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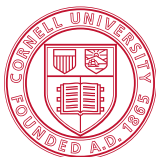
Agenda of the August 30, 2022 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogoḥo:ño (Cayuga Nation)
 - c. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Open Forum
- IV. Business of the Day
 - a. Welcome from the 2022-2023 UA Chair
 - b. Approval of the 2022-2023 UA Calendar
 - c. Appointment UA members to committees
- 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

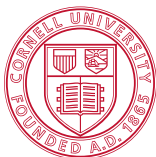
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Cornell University Assembly Minutes of the May 10, 2022 Meeting 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM 401 Physical Sciences | Zoom

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. Chair B. Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm.
 - b. *Members Present* [15]: I. Akisoglu, V. Aymer, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, N. Danev, E. DeRosa, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, T. Fox, P. Hanley, D. Hiner, D. Howell, J. Kruser, C. Levine, D. Sharp, J. Withers
 - c. *Members Absent*:
 - d. *Also Present*: V. Valencia
- II. **Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:nq (Cayuga Nation)**
 - a. B. Fortenberry stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. **Late Additions to the Agenda**
 - a. None
- IV. **Approval of the April 26, 2022 Minutes**
 - a. R. Bensel moves to approve, N. Danev seconds, unanimously approved.
- V. **Election of New Executive Committee**
 - a. In executive session, University Assembly membership elects the following members for the 2022-2023 term:
 - i. Chair-**Duncan Cady**
 - ii. Executive Vice Chair-**Debra Howell**
 - iii. Vice Chair for Operations-**Beth Milles**
 - iv. Ranking Member-**Gizem Akkan**
 - v. Codes and Judicial Committee Chair-**Sanvi Bhardwaj**
 - vi. Campus Committee for Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment Chair-**David Hiner**
 - vii. Campus Welfare Committee Chair-**Andrew Juan**
- VI. **Liaison Reports**
 - a. Student Assembly
 - i. V. Valencia introduces self as incoming Student Assembly president and states that Student Assembly had their final meeting of 2021-2022.
 - ii. SA is adding new voting seat for Public Policy School in Fall 2022.



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- iii. Changes to organizations which receive funding from Student Activity fee will be submitted to President Pollack for approval.
- iv. New SA members were sworn in on May 5, 2022.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. GPSA is conducting election for 2022-2023 members
 - ii. P. Hanley will return to 2022-2023 UA as GPSA Chair.
- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. J. Withers states that the EA passed EA Resolution 5 expressing appreciation for Mary Opperman and President Pollack has accepted the resolution.
 - ii. EA Resolution 6 in support of the proposed Part-Time degree program has been tabled until the May 18 EA meeting.
 - iii. Employee-Elected Trustee election is currently taking place. This election is not conducted by the EA as it is an election for a member of the Board of Trustees.
 - iv. DA has completed their internal elections and Andrea Haenlin-Mott will be EA Chair for the 2022-2023 term.
- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. Dean E. DeRosa states that Faculty Senate is holding a faculty forum on May 11 regarding transparency and openness in faculty governance.
 - ii. E. DeRosa states that faculty election results are scheduled to be finalized on May 11; Office of the Assemblies will communicate election results.
 - iii. Faculty Senate will meet on May 18. Discussion topics will include Resolution on Fairness and Transparency in the Faculty Senate; resolution to grant posthumous degrees to deceased students; new honors and distinctions resolution; and a presentation from members of the AAP department regarding their efforts to build faculty support across campus.
 - iv. D. Cady requests more information regarding honors and distinctions resolution and posthumous degree resolution.
 - v. E. DeRosa states that Faculty Senate has held discussions with the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education. University Faculty Committee has decided that each college will decide whether to support the initiative.
 - vi. E. DeRosa states that honors related to scholarships and GPA will be retained, while Dean's List will be eliminated.
 - vii. Faculty voting on support for Part-time degree program for non-traditional students will conclude on May 11.
 - viii. J. Feit asks when the faculty senate resolutions will take effect and if there are discrepancies in percentiles of academic rankings across colleges.



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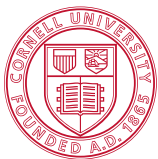
- ix. E. DeRosa states that if approved, the resolutions will take effect as soon as they are signed by President Pollack. E. DeRosa states that the data returned to the Faculty Senate indicates that discrepancies between colleges are not as wide as previously thought.
- x. J. Feit asks if Faculty Senate has information regarding comparative mental health stresses of percentile vs. flat GPA rankings.
- xi. E. DeRosa states that data indicates that students are making course choices based on semester Dean's List reports, whereas percentile rankings are made available at the end of the academic year.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. No reports
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. No reports
 - ii. In response to question from D. Cady, B. Fortenberry states that CJC will not be able to form the previously discussed review committee before the end of the current term
- c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. D. Howell states that CWC will meet on May 12 to organize for next year's Chair.
- d. CCITE
 - i. I. Akisoglu states that President Pollack responded to UA Resolution 8 and approved establishment of UA CCITE working group.
 - ii. I. Akisoglu states that Cornell will not be able to purchase enough renewable energy certificates from the State of New York to meet Cornell's renewable energy goals, as the state does not have enough certificates available at this time. Cornell will depend on New York State producing enough green energy in order for Cornell to meet its' institutional carbon usage goals.
 - iii. R. Bensei states appreciation for I. Akisoglu's detailed work throughout the semester.
- e. B. Fortenberry expresses appreciation for all 2022-2023 UA committee chairs and members. B. Fortenberry asks returning UA members to focus on waste and sustainability issues and updates to CJC codes and procedures in the 2022-23 term.
- f. R. Bensei conveys appreciation of UA membership to B. Fortenberry for his service and presents him with gift. N. Danev and J. Feit thank B. Fortenberry.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. R. Bensei moves to adjourn, seconded.



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The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erik Kalweit

Acting Clerk of the Assembly