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Agenda of the March 28, 2023 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:15 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogoho:nq (Cayuga Nation)
 - c. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. [Minutes of March 21, 2023 meeting](#)
- III. Open Forum
 - a. [Introduction of UA R8 Awareness, Prevention, and Training \(APT\) Measures Against Opioid Overdose Crises](#)
- IV. Business of the Day
 - a. [UA R6 Purple Heart Designation](#)
 - b. [UA R7 Protecting the Right to Protest](#)
- 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. Campus Codes Committee
 - i. [University Assembly Governing Documents | CU Assemblies \(cornell.edu\)](#)
 - c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
- VII. Liaison Reports
- VIII. Adjournment

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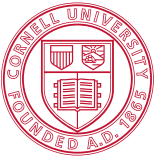
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Minutes of the March 21st, 2023 Meeting

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

701 Clark Hall | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. D. Cady called the meeting to order at 4:54 pm.
 - i. *Members Present:* G. Akkan, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, K. Carter-Cram, M. Heeney, I. Hewson, D. Howell, Y. Hua, A. Juan, J. Kruser, M. McEntee, B. Milles, J. Sun, S. Williams
 - ii. *Members Absent:* O. Akujuo, S. Aysola, E. DeRosa, A. Haenlin-Mott, D. Hiner, V. Valencia
 - iii. *Also Present:* I. Chasen, E. Kalweit, R. Platt, K. Supron
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoho:no (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. No late additions were reported.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from February 21st, 2023
 - a. S. Williams motioned to approve the minutes from the February 21st, 2023 meeting.
 - i. A. Juan seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Introduction of [UA Resolution #6 – Declaring Cornell University a Purple Heart Facility](#)
 - i. D. Howell presented U.A. Resolution #6 to the Assembly, which requests the designation of Cornell University as a Purple Heart University on behalf of the community of veterans on campus.
 1. D. Howell stated that the Resolution would be open for comment and that she intends to call the Resolution to a vote at the next meeting.
 - b. Introduction of [UA Resolution #7 – Protecting the Right to Protest](#)
 - i. I. Chasen and S. Williams presented U.A. Resolution #7 to the Assembly, which promotes free expression and the right to protest on campus.



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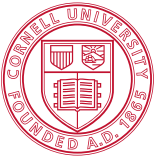
1. S. Williams stated that the Resolution has also been introduced and passed unanimously in the Student Assembly.
- ii. Questions for I. Chasen and S. Williams led to discussions of the intent of the Resolution; the impact of the Resolution on the President's actions toward free speech; the publicity campaign that will accompany the Resolution; how the Resolution will impact future speakers and whether it will impact their ability to speak on campus; and the implementation of the Resolution.

VI. Business of the Day

- a. Presentation: 2022 Cornell [Local Economic Snapshot](#) and an overview of [Cornell's Office of Community Relations](#) from Kate Supron, Campus-Community Liaison in the Office of Community Relations
 - i. K. Supron provided a presentation on the function of the Office of Community Relations, the partnerships the Office has made with groups in the Ithaca community, and on the impact of Cornell University on the local economy of Ithaca and Tompkins County.
 - ii. Questions for K. Supron led to a discussion over the Office's calculation of only full-time employees for employee spending to avoid double-counting students, whether student spending was impacted by the pandemic, how non-profit organizations fit into local contribution statistics, and the inclusion of local public transport in local contribution statistics.

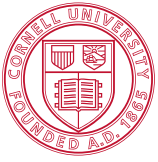
VII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
 - i. D. Cady stated that the Student Assembly has passed S.A. Resolutions 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30. He stated that these included an equivalent to U.A. Resolution 7 and internal structure changes to the Assembly. He also stated that the Assembly has approved the
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. K. Carter-Cram stated that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly passed the Resolution securing vending machines for healthcare products on campus, Big Red Barn renovations, and are working on elections and graduate and professional student parking.
 1. M. Heeney stated that there will be a rally for the Graduate Student Union on Friday, March 24th at 11:00am.
 - ii. D. Cady motioned to extend the meeting by five minutes
 1. R. Bensel seconded the motion.



