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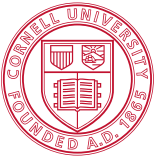
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Agenda of the March 2, 2021 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

- I. Call to order - 4:30pm
- II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda – 4:32pm to 4:35pm
- III. Presentation regarding Cornell's COVID-19 Response and Efforts: Anne Jones DO, MPH and Sharon McMullen RN, MPH, FACHA
- IV. Business of the Day
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes ([Nov. 24, 2020](#), [Dec. 01, 2020](#), [Dec. 08, 2020](#), [Jan. 25, 2021](#), [Feb. 16, 2021](#))
- V. New Business
 - a. [Resolution 14: Amending the University Assembly Bylaws to allow for the Continuation of Ad Hoc Committees and Subcommittees](#)
- VI. Committee Updates
 - a. Executive Committee
 - b. Campus Infrastructure Committee
 - c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - d. Codes and Judicial Committee
- VII. Constituent Group Updates
 - a. Student Assembly
 - b. Graduate & Professional Student Assembly
 - c. Employee Assembly
 - d. Faculty Senate
- VIII. Open Floor Discussion
- IX. Adjournment at 6pm



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Minutes of the November 24, 2020 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

I. Call to Order

- a. L. Kenney called the meeting to order at 4:32pm
- b. *Member's Present:* V. Aymer, U. Chukwukere, H. Depew, N. Danev, C. Duell, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, T. Fox, A. Hong, C. Huang, L. Kenney, C. Levine, J. Pea, B. Sherr, L. Smith, C. Van Loan, P. Thompson, J. Withers.
- c. *Member's Absent:* R. Howarth.
- d. *Also Present:* C. Benedict.

II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. B. Sherr motioned to have a roll call vote for all votes during the meeting.
 - i. L. Kenney seconded the motion.
 - ii. B. Sherr believed that all votes should be public. He wanted to motion for roll call in the beginning rather than recording the names at the end so that individuals would be aware when voting.
 - iii. L. Kenney asked for clarification on whether this would apply to all votes including procedural.
 - iv. B. Sherr said that it would apply to everything outside of organizational votes, but he would be open to amendments. He stated that the shift to online could potentially be easier.
 - v. L. Kenney proposed that someone keep track of names through the checkmarks in Zoom for procedural votes and perform roll call voting for resolutions.
 - vi. B. Sherr agreed and stated he that aimed to have names recorded with votes so individuals are held accountable.
 - vii. J. Feit agreed with holding representatives accountable through posting their votes on the website for the public to see.
 - viii. B. Fortenberry agreed with the idea that the public should see their representative's votes. He advocated for a way to record these votes and names without going one-by-one in the interest of time.
 - ix. L. Kenney noted that roll-call voting and vote accountability is something she advocated for last year so she understands the importance. She also agreed with B. Fortenberry that they should not have a roll call vote on every motion or procedure in the interest of time.



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- x. B. Sherr clarified that the Office of the Assemblies can see the list of people voting and he is advocating for the recording and publishing of that information.
- xi. H. Depew asked if it would be possible to record something from the chat to record in the minutes or take screenshots of participants. She agreed with L. Kenney that there is a faster way to hold individuals accountable without a roll call vote.
- xii. L. Kenney recommended that members call for a vote to add this to the agenda.
- xiii. J. Feit motioned to vote on the late addition to the agenda.
 - 1. C. Duell seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passed** with 14-0-1.
- b. B. Sherr motioned to allow C. Benedict to finish his presentation of Native American and Indigenous Students at Cornell's (NAISAC) resolution after "Big Red Rights" and before going into voting procedure on Resolution 2.
 - i. B. Sherr stated that it was informally implied before that C. Benedict would be given more time to finish their presentation NAISAC's demands.
 - 1. J. Feit seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passed** with 16-0-0.
- c. B. Sherr motioned for the University Assembly to recognize the passing of the Transgender Day of Remembrance by reading the names of the 37 murdered due to anti-trans violence in the US during 2020. He stated that this would be read and recorded in the minutes before discussion before Resolution 4 as it will not have a formal vote in the meeting.
 - i. L. Kenney seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion was **passed** with 16-0-1.

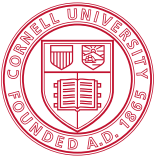
III. Business of the Day

- a. Approval of the Minutes (Aug. 5, 2020 and Nov. 10, 2020)
 - i. J. Feit motioned to approve the Aug. 5th minutes and table the Nov. 10th minutes due to L. Kenney's name being recorded as both yes and abstained in a motion and to add in the CJC discussion that C. Van Loan had asked certain individuals to give their opinion.
 - 1. N. Danev seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passed** with 14-0-1.
- b. Presentation by Amy Layton regarding "Big Red Writes"
 - i. See Appendix B for the "Big Red Writes" slide.
 - ii. A. Layton presents on the program "Big Red Writes."



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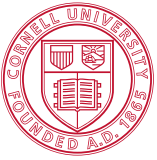
- iii. L. Kenney thanked A. Layton for her presentation. L. Kenney said that she is on the planning committee and was excited to hear others interested in connecting people during the pandemic when there is increased isolation.
- iv. H. Depew also thanked A. Layton. She stated that through the priorities poll they found one main issue recorded was mental health and she felt as though Big Red Writes is a good program that also addresses these topical concerns. She asked A. Layton for any materials to share so she can bring present the program in the Employee Assembly meeting.
- v. A. Layton said that they had received a lot of feedback that retirees and students were struggling.
- vi. L. Kenney stated that she wanted to bring it to the UA's attention and proposed that they could send information about the program to the community or attach it to the meeting minutes. She opens the floor for ideas to help further the initiative.
- vii. B. Sherr moved to have the presentation slides move into the minutes for today's meeting.
 - 1. J. Pea seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passed** with 15-0-1.
- viii. L. Kenney thanked A. Layton and said that maybe they could peruse future avenues of sharing even if it is directly to constituent groups.
- c. Resolution 2: Support for Native American and Indigenous Students at Cornell's Demands
 - i. Sponsored by Colin Benedict and Uchenna Chukwukere.
 - ii. C. Benedict presented the resolution.
 - iii. L. Kenney opened the floor for questions.
 - iv. T. Fox asked about the logistics of teaching a required course for all freshmen.
 - v. C. Benedict thanked T. Fox for the question and stated that similar indigenous studies courses have been implemented in other universities successfully and they would draw from said plans. He recognized that this would be a highly collaborative and extensive effort, however, he also believed students in Cornell should have a basic understanding of indigenous peoples and land and how to navigate those relationships.
 - vi. J. Feit supported the necessity of these courses for Cornell students. He also reaffirmed that it would not be one course, but several from which students may choose.
 - vii. C. Benedict said that once staffing and the infrastructure of the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program (AIISP) develops then this goal will



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be more achievable. He stated that he was aiming to have this requirement for student's first year at Cornell, however, he is opened to changing it to be at any time within their enrollment. He also stated that because these courses are mostly intersectional there should be less of an issue about adding it to student's courses.

- viii. L. Kenney thanked C. Levine for recognizing that two indigenous individuals joined the English department yesterday.
- ix. C. Levine clarified that one is not themselves indigenous but studies the intersection between Ingenious and Asian studies, while the other comes from ingenious heritage.
- x. L. Kenney thanked C. Levine.
- xi. L. Kenney opened the floor for motions.
- xii. B. Sherr asked if there would be any opposition to enter a vote.
- xiii. B. Sherr motioned to vote on Resolution 2.
 - 1. J. Withers seconded the motion.
 - 2. B. Fortenberry said that he believes some clauses may be challenging to include due to the amount of information concentrated in one resolution.
 - 3. B. Sherr recalled his motion to vote.
 - 4. J. Feit seconded the motion.
 - 5. The motion was recalled with no opposition.
- xiv. C. Benedict stated that he is unsure how to answer the question as all the clauses are necessary.
- xv. B. Fortenberry said that the resolution contains many items that might need better clarity due to the gravity of their nature such as the definition of academic spaces.
- xvi. C. Benedict said that they are expecting to have push back from the administration, however they would like to see the University Assembly support the current resolution. He said that while they are open to negotiation, they would like to have a strong front when entering talks with the university.
- xvii. L. Kenney reminded the body of time constraints.
- xviii. J, Pea said that there is a lot of value is the message and not necessarily the feasibility. He also said that is was their responsibility to communicate with these campus leaders to work out the next steps with the administration.
- xix. B. Sherr asserted that they are not voting on the feasibility but rather aiding in getting NAISAC to the negotiation floor.



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- xx. B. Sherr motioned that the chat be included in the minutes and to allow members to issue their support or opposition in the chat. He motions to table the vote until after Resolution 3.
 - 1. L. Kenney stated that the chat is already recorded in the minutes
 - 2. J. Withers seconded the motion
 - 3. The resolution is **tabled** with 18-1-0
- d. Resolution 3: Bylaw Changes to Require Roll Call Voting
 - i. Sponsored by Bennett Sherr
 - ii. B. Sherr restated that individuals should put their opinions in the chat as a place for a community forum.
 - iii. B. Sherr stated that this resolution acknowledges the want for transparency within the voting process in order to hold their representatives responsible. He said that they need to improve and sustain the communication and engagement of students with shared governance in line with the charter. He understands that rollcall voting might be difficult in terms of time so he would be open to amendments such as a list published with every vote.
 - iv. L. Kenney asked K. Jordan and G. Giambattista if it would be possible to retain names through the 'yes' and 'no' feature within Zoom.
 - v. K. Jordan stated that currently, the office records the votes through screenshots, however with how quickly the assembly votes they are not able to capture individual votes. She offered to look into the matter.
 - vi. L. Kenney stated that a possibility that they could explore is increasing the waiting time to capture the vote.
 - vii. K. Jordan affirmed.
 - viii. C. Van Loan suggested that they vote through the chat so it is recorded through the transcription.
 - ix. L. Kenney stated that it would be up to B. Sherr to change that language.
 - x. P. Thompson thanked C. Van Loan for the recommendation. P. Thompson stated that this would get a lot more buy-in if it did not propose another logistical step. She recommends that one could look through the video to gather the member's votes.
 - xi. B. Sherr said he would be open to voting on the basis of the chat. He stated that his intention was to have this proposal persist through to future sessions. B. Sherr proposed that this resolution that pertains to Zoom would be posted on Friday and voted on in the next session under the understanding that they would revisit this issue for in-person sessions when the time arises.



