the vacancy.
    1. I. Hewson **accepted** the nomination.
- d. Vacancy for University Assembly Liaison to the Campus Planning Committee
  - i. D. Cady provided details on the vacancy and asked the Assembly for any volunteers to occupy the position.
  - ii. R. Bensel asked whether A. Haenlin-Mott could serve as liaison as the sa
  - iii. R. Bensel nominated A. Haenlin-Mott to fill the vacancy.
    1. S. Williams seconded the nomination.
    2. A. Haenlin-Mott **accepted** the nomination.

### VII. Assembly Reports

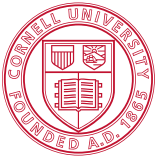


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- a. Student Assembly
  - i. V. Valencia stated that the Student Assembly has passed five resolutions on establishing a committee for international students; working to get non-prescription emergency contraception vending machines on-campus; amending their bylaws to establish an Office of Ethics; co-op housing on-campus; and a statement supporting Muslim students.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
  - i. K. Cram stated that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly introduced the equivalent of the University Assembly's Resolution 5 and is working on funding.
  - ii. R. Bensel asked for K. Cram's remarks on the recent graduate student demonstration given M. Pollack's remarks.
    - 1. M. Heeney stated that graduate students are unhappy with the voting down of the ratification of the Graduate Student Union.
    - 2. K. Cram stated that the Assembly does not have a stance on the issue as it has not yet been brought up.
- c. Employee Assembly
  - i. A. Haenlin-Mott stated that the M. Pollack recently visited the Employee Assembly and that the Assembly had been working on the well-attended President's Address to Staff before then. She also stated that the Assembly has been working on their Priorities Poll and HR's employee survey results.
- d. Faculty Senate
  - i. E. DeRosa stated that the Faculty Senate discussed the ILR's merging of two departments into a new Global Labor and Work department. She also stated that the Senate will be voting on Resolutions on tenure clocks in the S.C. Johnson College of Business, the establishment of a medical gynecologist at Cornell Health, and academic freedom in the global hubs.

### VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. D. Howell stated that the Executive Committee is working on removing gendered language from the university charter based on a past amendment from the Assembly.
    - 1. D. Cady stated that he will meet with J. Malina to discuss the possibility of making changes in the Assembly's bylaws.
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee
  - i. R. Bensel stated that the Codes and Judicial Committee has discussed revising the Assembly's charter and bylaws.



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- c. Campus Welfare Committee
  - i. A. Juan stated that the Campus Welfare Committee is working on a resolution to support Cornell Health for opioid overdose prevention. He also stated that they are working on a presentation from Cornell Health to the Assembly.
- d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
  - i. Nothing to report.

### IX. Adjournment

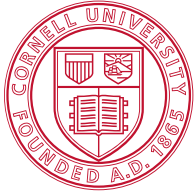
- a. A. Juan motioned to adjourn the meeting.
  - i. S. Williams seconded the motion.
  - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*P.J. Brown*

Clerk of the Assembly



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## U.A. Resolution # 6

### Declaring Cornell University a Purple Heart Entity

*[March 07, 2023]*

1 **Sponsored by:** Debra Howell, Cornell Veterans Colleague Network Group (VCNG) Chair;  
2 Randi Rainbow, VCNG Vice Chair; Jessica Cherry, Southwest Campus Residence Hall Director  
3 (Veterans Program House); Jeramy Kruser, CIT Systems Administrator and Employee Assembly  
4 Representative to the University Assembly; Chris Barrett, faculty advisor to CUVA; Keith  
5 Tidball, Ph.D., Asst. Director Cornell Cooperative Extension, Military Families and Veterans;  
6 Office of Engagement and Land-Grant Affairs; Vice Provost Katherine McComas; Tony Roach,  
7 Veterans House Community Fellow; Jenny Loeffelman, Assistant Vice President for Student and  
8 Campus Life  
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10 **Whereas,** The Purple Heart Trail was established in 1992 by the Military Order of the Purple  
11 Heart,  
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13 **Whereas,** January 1, 2022 New York State became a Purple Heart state and within the State 44  
14 cities, 11 counties, 6 colleges and universities, and 4 routes already have this designation,  
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16 **Whereas,** Cornell University and our community have a great admiration and utmost gratitude  
17 for all the people who have, and are, selflessly serving their country and this community  
18 in the Armed Forces,  
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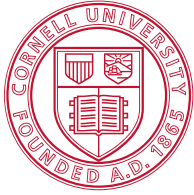
20 **Whereas,** Cornell actively recruits veteran undergraduate and graduate students, hosts all ROTC  
21 service branches, and employs over 400 veteran faculty and staff,  
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23 **Whereas,** many servicemembers have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces;  
24 including over 800 Cornellians,  
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26 **Whereas,** members of our Cornell community have received the Purple Heart Medal, resulting  
27 from injuries received in combat, wherein they provided a singularly meritorious act of  
28 essential service to our country,  
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30 **Whereas,** Cornell University seeks to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of  
31 the Purple Heart Medal,  
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33 **Be it therefore resolved,** we proclaim Cornell University to be a Purple Heart University,  
34 honoring the service and sacrifice of our servicemembers, wounded or killed while