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2. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent.
 - c. Employee Assembly
 - i. M. Benda stated that the Employee Assembly had a presentation from the Title IX office at their last meeting, will have a presentation on budget planning at their next meeting, and is working on elections.
 - d. Faculty Senate
 - i. B. Milles stated that the Faculty Senate passed resolutions securing academic freedom in the global hubs, harmonizing tenure clocks in the S.C. Johnson College of Business, and supporting the funding of an MD gynecologist at Cornell Health.
- VIII. Committee Reports
- a. Executive Committee
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - b. Campus Codes Committee
 - i. R. Bensel stated that the last resolution the Assembly passed was approved by President Pollack.
 - ii. D. Cady motioned to task the Campus Codes Committee to revise and update the bylaws and charter of the University Assembly.
 1. M. Heeney seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
 - iii. R. Bensel stated that the Campus Code Committee would likely take up the issues of freedom of speech on campus that U.A. Resolution #7 addresses.
 - c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. A. Juan stated that the Campus Welfare Committee will meet on March 22nd at 12:15pm.
 - d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - i. I. Hewson stated that the Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment met to discuss the election of a committee chair and sustainability practices on campus.
- IX. Liaison Reports
- a. Sustainability Cornell Campus Operations Committee – J. Sun
 - i. J. Sun stated that the Committee received updates from Working Groups and had three guest presenters on earth source heat, sustainable asset management, and campus reuse efforts.
- X. Adjournment



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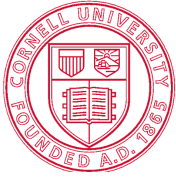
- a. R. Bensel motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. M. Heeney seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

P.J. Brown

Clerk of the Assembly



Resolution 8: Awareness, Prevention, and Training (APT) Measures Against Opioid Overdose Crises

Abstract: This resolution urges the university to take proactive and preventative measures against opioid overdoses on campus through awareness, prevention, and training (APT) measures.

Sponsored by: Claire Ting '25, Andrew Juan '25

Reviewed by: Campus Welfare Committee, 3/22/2023, 4-0-1

Originally Presented: 3/28/2023

Whereas, Narcan is a life-saving, easily administered, and safe drug that reverses opioid overdoses

Whereas, Cayuga Medical Center has recently increased Narcan access in November of 2022, offering Narcan to patients for free¹

Whereas, increasing access to Narcan was done in response to a health alert from the Tompkins County Health Department, highlighting an increase a 32% increase in drug-related deaths which has only risen in 2022²

Whereas, Cornell University as an academic institution has been a leader in research to stem the opioid epidemic, with Weill Cornell Medicine receiving as much as 8.1 million dollars in national grant funding to do so in November of 2022³

Whereas, Cornell University is beginning to expand access to overdose awareness education

Whereas, Cornell has recently increased access to Narcan but the program is in its nascent stages, and the community is not as knowledgeable in the newest initiatives of Cornell Health

Whereas, other colleges in the area, such as Ithaca College, have established opioid overdose prevention programs since August 2019.

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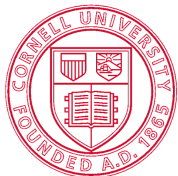
https://www.ithaca.com/news/ithaca/cayuga-medical-center-expanding-access-to-naloxone-to-prevent-opioid-overdose/article_25a5c9d4-6a79-11ed-bea9-2bb7a8cc3a49.html

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<https://tompkinscountyny.gov/health/health-alert-nysdoh-warns-increase-opioid-related-deaths-central-ny-naloxone-availale>

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<https://news.weill.cornell.edu/news/2022/11/weill-cornell-medicine-awarded-nih-grant-to-address-opioid-health-crisis>



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Whereas, this program has provided Narcan in every AED cabinet and residential dorm building, as well as (*provided consistent Narcan and Harm Reduction Workshops*)⁴

Whereas, Cornell University should take proactive measures to prevent overdose-related tragedies from happening to its students, faculty, and employees