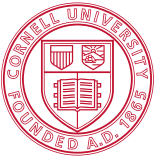
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- xii. G. Giambattista stated that the Office of Assemblies closes the next day due to the holidays.
- xiii. L. Kenney stated that both of these avenues make sense and one must keep in mind the work needed to go through and record for each vote on behalf of the Office of Assemblies.
- xiv. J. Feit believed that this is an important resolution and B. Sherr is accurate to point out low voter turnout as evidence of declined faith in shared governance.
- xv. B. Sherr motioned for Resolution 3 to be tabled with the acknowledgment that further discussion and amendments will be made to make the resolution more logistically sound.
 - 1. P. Thompson seconded the motion.
 - 2. The resolution is **tabled** with 18-0-0.
- e. Resolution 2 tabled vote
 - i. L Kenney apologized that there was not open forum discussion as she was not aware of this addition and due to time constraints. She thanked individuals for writing in the chat.
 - ii. B. Sherr motions to affirm Resolution.
 - 1. P. Thompson seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passed** with 18-0-0.
- f. Discussion of an additional meeting (December 1, 2020)
 - i. B. Fortenberry motioned to vote for a Dec. 1st meeting.
 - 1. P. Thompson seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passed** with 16-0-1.
- g. Executive Session
 - i. B. Fortenberry motions to enter an Executive Session
 - 1. N. Danev seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passes** with 15-0-1.
 - ii. L. Kenney said there they discussed changes happening in the OJA office once B. Krause leaves her position.
 - iii. B. Fortenberry motion to extends the motion to 6:20 PM.
 - 1. B. Sherr seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passed** with 12-0-0.
- h. Resolution 4: Acknowledging the Passing of Transgender Day of Remembrance, Upholding the University Assembly's Commitment to Representing Trans and Genderqueer Members of the Campus Community, and Establishing the LGBTQIA+ Intermediary to the University Assembly.
 - i. B. Sherr motioned to table Resolution 4 to December 1st.



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1. P. Thompson seconded the motion.
2. L. Kenney clarified that they previously voted on considering reading the names so they would need a formal motion to read the names.
3. B. Sherr rescinded the motion to vote.
- ii. B. Sherr motioned to read the names of those who died due to trans-violence this year and apply them in the minutes.
 1. L. Kenney seconds the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** with 13-0-0.
 3. L. Kenney read the names as follows: Dustin Parker, 25; Neulisa Luciano Ruiz; Yampi Méndez Arocho, 19; Monika Diamond, 34; Lexi, 33; Scott or Scottlynn Devore, 51; Johanna Metzger; Penélope Días Ramírez, 31; Serena Angelique Velázquez Ramos, 32; Layla Pelaez Sánchez, 21; Nina Pop, 28; Helle Joe O' Regan, 20; Jayne Thompson, 33; Tony McDade; Selena Reyes-Hernandez, 37; Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells; Riah Milton, 25; Brian "Egypt" Powers, 43; Brayla Stone, 17; Merci Mack, 22; Shaki Peters, 32; Bree Black, 27; Summer Taylor; Marilyn Cazares; Dior H Ova; Queasha D Hardy, 22; Aja Raquell Rhone-Spears; Kee Sam; Lea Rayshon Daye, 28; Aerrion Burnett; Mia Green, 29; Michelle Michellyn Ramos Vargas, 30s; Felycya Harris, 33; Brooklyn Deshuna, 20; Sara Blackwood; Angel Unique, 25; and Yunieski Carey Herrera, 29.
 4. L. Kenney thanked B. Sherr for bringing this resolution to the U.A. and she hopes that although this is the first time, this will not be the last time that they acknowledge trans violence and read the names who are killed due to said violence.
- iii. B. Sherr motioned to table Resolution 4 to December 1st
 1. P. Thompson seconded the motion.
 2. L. Kenney commented that there is a clarity in the wording whether this is required of chairs in the future and therefore a bylaw and charter change or whether it is recommended to the body as a whole.
 3. The motion **passed** with 14-0-0
- i. Resolution 5: In Recognition and Appreciation of Cornell University Students
 - i. Sponsored by Hei Hei Depew and the Executive Board.
 - ii. H. Depew stated that this was a formal response and acknowledgment of student's efforts to follow campus guidelines during COVID-19.



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1. This resolution was unanimously approved by the Employee Assembly and was shared with multiple publications.
 - iii. H. Depew motioned to table this motion for a vote next week.
 1. B. Fortenberry seconded the motion.
 2. The motion is passed and the resolution is tabled with 14-0-0
- IV. Committee Reports
- a. B. Sherr motioned to suspend formal committee updates until the next meeting for the exception of the CJC in the interest of time.
 - i. C. Duell seconded the motion.
 - ii. N. Danev stated that the GSPA would like to share some information, however, he can post them in the chat in the interest of time.
 - iii. The motion passed with 12-0-1.
 - b. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. B. Fortenberry encouraged individuals to read the CJC Recommendation final document. He stated that at the top are in support of or resolved by the CJC and the bottom outlines reoccurring themes. He stated that the first four bulleted are supported by the CJC and the lower items are not necessarily supported or recommended but were reoccurring throughout the public comments. B. Fortenberry stated that they will be receiving an edited version the next day from M. Wessel to be discussed in the next meeting. He recommends people to look at the documents attached to the agenda and they will have an edited version on December 1st to review and formulate the final document of recommendations on the 8th.
 - ii. L. Kenney thanked B. Fortenberry and asked if M. Wessel will send the updated draft to the CJC as well as to the UA.
 - iii. B. Fortenberry said that he was unsure, but he would forward the document to L. Kenney to distribute.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kassandra Jordan
Clerk of the Assembly



APPENDIX A
Chat Transcripton

00:28:02 Pilar Villablanca Thompson: Sorry I was late as I just wrapped up another meeting.

00:34:48 Robert Platt: How about excluding procedural motions and just main motions?

00:35:16 UA - Jacob Feit: I'd agree, I think we should move this to later in the meeting out of respect for our guests

00:43:58 Gina Giambattista:
<https://cornell.app.box.com/file/745121462386?s=3ttby2f3pctfcdp8fnh20smcphk2z23v>

00:44:35 UA - Charles Van Loan: I have a hard commitment at 6 and will have to leave this meeting at that time even if it is formally extended.

01:08:15 UA - Caroline Levine: Just wanted to let everyone know that just yesterday two amazing indigenous studies faculty accepted offers to join the English Department: Jodi Byrd, citizen of the Chicksaw Nation; and Juliana Hu Pegues who studies Asian American and Native American intersections.

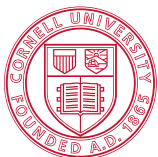
01:21:34 UA - Bennett Sherr: If all members who are here on behalf of NAISAC could please message into the general chat to provide your support, We will vote directly after

01:22:53 UA Chair - Logan Kenney (she, her): I apologize to anyone who feels unable to have time on the floor. I was not informed prior to the meeting regarding the community discussion. However, the chat function is recorded in our minutes and taken seriously by the UA voting members

01:25:33 Wayva Lyons: I am the recruiter and student support specialist for the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program. I agree with Colin that all of these things do need to happen at Cornell. Basic knowledge about Indigenous people is dismal in the greater public and even among Cornell students. I think the demands are thoughtful and comprehensive in that they take into account not only the needs of Cornell students but also the needs of Indigenous communities across the country.

01:27:19 Robert Platt: The AIIP is currently with the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. It is not clear to me whether the negotiations should be with the Cornell University administration or whether it might be more appropriate to take this up with SUNY and the New York State Board of Regents. If the goal is to provide the Cayuga Nation with tuition-free higher-education, that opportunity probably could be addressed SUNY-wide, including the other university units as well as the community college campuses.

01:28:32 Della Keahna Uran: I've been so proud of the conversations we have had within and beyond our community since the demands were released. We recently met with AIISP Director Dr. Kurt Jordan who walked us through his ideas of the process of making each point a reality. One thing that is consistently brought up is how our demands are not "easy" — it is my hope and understanding that if this work was easy it would already be done. I am thankful for the support,



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demonstrating that even though this will not be easy it will be worth it and there are people willing to put in the work to make it happen.

01:29:45 Uche Chukwukere: ^^^^

01:31:04 Shaawano Uran: I support the NAISAC resolution. The far-reaching demands are necessary given the issues of Indigenous dispossession have been largely ignored since the founding of Cornell, so of course redress requires large moves from several angles at once. It seems that the real matter here is simply does the UA support redress, since most of the moves proposed lie outside the purview of the UA. The entirety of our experiences at Cornell, be they as faculty, staff, or students, have been subsidized by Indigenous dispossession through the Morrill Land Grant Act—which is specific to Cornell. This is really a matter of how we hold ourselves accountable as Cornellians to the history of the university's founding, and that will of course require efforts from all sectors of Cornell.

01:32:20 Colin Benedict: In response to Robert's comment, the AIISP as it's been called for years now is not specifically tied to any one college at Cornell, and there have been discussions about which college it should be apart of. Based on this, the negotiations would be with University administration. As far as the free tuition for indigenous students from communities displaced from the Morrill Act, that would probably be a collaborative effort between the communities effected, the Cornell University administration, and the SUNY system where it applies to Cornell's colleges and schools.