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35 serving to protect our freedoms,

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37 **Be it further resolved**, we designate the Cornell Veterans Program House a Veterans Oasis for  
38 community and study,

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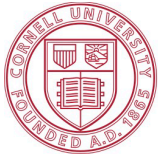
40 **Be it further resolved**, via the Veterans Colleague Network Group, we will honor of all Purple  
41 Heart recipients annually,

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43 **Be it finally resolved**, Cornell University will register itself with the National Order of the  
44 Purple Heart as a Purple Heart University.

**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.**





## Resolution 7: Protecting the Right to Protest

**Abstract:** This resolution aims to protect the right to protest at Cornell and promote free speech on campus.

**Sponsored by:** Isaac D. Chasen '23, Co-President of the American Civil Liberties Union at Cornell;  
Shelby L. Williams, Student Assembly Representative for the College of Arts and Sciences and Representative to the University Assembly;  
Duncan A. Cady, Chair of the University Assembly  
**Reviewed by:**

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**Whereas,** freedom of speech and the right to protest is enshrined in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, and like other great academic institutions, has been one of the core values of Cornell University since its founding;

**Whereas,** Cornell University was founded as an institution where any person could find instruction in any study, as well as find the opportunity to freely express their views and opinions, freely express themselves, and freely engage in political discussion and disagreement in a respectful and informed environment;

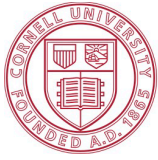
**Whereas,** while generations of Cornell students have lived and learned under our university motto and have proudly supported and endorsed these values, the university, like many other institutions, is now facing new challenges to the civil and free expression of personal views and opinions;

**Whereas,** the Cornell community has historically thrived while entertaining all viewpoints, respecting the views of others with whom we disagree, and celebrating what makes every one of us unique, as this is what makes our institution welcoming to any person and accommodating to any study;

**Whereas,** the right to protest and demonstrate has been a catalyst for change on campus, from past generations' fights for justice and representation, to modern day movements and mobilizations for progress;

**Whereas,** central to social progress is the ability of Cornellians to peacefully yet powerfully express their viewpoints in a diversity of ways, including large scale demonstrations and protests, as well as sitting in and speaking out around campus;

**Whereas,** the suppression of views and opinions, regardless of popularity, political preference, and personal identity, always violates our university's values, and should be condemned wherever and whenever it occurs;



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41 **Whereas**, in such settings, our community must learn to strike a delicate balance between the  
42 rights of those who wish to speak, and the rights of those who wish to protest;  
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44 **Whereas**, it goes without saying, yet must always be emphasized, that discrimination and  
45 violence based on race, religion, gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or national  
46 origin must always be condemned, and violate our values and Cornell's Code of Conduct;  
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48 **Be It Therefore Resolved**, the University Assembly completely and unequivocally supports free  
49 expression, organization, speech, representation, and the right to protest within the  
50 Cornell community;  
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52 **Be It Therefore Resolved**, the University Assembly completely and unequivocally supports  
53 academic freedom and the freedom of expression in the classroom, at public events, and  
54 in all public spaces of Cornell University;  
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56 **Be It Therefore Resolved**, the administration, through words, actions, programs, and policies,  
57 should pledge to be a leader in safeguarding free expression and the right to protest on  
58 campus, including providing space and protection for the peaceful expression of all views  
59 and opinions, and continuing communication with the University Assembly throughout  
60 their decision making processes.

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62 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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64 Isaac D. Chasen '23  
65 *Co-President of the American Civil Liberties Union at Cornell*

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67 Shelby L. Williams  
68 *Student Assembly Representative for the College of Arts and Sciences, Representative to the*  
69 *University Assembly*

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71 Duncan A. Cady  
72 *Chair of the University Assembly*