Whereas, New York State legislature has recognized that the opioid crisis has crept into college campuses, resulting in Governor Hochul signing legislation S.3448A/A.4485B requiring all public colleges in New York to have a supply of opioid antagonists, such as Narcan, in their housing facilities⁵

Whereas, this legislation speaks to the magnitude and legitimacy of not only the opioid epidemic but also the need for harm reduction measures to produce safer campuses

Whereas, Cornell has previously taken on substance harm-reduction initiatives, including fact sheets to educate students on how to identify and respond to alcohol poisoning, allowing students to access emergency medical care when necessary

Whereas, Narcan is available at Cornell University's Pharmacy via prescription and adequate training

Be it therefore resolved, that overdose prevention kits with administration instructions are made accessible at various campus locations, including but not limited to: on-campus residential halls, Cornell Health, and other central locations

Be it further resolved, that Cornell Health collaborates with academic units, residential life, and other student-serving populations to determine locations of resources and publicize the program

Be it further resolved, that August 31 is officially recognized by the university as National Opioid Overdose Awareness Day

Be it further resolved, that training be made available at no cost by Cornell Health and the Skorton Center for Health Initiatives so that Narcan can be effectively used to prevent overdose crises

Be it further resolved, that CUEMS, CUPD, EHS and the Division of Public Safety have access to Narcan during any form of emergency response

Be it further resolved, all student groups that hold large events (>100 attendees) including but not limited to Greek organizations (IFC, PHC, MGFC), concert-hosting groups, and sporting events have at least one individual or officer trained in administering Narcan and have it easily available during a large event

⁴ <https://www.ithaca.edu/intercom/2019-08-28-naloxone-narcan-now-available-residence-halls>

⁵ <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/s3448/amendment/a>



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Be it further resolved, that the Narcan for large events be subsidized by Cornell Health

Be it finally resolved, that harm-reducing information such as how to identify and respond to an opioid overdose crisis is distributed via fact sheet in residential halls

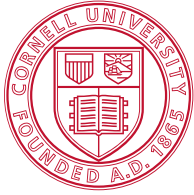
Respectfully Submitted,

Claire Ting '25

Representative of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Student Assembly

Andrew Juan '25

Chair, UA Campus Welfare Committee; Undergraduate Representative, University 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; Teresa Duncan, Director, Military Programs, eCornell; Sonia Rucker, Associate
9 Vice President Inclusion and Belonging; Christine Lovely, Vice President and Chief Human
10 Resources Officer

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12 **Whereas,** The Purple Heart Trail was established in 1992 by the Military Order of the Purple
13 Heart,

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15 **Whereas,** January 1, 2022 New York State became a Purple Heart state and within the State 44
16 cities, 11 counties, 6 colleges and universities, and 4 routes already have this designation,
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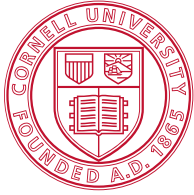
18 **Whereas,** Cornell University and our community have a great admiration and utmost gratitude
19 for all the people who have, and are, selflessly serving their country and this community
20 in the Armed Forces,

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22 **Whereas,** Cornell actively recruits veteran undergraduate and graduate students, hosts all ROTC
23 service branches, and employs over 400 veteran faculty and staff,
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25 **Whereas,** many servicemembers have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces;
26 including over 800 Cornellians,
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28 **Whereas,** members of our Cornell community have received the Purple Heart Medal, resulting
29 from injuries received in combat, wherein they provided a singularly meritorious act of
30 essential service to our country,
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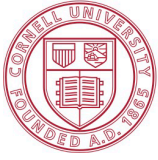
32 **Whereas,** Cornell University seeks to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of
33 the Purple Heart Medal,
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- 35 **Be it therefore resolved**, we proclaim Cornell University to be a Purple Heart University,
36 honoring the service and sacrifice of our servicemembers, wounded or killed while
37 serving to protect our freedoms,
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- 39 **Be it further resolved**, we designate the Cornell Veterans Program House a Veterans Oasis for
40 community and study,
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- 42 **Be it further resolved**, via the Veterans Colleague Network Group, we will honor all Purple
43 Heart recipients annually,
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- 45 **Be it finally resolved**, Cornell University will register itself with the National Order of the
46 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; Shelby L. Williams '25; Duncan A. Cady '23, Danielle Smith '24, Talia Dinstein '25, Ally Leighton '25, Katie Lin '26, Lindsay Reisner '26, Michael Serdula '24, Thej Khanna '26