01:33:58 Colin Benedict: Correction: the AIISP is officially affiliated with CALS. However there have been discussions on shifting it to another college in the past

01:35:11 Colin Benedict: Thank you for your support!

01:35:17 UA - Bennett Sherr: In past meetings we have allowed for guests to simply raise there hand to participate in the debate, But due to time constraints I guess that was not in todays protocol

01:38:45 UA - Jeff Pea (he/him): You can manually add people into a breakout room

01:44:18 JCC - Marisa O'Gara: For thursday I believe

01:51:26 Eirene Kim: I would definitely have taken it where the AC was offered as well. I have to hop off for a client meeting! Good to see everyone! Sorry I was just a fly on the walll trying to get an assignment done.

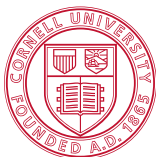
02:02:36 UA- Catherine Huang: Thank you Bennett <3

02:07:27 UA - Pilar Villablanca Thompson: I have to head out. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

02:09:28 UA- Catherine Huang: I do have to leave promptly when our time expires as I have to take a semifinal tonight :((so if we do extend time I won't be able to stay

02:09:53 Gina Giambattista: Best wishes on your semi-final, Cat!

02:09:57 UA - Jeff Pea (he/him): Good luck on your semi-final Cat!



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02:10:08 UA - Nikola Danev: The GPSA has passed a resolution that came from a petition from 110 graduate students related to the code changes. The link is here:
<https://assembly.cornell.edu/resolutions/gpsa-r6-proposed-changes-student-code-conduct>

02:10:09 UA - Bennett Sherr: Good luck Cat! You've got this!

02:10:14 UA - Nikola Danev: Good luck Cat

02:10:43 UA- Catherine Huang: Thank you everyone :) Very quick updates from the SA - we'll be voting on three new resolutions at our next meeting that were tabled from our last meeting, they can be found on our SA agenda from last week.

02:11:05 UA Chair - Logan Kenney (she, her): Thank you, everyone. I am sorry we had to skip updates!

02:11:12 UA - Bennett Sherr: I will just add, CWC voted to approve our meeting schedule during the organizational meeting; however, there are questions on whether we had quorum or not so I am still waiting on a reply back about that from the OoA

02:12:01 UA Chair - Logan Kenney (she, her): Nik, would you or David please send that resolution to the UA list-serv?

02:12:05 Barbara Krause: It is Madelyn who will get the current version to you.
Brandon misspoke.

02:12:22 UA- Catherine Huang: Thank you Brandon for these updates! Have a great evening everyone!

02:12:22 UA - Nikola Danev: Yes, Logan if that's in order I can do that

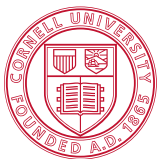
02:12:27 Robert Platt: How will this be shared with the UA and the public?

02:13:46 UA - Brandon Fortenberry (He/Him): have a great break all!

02:13:51 Robert Platt: Thanks

02:13:53 Gina Giambattista: Happy Thanksgiving all!

02:13:59 UA - Bennett Sherr: By Y'all!



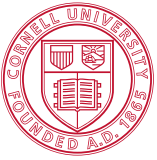
APPENDIX B
“Big Red Writes” Slide

The slide has a light blue background with a white central box. To the right of the box is a cartoon blue bird with a pink beak and closed eyes, holding a yellow envelope with the Cornell seal. The text "CORNELL Big Red Writes" is written in red. There are several colored circles: a yellow one at the top left, a teal one at the top right, and a large yellow one at the bottom right.

Goals

- **Build relationships across generations and/or Cornell constituencies**
- **Exposure to new experiences, skills, languages, and cultures**
- **Reduce feelings of isolation caused by COVID-19**
- **Help children develop writing/storytelling skills and improve literacy**
- **Forge lifelong friendships**

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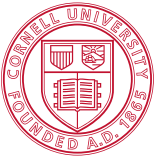
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Zoom Meeting

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 - b. *Member's Present:* V. Aymer, U. Chukwukere, H. Depew, C. Duell, D. Dunham, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, T. Fox, C. Huang, L. Kenney, C. Levine, J. Pea, B. Sherr, L. Smith, C. Van Loan, P. Thompson, J. Withers.
 - c. *Members Absent:* A. Hong, R. Howarth.
 - d. *Also Present:* B. Krause, M. O'Gara.
- II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. B. Sherr motioned to add Resolution 6: Maintaining the UA's Jurisdiction Over the Code of Conduct to the agenda
 - i. J. Pea seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with 14-0-1.
- III. Business of the Day
 - a. Approval of the Minutes (Nov. 11, 2020)
 - i. L. Kenney stated that the approval of the 24th minutes would be voted on next week. She also said that the Nov. 11th minutes were tabled the last meeting to fix issues regarding the duplication of a name on voting and specifying C. Van Loan's request for individuals within the UA to comment.
 - ii. K. Jordan affirmed and stated that there were also some grammatical issues that were fixed.
 - iii. B. Fortenberry motioned to approve the Nov. 11th minutes.
 1. P. Thompson seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** with 17-0-0.
 - b. Resolution 3: Bylaw Changes to Require Roll Call Voting
 - i. Sponsored by Bennett Sherr.
 - ii. L. Kenney stated that she understands the importance of this resolution, however, she recommends they table this motion for next session. She also recommended that individuals may call for a roll call vote on a case-by-case basis until next semester.
 - iii. J. Feit agreed with L. Kenney and stated that connection and infrastructure may be an issue. He stated they need to find a way to cast votes in a system that takes those potential issues into account.
 - iv. L. Kenney reiterated that she agrees with holding persons accountable for their votes, however, she is not sure how they would go about that



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considering the aforementioned concerns. She recommended that they could motion for individual roll call votes for proposed resolutions if desired.

- v. B. Sherr stated that they specified and added language to the resolution stating that they would decide on the method in which to record these votes in the first organizational meeting next session. He also stated they are considering a separate website or page to track the votes rather than recording them in the minutes.
- vi. L. Kenney asked where the language on the website is on the resolution.
- vii. B. Sherr said that is located on lines 37-39.
- viii. L. Kenney clarified that this is a vote for the first organizational meeting to decide on roll call voting, and in the event now they would decide after as a group.
- ix. L. Kenney retracted her statement that the resolution should be tabled.
- x. D. Dunham moved to postpone the resolution until the next scheduled meeting next Tuesday.
 - 1. B. Fortenberry seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passed** with 16-0-1.
- c. Resolution 4: Acknowledging the Passing of Transgender Day of Remembrance, Upholding the University Assembly's Commitment to Representing Trans and Genderqueer Members of the Campus Community, and Establishing the LGBTQIA+ Intermediary to the University Assembly
 - i. Sponsored by Bennett Sherr.
 - ii. B. Sherr stated that he amended the line that stated the UA has never acknowledged the Transgender Day of Remembrance to the UA first formally recognized the Transgender Day of Remembrance on Nov. 24th. He also stated that he changed the phrase "LGBTQIA+ Intermediary" to exclude "intermediary" as it implied a conflict.
 - iii. L. Kenney proposed a friendly amendment that replaces the word "pledges" on line 82 with "is encouraged" to reflect that the UA is a changing body.
 - iv. B. Sherr said that he was willing to accept the amendment.
 - v. B. Fortenberry agreed and stated that the change in language is not an out, but rather just acknowledges that the assembly is a moment in time.
 - vi. L. Kenney asked G. Giambattista if this would need a formal motion.
 - vii. G. Giambattista affirmed.
 - viii. B. Fortenberry motioned for the words "pledges" on line 82 to be replaced with "encourages future assemblies."
 - 1. B. Sherr seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passed** with 16-0-1.
 - ix. B. Sherr motioned to amend line 105 and replace "shall appoint" with "is



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encouraged to appoint.”

1. B. Sherr rescinds his motion.
- x. B. Sherr motioned to amend lines 105-106 and replace “Chair shall appoint someone from the general membership of the Assembly” with “the Vice Chair of Operations is encouraged to appoint someone from the general membership of the Assembly with the consultation of the Executive Board.”
 1. P. Thompson seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** with 16-0-1.
- xi. B. Sherr motioned to vote on Resolution 4
 1. P. Thompson seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** with 16-0-1.
- d. Resolution 5: In Recognition and Appreciation of Cornell University Students
 - i. Sponsored by Hei Hei Depew and the Executive Board
 - ii. H. Depew stated that this resolution is to show gratitude to the student body for their efforts in keeping the Cornell community safe by adhering to the health and safety guidelines.
 - iii. J. Withers moved to vote on Resolution 5
 1. H. Depew seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** with 15-0-1.
 - iv. L. Kenney thanked H. Depew to allow the UA to work with the EA to also pass this resolution.
- e. Resolution 6: Maintaining the UA’s Jurisdiction Over the Code of Conduct
 - i. Sponsored by L. Kenney.
 - ii. L. Kenney presented Resolution 6. She stated that the resolution is to keep the jurisdiction of the Student Code with the UA as an independent body with the addition of consultations with the SA and GPSA considering it is a Student Code. She asked M. Wessel for her rationale and she stated that it was due to the time taken to build a student code.
 - iii. C. Huang said that during the CJC, where it was proposed the Code remain under the jurisdiction of the UA, she motioned to add the SA and the GPSA, and the CJC decided that because there is SA and GPSA representation in the UA it should just be under their jurisdiction. She asks what their current stance is on her amendment.
 - iv. L. Kenney stated that asking for consultation encourages more debate and ideas. She believed they should ask the SA and the GPSA to weigh in on the matter.
 - v. D. Dunham stated that he supports the resolution. He said that a compromise can be found in regard to the delays which caused this discussion of jurisdiction. He also stated that the Code does not enumerate whose jurisdiction it can be amended under. D. Dunham recommended that the Code should have procedural clauses for amendments in the future



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written in to take precedence and expediency for future changes.

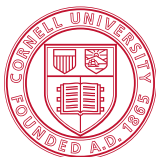
- vi. L. Kenney stated that the main change is Ryan Lombardi would be the main decision-maker and it is not outlined how he would consult other bodies. She stated that consultation can be vague, which is why she is open to amendments on Resolution 6 regarding consulting, that it needs to be defined. L. Kenney is open to asking M. Wessel for clarity. She stated her rationale stems from the belief that the University Assembly is an unbiased stage for discussing the Code.
- vii. C. Van Loan stated that he would prefer if the resolution would be structured differently.
- viii. L. Kenney agreed and stated that she will work on those structural changes.
- ix. P. Thompson agrees with the spirit of this resolution. She stated that there was an email on November 30th from M. Wessel that discussed how the UA did not make certain deadlines and accomplishments in the last three years. P. Thompson recommended sharing this communication with the larger UA body.
- x. L. Kenney affirmed and stated that she would appreciate any help with Resolution 6.
- xi. R. Platt stated that it was understandable that the UA would take time to consider the proposal in 2018. He stated that the current language proposed by the Counsel is problematic and concentrates power with Ryan Lombardi. He stated that once one separates the code from the community's voice, it delegitimizes the legislation in the view of the community.
- xii. L. Kenney agreed and stated that the current language under work.
- xiii. B. Fortenberry stated that currently, his statements are his opinion and not reflective of the CJC. He stated that the Code is not trying to create an autocracy, but rather puts the Code with those whose concentration revolves around Student Life. B. Fortenberry stated they should provide clarification on the roles of the GPSA and the SA. He also said that now that it is a Student Code of Conduct, the student campus life role is important and how that role interacts with the Code should be defined.
- xiv. B. Sherr supported the resolution. He stated that he wants to build back the trust and legitimacy of the UA. B. Sherr said that providing Ryan Lombardi with unilateral control delegitimizes and undermines the public trust as there is no guarantee that their voices will be heard.
- xv. B. Sherr motioned to table Resolution 6 to next week's meeting.
 - 1. P. Thompson seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion passed and the resolution is **tabled** with 16-0-1.
- xvi. L. Kenney said that she would be more than open to help sponsor or help with any effort to bring this resolution to other constituent groups.

IV. Campus Code of Conduct Discussion



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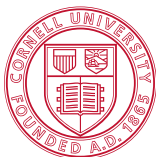
- a. B. Fortenberry said that some key topics to discuss are the jurisdictional changes and the standard of evidence. He also notes the standard of evidence as it regards student organizations, especially with Fraternity and Sororities. He stated that there was a change that the “preponderance standard” would be used for student organizations.
- b. R. Platt said that an interim document was created on “clear and convincing.” He stated that it would be awkward to have two parties hold the same individual to a different standard. R. Platt stated that many people support “clear and convincing” whether or not it is used in the Student Code of Conduct.
- c. L. Kenney asked if the alumnae on “clear and convincing” are in the comments of the Code.
- d. R. Platt stated that it is the Alumni Interfraternity Council (IFC) and signatories in the groups seen last May and November 17th.
- e. B. Krause stated that there is a very prominent voice supporting the “clear and convincing” evidence. She did not agree that the argument surrounding irrevocable repercussions can apply to organizations as it is currently used with individuals. B. Krause stated that they support the “preponderance standard” or a common standard across all student organizations.
- f. R. Platt stated that students and organizations under the Campus Code are subject to “clear and convincing.” He said when a student organization is suspended or disbanded then millions of dollars, facilities, and the living arrangement of students are at issue.
- g. J. Feit said that he agreed with restoration under the judicial process. He said they should not focus on the repercussions, but rather focus on finding the truth of the situation. He stated that they should strive to have correct convictions for code violations. J. Feit stated that they must ensure every student has a fair opportunity to defend themselves no matter their socio-economic status and their identity and are not subject to these standards that have a higher possibility of convicting students.
- h. B. Sherr stated that the “clear and convincing” standard should be used for the individual level and that the “preponderance” standard should be used to the Greek system. He said there is a clear imbalance of power.
- i. U. Chukwukere said that he wants to push back against the narrative that the entire Greek community is against the “preponderance” standard. He also stated that the Greek system is impacted by the IFC when the organizations have violations against them. U. Chukwukere agreed that there must be more oversight with Greek communities. He agreed that the “preponderance standard” should be used especially in light of Antonio Tsialas, there doesn’t seem like there was enough accountability. He stated that Greek organizations getting away with gross violations and reiterates that he wants to push back against the idea that everyone in the Greek community is against this.
- j. J. Feit stated that the “preponderance” standard should apply to all student organizations because it would be wrong to assume that this behavior is solely



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within the Greek organization community. He restated that they should hold a higher level of evidentiary standard, “clear and convincing,” for individuals.

- k. R. Platt supported the “clear and convincing” standard for individuals. He stated that this standard should also be applied to these student organizations equally as it also has an impact on the reputation and life of those people who are involved with said organization.
- l. B. Fortenberry stated that the addition of the “good Samaritan” piece in the code is a good addition. He believed that there are a few other items that are good. He said that he would like to get insight on perspectives to share later.
- m. L. Kenney thanked B. Fortenberry and stated that she pushed for “good Samaritan” last year. She also recommended that they try to speak to Greek students in regard to this issue. L. Kenney stated that one cannot tell if someone is from the Greek system via comments.
- n. B. Sherr said that one cannot compare the suspension of an organization to the suspension of a student. He said that this is unfair to students due to the monetary and social backing that Greek institutions have. B. Sherr stated that the “preponderance” standard is needed to combat this inequality.
- o. B. Krause said that both students and organizations can be suspended. She said for individuals a suspension cannot exceed three to four years, and in organizations hazing issues the minimum is three years as it is recognized as a public health issue.
- p. B. Fortenberry said that he would like some discussion on the ability to discuss a case unless stated otherwise and public hearings. He was wondering if the changes accurately addressed the comments. He asks them to move to that next topic of discussion.
- q. L. Kenney asked if it was alright to ask M. O’Gara to speak to cross-examination and witnesses.
- r. M. O’Gara asked if B. Fortenberry had a specific question.
- s. B. Fortenberry stated that he was wondering if the changes accurately addressed the comments.
- t. M. O’Gara stated that the current language outlines current practices. She said on cross-examination the default is a written submission, with space for the chair to make digressional permissions which would include verbal speaking and cross-examination. She believes that it is better than the previous draft, but she would rather have speaking rights be codified in a more explicit manner. M. O’Gara stated that they also discussed language that stated if there was an individual student complainant then it would be written submission only.
- u. B. Fortenberry thanked M. O’Gara. He said the statement on the impact on non-cooperation and non-participation codified that it does not make one guilty. He asked if there were any other languages the UA wanted to review.
- v. L. Kenney said that one should look at the cross-examination language and compare it to the comments received.
- w. R. Platt said that the CJC should consider what happens to the regulations and



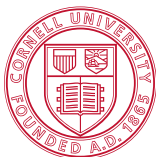
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maintenance of public order once the Code passes. He stated that all of this old language is disappearing or not addressed with regards to a Campus Code with faculty, staff, and students.

- x. C. Van Loan suggested that they vote on these topics individually.
- y. L. Kenney agreed, however, she stated that she can't divide all of these topics and would require help.
- z. C. Van Loan stated that the GPSA identified 6-7 topics. He stated that in the end they could also have a vote on the entire resolution.
- aa. L. Kenney stated that having two divisions would be manageable with one focused on the jurisdiction, the other on everything else in the code, and the last vote on the resolution as a whole.
- bb. B. Fortenberry said that they have a meeting on Thursday and agreed that there need to be individuals who are willing and able to aid in writing and dividing up these resolutions. B. Fortenberry stated that removing the employee section of the code is necessary and that employees answer to Human Resources.
- cc. L. Kenney stated that they should look towards the comments and reflect that within the Code. She said that in the comments the majority stated "clear and convincing" as the standard. She stated that they need to discuss with persons in Greek life to get information on their stance with regard to the Code.
- dd. J. Feit said as a member of a Greek organization, there is a lot of confusion with the rules. He said there needed to be concrete rules for all members of organizations to follow and keep these houses responsible.
- ee. D. Dunham asked what they are doing with Resolution 6.
- ff. L. Kenney apologized for not adhering to Roberts Rules when presenting. She stated that next week they will have a new resolution, and if the drafters would like to use the language in Resolution 6 she would be happy to table Resolution 6 indefinitely. L. Kenney stated if that isn't the case then Resolution 6 would be a separate resolution and they would have another resolution with the changes discussed today and one more with the Code as-is.
- gg. D. Dunham stated that they don't need to reconsider their position
- hh. L. Kenney affirmed and stated that they can table the resolution indefinitely if needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kassandra Jordan
Clerk of the Assembly

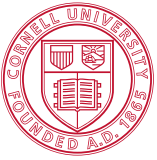


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APPENDIX A Chat Transcription

00:14:26 Robert Platt: Uche is here
00:14:35 Jacob Feit: Jacob Feit is prresent
00:14:42 Jacob Feit: As of now
00:14:53 Catherine Huang: me too :) sorry i think i joined a second after my name was called!
00:15:00 Jacob Feit: ^^^
00:15:01 Office of the Assemblies: All good!
00:15:05 Office of the Assemblies: Got yall
00:34:10 Catherine Huang: Well done Bennett! Thank you :)
00:34:24 Jacob Feit: ^
00:34:36 UA - Bennett Sherr: Glad we got that to pass, thank you everyone for your support!
00:37:02 UA - Catherine Huang: Thank you Hei Hei!!
00:37:14 UA - Bennett Sherr: ^^^
00:37:31 UA - Lucas Smith: ^

00:38:00 UA - Hei Hei Depew: Thank you for the support.
00:44:41 UA - Catherine Huang: Yes thanks Logan! No worries
01:10:26 UA - Pilar Villablanca Thompson: I have to head out early today. See you all next week.
01:11:37 UA - Jacob Feit: I agree with Bennett on that point
01:11:49 UA - Jacob Feit: Greek Orgs must be held to a higher standard than individuals
01:13:07 UA - Jacob Feit: *to clarify, I am in favor of “preponderance” for greek orgs, and “clear and convincing” for individuals
01:13:41 UA - Bennett Sherr: Echoing what Jacob just wrote; Preponderance for greek and student orgs, clear and convincing for individual students
01:20:03 UA - Jacob Feit: Yes!
01:23:40 UA - Bennett Sherr: To clarify, to say that an organization being suspended is the same as students being suspended is an unfair argument. A suspension on an individual could ruin a persons life. I’m sorry, but not being able to drink with your friends on a Tuesday night is NOT the same. To even imply that they’re of the same caliber is misguided at best, malicious at worst.
01:25:49 Robert Platt: Bennett: If you are an organization officer, and the organization is suspended on your watch, how do you answer a question during a security clearance about whether you were ever involved in a college disciplinary case?