Reviewed by:

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;

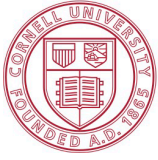
Whereas, while generations of Cornell students have lived and learned under our university motto and have proudly supported and endorsed these values, the university, like many other institutions, is now facing new challenges to the civil and free expression of personal views and opinions;

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, efforts by student, faculty, and employee groups to bring the issue of free expression and the right to protest to the forefront demand the support and promotion of our shared governance system and administration;



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39 **Whereas**, any kind of communication that attacks or discriminates against a person or a group
40 based on who they are, such as their race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual
41 orientation, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or national origin, always violates our values
42 and Cornell’s Code of Conduct, and should be condemned wherever and whenever it
43 occurs;

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45 **Whereas**, preventing individuals from expressing their views and opinions, regardless of
46 popularity, political preference, and personal identity, always violates our university’s
47 values, and should be condemned wherever and whenever it occurs;

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49 **Whereas**, freedom of speech does not mean freedom from consequences for one’s words, and
50 any attempts to prevent students, faculty, and employees from holding others accountable
51 for their words should be condemned wherever and whenever it occurs;

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53 **Whereas**, in such settings, our community must learn to strike a delicate balance between the
54 rights of those who wish to speak, and the rights of those who wish to protest;

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56 **Be It Therefore Resolved**, the University Assembly completely and unequivocally supports free
57 expression, organization, speech, representation, and the right to protest within the
58 Cornell community;

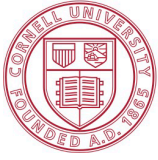
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60 **Be It Therefore Resolved**, the University Assembly completely and unequivocally supports
61 academic freedom and the freedom of expression in the classroom, at public events, and
62 in all public spaces of Cornell University;

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64 **Be It Therefore Resolved**, the administration, through words, actions, programs, and policies,
65 should pledge to be a leader in safeguarding free expression and the right to protest on
66 campus, and will work with the University Assembly to provide space and protection for
67 the peaceful expression of all views and opinions.

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69 **Be It Therefore Resolved**, the administration, in consultation with the University Assembly's
70 members, committees, and constituencies, will develop concrete plans to support and
71 engage directly with these constituent-led efforts to keep free expression and the right to
72 protest front of mind across the Cornell community;

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74 **Be It Therefore Resolved**, the University Assembly wholeheartedly supports efforts to ensure
75 accountability across the Cornell community for speech that violates our values and our
76 Code of Conduct;

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78 **Be It Therefore Resolved**, the administration, alongside the University Assembly and all
79 institutions of shared governance at Cornell, must take a leading role in openly discussing



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80 the most difficult and pressing issues relating to free expression and the right to protest
81 with all relevant constituencies, as well as creating spaces for intergroup communication;

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83 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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85 Isaac D. Chasen '23

86 *Co-President of the American Civil Liberties Union at Cornell*

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88 Shelby L. Williams

89 *Student Assembly Representative for the College of Arts and Sciences, Representative to the*

90 *University Assembly*

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92 Duncan A. Cady

93 *Chair of the University Assembly*

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95 Danielle Smith '24

96 *Co-President of the American Civil Liberties Union at Cornell*

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101 Michael Serdula '24

102 *Treasurer of the American Civil Liberties Union at Cornell*

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104 Katie Lin '26

105 *Secretary of the American Civil Liberties Union at Cornell*

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107 Thej Khanna '26

108 *Recruitment and Membership Chair of the American Civil Liberties Union at Cornell*

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110 Lindsay Reisner '26

111 *Communications Chair of the American Civil Liberties Union at Cornell*

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113 Ally Leighton '25

114 *Events and Advocacy Chair of the American Civil Liberties Union at Cornell*