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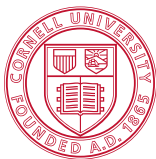
01:29:36 UA - Bennett Sherr: Their is the ability for blame to be disseminated across an organization in a way that is not possible with individuals. When an organization fails, it is the fault of organizational culture and is more often then not permissible. When an individual is found responsible for hazing, that is a reflection of their morality and theirs alone.

01:38:32 UA - Bennett Sherr: I think an important point is that faculty and staff are able to unionize and many are represented by unions. Graduate, Professional, and Undergraduate students cannot do that. Because of this, faculty and staff have a lot more grievance protection than students. This is in part why students MUST have a clear and convincing evidentiary standard as individuals, to make it as equitable as possible across students, faculty, and staff

01:39:02 UA - Brandon Fortenberry (He/Him):Interesting perspective Bennet, I appreciate that

01:39:44 Robert Platt: Thank you everyone for a thoughtful discussion.

01:40:52 UA - Brandon Fortenberry (He/Him):Thank you all for the insight



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Minutes of the December 8, 2020 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

I. Call to Order

- a. L. Kenney called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.
- b. *Members Present:* V. Aymer, U. Chukwukere, H. Depew, C. Duell, D. Dunham, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, T. Fox, D. Hiner, R. Howarth, C. Huang, L. Kenney, C. Levine, J. Pea, B. Sherr, L. Smith, C. Van Loan, P. Villablanca Thompson, J. Withers.
- c. *Members Absent:* A. Hong
- d. *Also Present:* D. Hiner

II. Late Additions

- a. D. Hiner introduced himself.
- b. B. Sherr motioned to add Resolution 10: Requesting the Board of Trustees Delay Their Vote on the New Student Code of Conduct.
 - i. L. Kenney seconded this motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with 15-0-3-
- c. B. Sherr motioned to discuss Resolution 8 and Resolution 10 before Resolution 9 as they addressed The Code of Conduct.
 - i. L. Kenney seconded the motion.
 - ii. C. Huang asked if there were time stamps for today's topics as there was an important town hall at 6:30 PM.
 - iii. L. Kenney said that she would do her best to keep the meeting within the timeframe but would appreciate it if everyone would also keep each other responsible. She thanked C. Huang for reminding them.
 - iv. The motion **passed** with 16-0-2-
- d. B. Sherr motioned to suspend Robert Rules of Order when voting on resolutions today because of time sensitivity.
 - i. L. Kenney seconded this motion for discussion purposes.
 - ii. L. Kenney was disconnected and reconnected from the call. She asked U. Chukwukere to take over chairing in the event that she lost connection again. She asked for clarification on B. Sherr's motion.
 - iii. B. Sherr clarified that the intention is to suspend Robert's Rules so that they can vote on all the resolutions in a timely manner.
 - iv. L. Kenney thanked B. Sherr for the clarification.



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- v. J. Feit stated that they should motion individually for a specific vote as opposed to suspending Roberts Rules for the entirety of the meeting.
 - vi. C. Huang agreed with J. Feit and asked what would the suspension of Roberts Rules of Order imply.
 - vii. L. Kenney said that B. Sherr's motion was closer to suspending bylaws and charters than Roberts Rules of Order.
 - viii. D. Dunham stated that you can make a motion to suspend a bylaw rule for any kind of postponement.
 - ix. R. Howarth stated that this was a formality.
 - x. B. Sherr rescinded his motion.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. B. Sherr motioned to table the approval of the minutes for the sake of time.
 - i. L. Kenney seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed and the minutes were **tabled** with 17-0-2.
- IV. Resolution 3: Bylaw Changes to Require Recorded Voting
 - a. B. Sherr motioned to vote on Resolution 3
 - i. C. Huang seconded the motion.
 - ii. D. Dunham stated he was confused about what the resolution is binding the assembly to do. He stated that he believes that the assembly already has the power to decide the default means of voting and placing power within the Chair's hands might open it up to abuse in future years that might even prevent roll-call voting, He recommended that they follow Robert's Rules.
 - iii. B. Sherr stated that this does not change the position of the Chair as that would require a bylaw and charter change, however, it expressly encourages the Chair to make a recommendation for how the voting is done which would require approval from the body.
 - iv. J. Feit stated that this resolution would hold future assemblies accountable through transparency and technological suggestion. He stated that it also makes clear the stance of the University Assembly as one who supports accountability with regard to voting.
 - v. The motion **passed** with 18-0-1.
- V. Resolution 6
 - a. L. Kenney gave U. Chukwukere chairship.
 - b. L. Kenney presented Resolution 6.
 - c. L. Kenney stated that there was a change to line 52 stating that the CJC will strongly consider input from the GPSA and the SA. She recommended this change as an amendment. She asked if the resolution spoke to the state that the SA passed the resolution.
 - d. B. Sherr stated that he did not think so.



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- e. L. Kenney stated that this resolution has passed through the SA and the GPSA unanimously. C. Van Loan also asked L. Kenney to change the language with the help of the CJC which she presented to the body.
- f. B. Sherr motioned to amend line 52 to “Be it therefore resolved, the Administration, also providing UA Resolution 6 to the Board of Trustees, re-affirms the UA’s jurisdiction over the Codes and Procedures. The language in the proposed Code of Conduct changes should shift jurisdiction from the VP SCL to the UA, with consultation as periodical formal updates from the UA to the Student Assembly (SA) and Graduate & Professional Student Assembly (GPSA), as well as all other amendments under consideration being immediately sent to these bodies, whose recommendations and concerns will be seriously considered by the CJC.”
 - i. L. Kenney seconded the motion.
 - ii. C. Van Loan stated that this issue was not addressed in the past two meeting settings and wondered why it was not flagged then.
 - iii. L. Kenney stated that this was a recent find an unfortunate oversight as a product of multiple issues of the Code.
 - iv. B. Fortenberry stated that the verbiage appeared in the JCC and CJC proposals and again when Counsel provided the assembly. He stated that this is a continual oversight and that the CJC did provide a recommendation that the UA maintains the supervisory role as in the past, subject to approval by the president. It provides for the avenue to make amendments to the code and send it to the review board.
 - v. B. Sherr rescinds the motion to vote, seeing as there is more debate to be held.
- g. R. Howarth stated that the UA has two major rules with the Code, one of which is the ability to provide feedback and the other to appoint members to the Hearing and Review Boards. R. Howarth warns against the probability of such resolution passing due to the amount of power the UA would receive. The amendment is taking in more power than the assembly has ever had. He would prefer to see us focus main maintaining old, expressed powers.
- h. L. Kenney stated she was amicable to excluding the proposed language. L. Kenney also agreed that the hearing and review boards are important. She doesn’t believe that the Board of Trustees is voting on the proposed language in the next meeting. She recommended that they consider for a later time to potentially alter language, however, they can also add amendments that reflect what R. Howarth stated.
- i. B. Sherr motioned to vote on Resolution 6 without the additional language
 - i. L. Kenney seconded the motion.
 - ii. L. Kenney asked B. Sheet to consider the addition of line 52.
 - iii. B. Sherr rescinded the motion to vote.
- j. B. Sherr motioned to amend line 52 to what was stated above in clause V.f.



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- i. L. Kenney seconded the motion.
 - ii. The amendment **passed** with 13-0-4.
- k. B. Sherr motioned to vote on Resolution 6
 - i. L. Kenney seconded the motion.
 - ii. C. Huang asked what R. Platt's comment meant in the char.
 - iii. L. Kenney stated that R. Platt's comment in the chat is specific to Resolution 8 and considering language to line 53 by adding "or."
 - iv. B. Sherr rescinded his motion for more discussion.
- l. J. Pea asked for clarification on which resolution R. Platt was addressing. The body affirmed that it was Resolution 6.
- m. L. Kenney stated that she understood what R. Platt was saying and the language "or" and "and or" makes sense. She does not believe this is a harmful amendment.
- n. B. Sherr motioned to amend line 53 to add "and/or."
 - i. L. Kenney seconded this motion
 - ii. L. Kenney asked if they could have a discussion.
 - iii. U. Chukwukere confirmed.
 - iv. R. Platt stated that it is technically "or," however if you leave the language vague, he worries that it might be read as turning over jurisdiction.
 - v. The amendment **passed** with 11-0-5.
- o. B. Sherr motioned to vote on Resolution 6
 - i. L. Kenney seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with 11-0-7.

VI. Resolution 8

- a. L. Kenney stated that this resolution would be subject to changes by the UA. She said that the resolution also thanked parties that supported the creation of the Code and identified areas that need more discussion and change.
- b. D. Dunham asked for the meaning of "there should be more discussion."
- c. L. Kenney stated that it signified there could be more amendments passed in the future to strengthen the resolution.
- d. C. Huang asked if this meant the UA could amend the Code at will.
- e. D. Dunham stated on line 27 by saying there should be more discussion it is framed as though they have not made a consensus.
- f. L. Kenney stated that they could amend it to having more discussions with the CJC.
- g. B. Fortenberry stated that they passed Resolution 6 on the jurisdiction to remain in the UA before discussing this resolution and he feels as though this resolution is repeating what has already been voted and passed on.



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- h. L. Kenney stated that she would be open to any recommendations on language, especially with regards to the CJC and University Counsel Wessel outlining adjustments we want to see made.
- i. B. Fortenberry stated that he would try to create some language.
- j. B. Sherr stated that they are allotting more time for discussion and placing in a mechanism that they can use to push the Board of Trustees' vote.
- k. B. Howarth agreed with D. Dunham that the resolution is vague and would not contribute much considering that they have passed Resolution 6. He is not in favor of the process of proposing and voting on a Resolution in the same meeting as it opens up for more errors and major adjustments to language.
- l. B. Sherr stated that up until this resolution they have been following the recommended procedure and the amendments to language.
- m. B. Howarth stated that he believes that they should table and rework the resolution.
- n. L. Kenney said that she would like to come together to recognize the help they have received before the Code is recognized.
- o. B. Fortenberry they would like to amend line 27 to "The University Assembly would like to voice support of the recommendations and support documentation provided to the Counsel's Office on 11/17/20"
 - i. J. Pea seconded the motion
 - ii. The amendment **passed** with 9-1-7
- p. J. Feit recognized the value of maintaining procedures, however, if they wait for the next session to wait for the vote then the Resolution would become a moot point as the Board will be meeting in the coming days. He also recommends that perhaps an executive meeting could be held to discuss more language.
- q. B. Fortenberry stated that he would recommend the removal of statements that reiterated Resolution 6's points.
- r. B. Sherr proposed to change any mention of "Student Code" to "Student Code and Procedures;" and changing "and" to "and / or" in the last line to be consistent.
 - i. J. Feit seconded the motion.
 - ii. The amendment **passed** with 9-2-7.
 - iii. There was some discussion on the rules of abstention as the vote was originally recorded as failed.
- s. B. Sherr motions for a rollcall vote on Resolution 8.
 - i. B. Sherr rescinds his motion.
- t. L. Kenney stated that since line 27 has changed then the "be it finally resolved" should also be resolved and entertain more language.
- u. B. Fortenberry stated that they can revisit this resolution after the Board has voted.
- v. B. Fortenberry motioned to table the resolution.



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- i. R. Howarth seconded the motion
- ii. The motion passed and **tabled** Resolution 8 with 13-2-2.

VII. Resolution 10

- a. L. Kenney reclaims chair-ship
- b. B. Sherr motioned to go into an executive session.
 - i. L. Kenney seconded this motion.
 - ii. R. Howarth stated that the reason for the executive session needs to be expressed.
 - iii. L. Kenney stated that the reasoning behind the session is because she has been granted 5 minutes with the Board of Trustees and wanted to discuss what the UA body wants to be expressed in that time.
 - iv. R. Howarth pointed out that according to Robert's Rules of Order no decisions can be made off-record. He asked L. Kenney why the discussion needed to be unrecorded.
 - v. L. Kenney stated that she wants to have a discussion that enables people to speak to their constituencies freely.
 - vi. The motion **passed** with 9-7-1.
- c. D. Dunham motioned to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.
 - i. B. Sherr seconded the motion
 - ii. The motion was **passed** without opposition.
- d. L. Kenney stated that following this meeting they would reach out to M. Wessel about the changes they wanted to see before December 10th. She would also reach out to C. Huang and U. Chukwukere for SA Resolution 65 and marginalized student leaders who have presented opinions on the Code that were not recognized in public comment.
- e. B. Sherr motions to table Resolution 10
 - i. P. Thompson seconded the motion.
 - ii. D. Dunham asked whether this is tabling until another resolution is discussed or until another meeting.
 - iii. B. Sherr stated that it would be tabled until the next meeting.
 - iv. The motion passed and the resolution was **tabled** with 14-0-1.

VIII. Resolution 7

- a. B. Sherr stated that Resolution 7 addresses the lack of socioeconomic diversity at Cornell. During an interview one of the Heads of Admissions said Cornell is not economically diverse and as of 2020 only 8.5% of the student body is of low-income which is one of the lowest in the New York state. Resolution 7 calls for the administration to create a body that investigates and critiques the current process in



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order to be more willing and able to bring in students of different socioeconomic statuses.

- b. B. Sherr motioned to table Resolution 7 until the next meeting and adds that they will include the aforementioned administrator's name in the resolution.
 - i. D. Dunham seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed and **tabled** the resolution with 14-0-1.

IX. Resolution 9

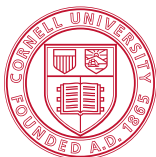
- a. J. Feit tabled the resolution to the following meeting in respect of those attending and affected by the following forum at 6:30 PM.
 - i. J. Pea seconded the motion
 - ii. The motion passed and **tabled** with 15-0-1
- b. B. Sherr motioned to extend the meeting for five minutes.
 - i. L. Kenney seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed without any opposition.

X. Committee Updates

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. U. Chukwukere said that they have not been able to meet and therefore don't have any current updates.
- b. Campus Infrastructure Committee
 - i. J. Feit stated that they had their first meeting and C. Levine introduced a new resolution on fossil fuels, TCAT system, additional lighting to the slope in light of recent violence, and has discussed Resolution 9.
- c. Campus Welfare
 - i. B. Sherr stated that created a list of approved goals and did not have any valid votes as they did not have a quorum.
- d. CJC
 - i. B. Fortenberry said that they didn't have a quorum in the last meeting. He is of the opinion that the CJC does not have to be dissolved with the Code's passing but rather should be altered.

XI. Constituent Groups

- a. B. Sherr motions to extend to 6:23 PM
 - i. B. Fortenberry seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed without opposition.
- b. SA
 - i. C. Huang stated that the community quorum is at 6:30 PM for community members to express thought about CUPD, disarmament, and entertain other ideas such as blanket police reform. She stated all community



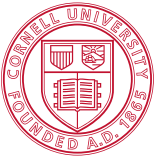
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members are welcome. They have resolutions regarding the Student Trustees position which will go before the Board of Trustees.

- c. GPSA
 - i. D. Dunham stated they passed their internal budget. There was a lot of disagreement on reopening on Spring and the events and funding which would be needed. They also had discussions on the Access Funds and to what extent their needs are met for the spring semester. Resolution 7 states graduate teaching students can determine instruction modality and teaching assistants would have more of a say.
- d. Employee
 - i. J. Withers stated that at the last meeting they talked about the internal policy 6.4, CUPD, and health. They have another wellness forum for staff next week. The priorities poll has closed, and they will look at that next week and determine appropriate actions.
- e. Faculty
 - i. B. Sherr motions to allow for L. Kenney to speak towards the Cornell University Land Acknowledgement.
 - 1. J. Feit seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion passed without opposition
 - 3. L. Kenney reads the Land Acknowledgement.
 - ii. L. Kenney asked if any faculty senate members have updates for their committee.
- f. L. Kenney motioned to adjourn.
 - i. D. Dunham seconded the motion
 - ii. The motion passed without opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kassandra Jordan
Clerk of the Assembly



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00:11:48UA - Bennett Sherr: Love the background Caroline!

00:12:48UA - Catherine Huang: ^^ :)

00:12:49UA - Caroline Levine: Thanks!

00:14:05UA - Catherine Huang: I let Logan know ahead of time but just letting the body know I have to hop on a (hopefully) brief call around 5pm so if I disappear for a tiny bit that's why!

00:14:59UA - Catherine Huang: Welcome back! :)

00:16:12Wendy Treat (she/her/hers): UA R10 (in box folder) -
<https://cornell.app.box.com/file/751156569017>

00:19:12Wendy Treat (she/her/hers): Sorry - had to change settings in order to access UA R10 -
<https://cornell.box.com/s/x9vw2yk3lkzd2hfh0a0f65vf3hkv79ot>

00:20:33UA - Bennett Sherr: yes, resolutions 7-10

00:24:24Robert Platt: Resolution 8 ends with "This would remain subject to approval by the President and the Board of Trustees." I would suggest that it change the "and" to "or": "This would remain subject to approval by the President or the Board of Trustees."

00:24:53UA - Catherine Huang: Thank you for clarifying Bob!

00:33:04Logan Kenney (she, her):Line 52: Be it therefore resolved, the Administration, also providing UA Resolution 6 to the Board of Trustees, re-affirms the UA's jurisdiction over the Codes and Procedures. The language in the proposed Code of Conduct changes should shift jurisdiction from the VP SCL to the UA, with consultation as periodical formal updates from the UA to the Student Assembly (SA) and Graduate & Professional Student Assembly (GPSA), as well as all other amendments under consideration being immediately sent to these bodies, whose recommendations and concerns will be seriously considered by the CJC.

00:33:35Robert Platt: Line 53 should be "or the Board of Trustees"

00:35:58Robert Platt: One problem is that the current Campus Code is one document, but the new Student Code has separate documents for the Code and the Procedures. Resolution 6 talks about "Code and Procedures" but Resolution 8 talks about just "Student Code."

00:48:02UA - Charles Van Loan: abstain

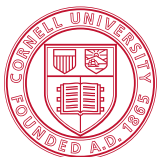
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00:49:32Robert Platt: NO just line 53 should be 'or'

00:50:41Robert Platt: Thanks,

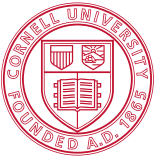
00:54:49Logan Kenney (she, her):abstain

01:08:07UA - Brandon Fortenberry (He/Him): Line 27 - The University Assembly would like to voice support the recommendations and support document proviced to Counsel on 11/17/20



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01:08:18UA - Brandon Fortenberry (He/Him): *of the recommendations
01:08:21Logan Kenney (she, her):provided*
01:08:26UA - Charles Van Loan: abstain
01:13:33Logan Kenney (she, her):Changing any mention of "Student Code" to "Student Code and Procedures;" and changing "and" to "and / or" in the last line
01:15:56Robert Platt: Abstain does not count as a "no"
01:17:41UA - Bennett Sherr: If abstentions counted as no's then people would just vote no
01:17:57Logan Kenney (she, her):I agree with David's statement
01:21:26Robert Platt: Be it finally resolved that we look forward to additional conversations with the administration on these issues.
01:28:28Wendy Treat (she/her/hers): Elmira Heights, NY here
01:28:38Joseph Mullen: I'm in Florida!
01:42:07UA - Bob Howarth: I need to leave. Stay safe everyone
01:44:07Office of the Assemblies: Normal People
01:44:16Liz Davis-Frost (she/her): There is a really good CNN docuseries on the decades on HBO max that I highly recommend. Tom Hanks is executive producer.
01:44:29Office of the Assemblies: oooo
01:45:42Jenn Michael: Defending Jacob on Apple +
01:47:31UA - Bennett Sherr: 65 of the student assembly, not university assembly
01:57:21UA - Catherine Huang: <http://t01.list.cornell.edu/t/3234226/67209998/1548042/1047/> Meeting ID: 960 6812 5071
Passcode: 298914
01:57:33UA - Catherine Huang: Link to the 6:30 forum if anyone would like to attend :) all community members are welcome
01:59:13Robert Platt: When I was a student, we had 5 student trustees, one from the Medical Campus
02:01:27UA - Catherine Huang: Haha yes Robert the students remember that and honestly would love to return to 5 student trustees but we know that's a big ask
02:03:13UA - Catherine Huang: Haw-de-no-show-nee :) for future reference if anyone is curious. Thanks for reading the land acknowledgement!
02:04:08Logan Kenney (she, her):Charlie, your update is up if you are still here



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Minutes of the January 25th, 2021 Meeting

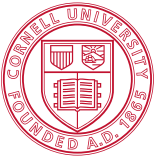
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

- I. Call to Order
 - a. L. Kenney called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.
 - b. *Members Present:* V. Aymer, U. Chukwukere, H. Depew, C. Duell, D. Dunham, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, D. Hiner, A. Hong, C. Huang, L. Kenney, C. Levine, J. Pea, B. Sherr, L. Smith, C. Van Loan, P. Villablanca Thompson, J. Withers
 - c. *Members Absent:* T. Fox, R. Howarth
 - d. *Also Present:* N. Danev, H. Donato, M. O' Gara
- II. Executive Session
 - a. L. Kenney gave U. Chukwukere chair-ship as there was a possibility she would have to leave during the meeting due to a family emergency.
 - b. B. Fortenberry moved to have an executive session with the CJC to discuss the appointments for the interim Judicial Administrator.
 - i. L. Kenney seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with 16-0-3.
 - c. U. Chukwukere stated they discussed the two candidates for the JA interim.
 - d. U. Chukwukere asked if they should move into voting procedure.
 - i. L. Kenney stated that the appointments would be held after the recommendation from P. Thompson and then voted on in an executive committee.
 - ii. U. Chukwukere asked if they should take nominations.
 - iii. L. Kenney said that all the nominations were emailed to P. Thompson.
- III. L. Kenney motioned for the meeting to adjourn.
 - a. P. Thompson seconded the motion.
 - b. The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kassandra Jordan
Clerk of the Assembly



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00:08:02Jacob Feit: Will this mtg recording be made public for those who were unable to attend?
00:08:10Jacob Feit: Specifically amongst UA members
00:08:49Logan Kenney (she, her):Parts of the meeting will be recorded but not executive session
00:09:01Jacob Feit: ok
00:47:49Caroline Levine: Hi, everyone, sorry to have to go to another meeting now.
00:48:44Logan Kenney (she, her):Bye Caroline, thank you for coming!



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Cornell University Assembly Minutes of the February 16, 2021 Meeting 4:30 PM – 6:02 PM Zoom Meeting

- I. Call to Order
 - a. L. Kenney called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
 - b. *Members Present:* V. Aymer, U. Chukwukere, H. Depew, C. Duell, D. Dunham, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, T. Fox, D. Hiner, A. Hong, R. Howarth, L. Kenney, C. Levine, J. Pea, B. Sherr, L. Smith, C. Van Loan, P. Villablanca Thompson, J. Withers
 - c. *Members Absent:* C. Huang
 - d. *Also Present:*
- II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. L. Kenney read the land acknowledgment for introducing public events.
 - b. No late additions were called.
- III. Business of the Day
 - a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes (Dec. 8, 2020)
 - i. C. Duell motioned to approve the minutes
 1. D. Hiner seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** without opposition.
 - b. Schedule Approval
 - i. J. Withers motioned to approve the schedule.
 1. B. Fortenberry seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** without opposition.
 - c. Resolution 7: In Support of an Independent Review of Cornell Admissions Practices
 - i. Sponsors are B. Sherr and J. Feit.
 - ii. J. Feit motioned to move Resolution 7 to at the end of the business of the day, succeeding Resolution 9.
 1. B. Fortenberry seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** without opposition.
 - d. Resolution 8: Expressing Gratitude from the UA to Each Individual that Helped in the New Student Code of Conduct Process.
 - i. L. Kenney gives U. Chukwukere chair-ship to present Resolution 8.
 - ii. L. Kenney stated that they took out opinions on the Code itself and instead focused on thanking those who helped craft the new Student Code of Conduct.
 - iii. R. Howarth motioned to vote on Resolution 8
 1. J. Feit seconded the motion.



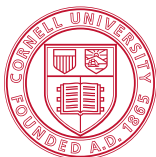
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2. The motion **passed** with 15-0-1.
- e. Resolution 9: Resolution to re-name “Goldwin Smith Hall” to foster an increasingly inclusive campus environment.
 - i. Sponsors B. Sherr and J. Feit
 - ii. J. Feit stated that they have created this resolution to foster a more inclusive environment on campus. They quoted the Vice President of University Relations on a statement that Goldwin put forth essays that are misogynistic, anti-Semitic, and racist. J. Feit supported this claim with quotes. They asked how Cornell would
 - iii. R. Howarth suggested that they could name it after Ruth Bader Ginsburg.
 - iv. B. Sherr stated that they do like R. Howarth’s idea of re-naming the building after Ruth Bader Ginsburg, but wants to acknowledge the indigenous community may not support the naming due to past rulings regarding the indigenous community. B. Sherr also recommended Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to travel into space.
 - v. B. Fortenberry applauded B. Sherr and J. Feit for putting forward this motion. He spoke to Klarman Hall and Mr. Klarman’s acknowledgment of his Jewish faith and concern of being attached to the building of an anti-Semite.
 - vi. J. Feit stated that although there are cultural changes, it should not hold them back from recognizing justice and changing accordingly.
 - vii. D. Dunham asked if this resolution referred to official communication or also called for the removal of plaques and physical references.
 - viii. J. Feit stated that it was left intentionally broad to hear other’s opinions but personally does not believe that these plaques and quotes should stand unchallenged.
 - ix. J. Withers stated that she approved of this resolution and asked if they have considered recommending a comprehensive review of named spaces.
 - x. J. Feit stated that Ruth Bader Ginsburg should be recognized properly through an academic building due to the prominence of her place in history.
 - xi. L. Kenney supported this idea and the idea of an ad-hoc committee that investigates the naming of buildings.
 - xii. T. Fox stated that in the naming of buildings, the primary concern of the University is donations. They caution the sponsors to consider the ramifications of opening the naming as in the past it has become less of an homage to historically important people and more of a fundraising opportunity.



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- xiii. B. Sherr stated the UA might provide the weight needed to bring this to the attention of the Board of Trustees. He agrees that they should exclude those who donate simply for the contention of naming the building.
- xiv. R. Howarth agreed with the creation of an ad-hoc committee and believed that they should push faster for the naming of the building so the University does not use the absence of a name as a fundraising opportunity. They believe that they should specifically rename Goldwin Smith hall after Ruth Bader Ginsburg to avoid this.
- xv. B. Sherr agreed but brought up the point of unrest from those of the indigenous community in light of RBG's ruling on Native American Land Rights.
- xvi. V. Aymer stated that they should take into account the student body and instead propose five names for the student body to vote on.
- xvii. L. Kenney stated that she agreed with V. Aymer and reiterated that the broader community, such as the College of Arts and Sciences (A&S), should vote on the presented names.
- xviii. J. Feit agreed that the broader community should weigh in on the matter.
- xix. B. Fortenberry stated that they should explicitly address this monetary issue and create an ad-hoc committee with A&S students to come forward with concrete names.
- xx. C. Van Loan cautioned against completely cutting off the monetary angle as it could beget an extremely positive impact on our community in the form of scholarships, for example.
- xxi. B. Fortenberry made a motion to refer this resolution to the Campus Welfare Committee for deliberation and then return to the UA assembly for a vote.
 - 1. J. Feit seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passed** with 16-0-1.
- f. Resolution 7: In Support of an Independent Review of Cornell Admissions Practices
 - i. Sponsored by B. Sherr
 - ii. B. Sherr stated the resolution proposes a committee to investigate the lack of socioeconomic diversity within admissions.
 - iii. B. Fortenberry asked if the resolution investigates what process and procedures happen now.
 - iv. B. Sherr stated that the resolution calls for undergraduates to perform an audit of information of the process to be made public.
 - v. L. Kenney asked on behalf of R. Platt if the Office of Institutional Studies (OIS) is conducting these types of analyses.

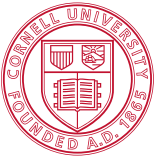


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- vi. B. Sherr stated that they would go back and check.
- vii. R. Platt stated that currently he doesn't know if they are hosting these studies currently, but they have occurred in the past.
- viii. C. Levine stated that it is a good idea to have students engaged in this wholistic process, however, there is the danger of public scrutiny and lawsuits that might threaten racial diversity. They instead recommend that the body ask admissions from each college to bring forward reports.
- ix. B. Sherr stated that it becomes a balancing act between responsibility and lawsuits. The purpose of this is to identify where admissions teams are struggling.
- x. G. Giambattista said that the UA has the authority to ask the administration to provide information.
- xi. C. Van Loan stated that there are existing meetings between faculty and admissions. They said that the faculty are worried about the administration's process.
- xii. J. Feit agrees with the sentiment in the resolution, however, he said that publishing these numbers may discourage those from diverse/lower-income students from applying. They said that they should put the focus on more attainable student-life and create a level field for applicants no matter their socio-economic status.
- xiii. B. Sherr stated that the resolution aims to look at policy and recommend solutions rather than reporting the state of Cornell admissions.
- xiv. B. Fortenberry motioned to table the resolution until the next meeting
 - 1. L. Smith seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion passed and **tabled** the resolution with 13-0-3.

IV. Resolution 11: Appointment of University Hearing Board and University Review Board Members for the Academic Year 2020-2021

- a. R. Howarth called for a better process to bring candidates to the UA in a timely way.
- b. L. Kenney agreed that the process has been flawed and needs to be revisited, hence why these positions only hold for the Spring term.
- c. B. Fortenberry supports the resolution.
- d. R. Howarth moved to add B. Fortenberry as a sponsor to Resolution 11
 - i. B. Sherr seconded the motion.
 - ii. B. Howarth stated that the major role left for the UA is this appointment as a check against Day Hall.
 - iii. The motion **passed** without any opposition
- e. D. Dunham motioned to vote on Resolution 10.
 - i. R. Howarth seconded the motion.



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- ii. The motion **passed** with 15-0-2.
- V. Resolution 12: Requiring All On-Campus Flags to be Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Those Lost to COVID-19
 - a. J. Feit stated that out of respect for state regulations, according to the governor, to adopt a half-mast status in honor of those who have been lost. This would include not only the U.S. flag but also the Cornell flag.
 - b. B. Sherr motioned to vote on Resolution 12.
 - i. V. Aymer seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- VI. Committee Updates
 - a. Campus Infrastructure Committee
 - i. J. Feit stated that their first meeting will be next week, and they will hold meetings in the opposite weeks from the UA.
 - b. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. B. Sherr stated that they moved forward with Friday at 4:30 for their meeting time and will be discussing the renaming of Goldwin Smith Hall.
 - c. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. B. Fortenberry stated that the first meeting would be on Friday.
 - d. Executive Meeting
 - i. P. Thompson said that the committee met last week and will meet every Tuesday before the U.A. meeting. They discussed the Spring Schedule that was voted on this meeting, resolutions, campus police, and guest invitations.
 - e. L. Kenney reported that they have a vacancy for a UA spot on the CJC. They thanked everyone chairing and on committees.
 - f. Student Assembly
 - i. L. Smith reported that they approved creating an ad-hoc group on bias and discrimination housed in the Office of the Student Advocate, allocated some funds to create a diversity and inclusion scholarship fund, passed a resolution recommending and urging the inclusion of pronouns and phonetic name pronunciations in class and class rosters, passed a resolution encouraging diversity and professional organizations, and passed a resolution that asked the final exam policy to be extended to a 30-hour window rather than a 24.
 - g. GPSA
 - i. D. Dunham stated that they are trying to fulfill vacancies and passed a resolution that amended the charter to give committee persons voting rights. They also passed a resolution that criticized I-TAP. They also talked about allocating funds from the Student Activities Fund back to either the Student Access Fund or some other way to benefit students as a result of the



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pandemic. They state that there has also been discussion on urging for a time-to-degree extension for doctoral students as a result of delayed research and financial burdens due to the pandemic.

h. Employee Assembly

- i. H. Depew stated that they just came back from their retreat from talking about topics in the staff priority polls. They addressed issues such as staff burn-out, campus climate, how to maintain the momentum in regard to efforts made with diversity, equity, and inclusion, job security, alleviating stress from overworked departments through lifting hiring freezes, and improving staff morale through acknowledging contributions. Each of the committees has created plans and moving forward they will be networking with different groups on campus, developing conduits for discussions. They will also have a staff forum on community building and a look-back into this year of COVID with senior leadership. They will also be talking about the budget.

i. Faculty Senate

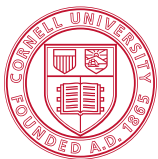
- i. C. Van Loan reported that they've been meeting every two weeks. There is a resolution that concerns removing racial characterizations from crime alerts. They have also revised the University's statement on free speech and academic freedom that has passed in the Faculty Senate and will be presented to the Board of Trustees. Next week, there is a presentation from an ad-hoc committee regarding protocol when a faculty member is the target of threatening communication via email or social media. The Faculty Senate will be looking to understand online communications such as petitions and podcasts. They are also reviewing the Research Misconduct policy and the 10-year review process.
- j. L. Kenney made a note that she will be able to speak in front of the March meeting for the Board of Trustees and will be discussing what to bring forward with the UA later.

VII. B. Fortenberry motioned to adjourn.

- a. P. Thompson seconded the motion
- b. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kassandra Jordan
Clerk of the Assembly



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00:20:46UA - Pilar Villablanca Thompson: I vote yes

00:20:50UA - Caroline Levine: yes

00:21:10UA - David Hiner (he/him): yes

00:24:25UA - Brandon Fortenberry (He/Him): I can't access resolution 9 either

00:24:37UA - Jacob Feit: <https://cornell.app.box.com/file/776973558616>

00:29:05UA - Bob Howarth: Amazing statements by Smith..... time to own up to this, and rename the building. Are we suggesting a particular name? How about something that honors women? Ginsberg Hall? Or something that recognizes the original people who lived on this land?

00:29:35Robert Platt: To quote Corey Earle, "He was the Ann Coulter of his time."

00:30:00UA - Caroline Levine: Jessie Fauset was an early African American graduate of Cornell who went on to be a major literary figure in the Harlem Renaissance. Fauset Hall please!

00:31:17Robert Platt: Clifton Beckwith Brown the first Cornellian to die in any war.

00:38:11UA Jessica Withers: My landlord is plowing and I need to move my car. Back in a few minutes My apologies.

00:39:15Robert Platt: They are willing to name the entire Arts College if you donate enough money.

00:45:42UA - Bob Howarth: I agree with Valerie's proposal.

00:50:22UA - Thomas Fox: Charlie is right about the possibility that something good could come from fundraising: e.g. someone donating to put Ginsberg's name on it. Or providing something additional. I'm not sure how to put 'don't be crass' into the resolution!

00:55:54Robert Platt: Is not the Office of Institutional Studies doing this type of analysis?

00:56:57Uche Chukwukere: My apologies for the technical difficulties!

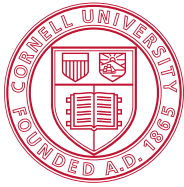
00:57:20UA Chair - Logan Kenney (she, her): Welcome back, Uche!

01:01:34Gina Giambattista: "To the extent practical and appropriate, University officials will provide pertinent information as the Assembly requests".

01:01:42Gina Giambattista:
https://assembly.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/university_assembly charter_as_of_2017.re-formatted_2019.pdf

01:01:44Gina Giambattista: Line 60

01:26:51UA - Bennett Sherr (He/Him/His): I have to head out a little early today but thank you all and looking forward to the next meeting!



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UA Resolution #14:

Amending the University Assembly Bylaws to allow for the Continuation of Ad Hoc Committees and Subcommittees

[March 2nd, 2021]

Sponsored by: Bennett Sherr, Undergraduate Representative, Chair of the Campus Welfare Committee; Jacob Feit, Undergraduate Representative, Chair of the Campus Infrastructure Committee

Abstract: This resolution amends the bylaws of the University Assembly to replace language that requires the dissolution of ad hoc committees and subcommittees at the end of a University Assembly term to allow for the indefinite tenure of such committees.

Whereas, the Section 3.1 of the University Assembly Bylaws reads, “The Assembly, the Executive Board, and the Assembly’s standing committees may establish such ad hoc committees or subcommittees as are necessary for the proper performance of their function,” and;

Whereas, Section 3.1.1.B. reads, “No ad hoc committee may have fewer than three voting members. Each ad hoc committee must disband at the end of a session of the Assembly,” and;

Whereas, the mechanisms necessary to ensure proper performance of the University Assembly, Executive Board, and the standing committees may not change across terms of the University Assembly, and;

Whereas, requiring the University Assembly, Executive Board, and standing committees to recreate subcommittees and ad hoc committees at the start of every University Assembly term is both time consuming and unnecessary, and;

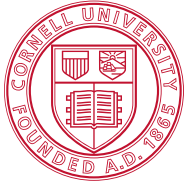
Whereas, allowing ad hoc and subcommittees to continue through the end of cycles helps contribute to an easier transition of leadership from chair to another, and;

Whereas, forcing the University Assembly, the Executive Board, and the standing committees to disband their ad hoc committees and subcommittees at the end of every year may force such committees into hasty decisions that could be potentially detrimental to the Cornell community.

Be it therefore resolved, the University Assembly will amend “Subsection 3.1.1: Composition and Terms,” starting with line 91, to read:

“B. No ad hoc committee or subcommittee may have fewer than three voting members. The ad hoc committee or subcommittees may remain active up until a specified date, indefinitely, or until the purpose of the committee has been achieved, as decided by the appointing body thereof.

C. Changes in membership of an ad hoc committee or subcommittee must be reported to the Vice Chair of Operations before the ad hoc committee or subcommittee can continue its regular duties even in cases of normal yearly changes in membership.



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- 40 D. Unless otherwise specified or altered by the appointing body, an ad hoc committee or
41 subcommittee is assumed to dissolve at the end of the present term of the University Assembly,
42 such dissolution may be altered at any time by a simple majority vote of the appointing body.”