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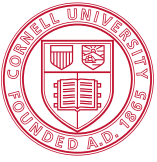
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Minutes of the October 17, 2017 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Room 401, Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order- G. Kaufman called the meeting to order at 4:33pm
 - a. There were no late additions to the agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the meeting of October 3, 2017 were **approved** by unanimous consent.
- III. Assembly Reports
 - a. Student Assembly –no report
 - b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - c. Employee Assembly – no report
 - d. Faculty Senate – R. Bensel reported that Hate Speech had been discussed at the last Faculty Senate meeting.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee- A.Waymack reported
 - b. Codes and Judicial Committee – M. Battaglia reported the committee has been meeting every week. Discussed UA R4, brought forward for discussion today.
 - c. Campus Welfare Committee: J. Anderson gave an update, and stated that the dates for the Referenda on Tobacco Free Campus had been approved
 - d. Campus Infrastructure Committee – no report
- V. Liaison Reports
 - a. Policy Advisory Group - E. Winarto: reported that the group would be meeting next week
 - b. Transportation Task Force – no report
 - c. Council on Sexual Violence Prevention- K. Quinn reported that the Council had not met.
 - d. Student Health Benefits Advisory Council: J. Anderson reported that the Council had not met.
 - e. Campus Planning Committee: M. Hatch reported
 - i. Met today, discussed about ENG master plan which included demolition and renovation of bldgs. on Eng. quad in the next few years.
 - ii. Accessibility on campus, and movement towards that goal.
 - iii. Web accessibility –
 - iv. Campus access for disabilities
 - v. Maplewood Development – master plan; be a part of conversation

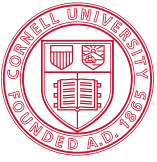


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VI. Business of the Day

a. Statement Condemning Hate Crimes

- i. A. Waymack read the Statement
- ii. Exec wrote it – would like sign-off from Assembly
- iii. Call for amendments.
- iv. G. Kaufman credited A. Waymack with writing and moving it forward
- v. E. Michel - Question about how it would be posted to public
- vi. G. Giambattista – explained there currently is no existing mechanism or process for posting Statements
- vii. J. Kruser questioned the logic and stated that there is a place for Statements separate from resolutions. Thinks it should tie to action of the assembly.
 1. Statement gives assembly a way to say something without taking an action. Value in not staying silent.
 2. Referenced the Administration’s Statement page.
- viii. A. Waymack suggested asking the Cornell Daily Sun to post the statement in the interim.
 1. Reporter from Daily Sun agreed they would.
- ix. M. Hatch, asked if title should be broadened to include “hate speech”, separate from Hate Crimes.
- x. Motion to amend title to “UA Statement Regarding Hate Crimes and Hate Speech”
 1. Discussion
 - a. A. Martinez - What is the value of putting out a statement that has no place, which comes out a month after the fact?
 - b. A. Waymack - The Exec worked on the Statement to show it is responsive.
 - c. J. Kruser - if content is substantive, then don’t worry about the title of statement.
 - d. R. Howarth – prefers “condemns” draws people in. Asks to include a short statement in second paragraph outlining what other things the UA is working on.
 - e. R. Bensel – Hate Speech is a serious topic. To try to tighten it up will take a lot of time.
 2. Question called to change “Regarding” to “Condemning”
 3. Motion called to table discussion to allow time for amending members to craft language to add.
 - a. Motion passed. Tabled by unanimous consent



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- b. Resolution 3: Calling for the Development of a Strategic Plan (J. Anderson) (10 minutes)
- i. University should be more proactive in planning its future; Cornell tech, sustainability, etc.
 - ii. Would give Cornell a 5-year, proactive plan
 - iii. Hasn't been one since 2015
 - iv. Providing stability for Cornell
 1. M. Battaglia – has anyone spoken with anyone on the administration about a strategic plan?
 - a. J. Anderson – there does seem to be motion
 2. M. Hatch – Campus Planning Committee is working on Master plan, if not Strategic Plan. Suggest framing ideas of resolution to coincide with Master Plan (with University Planner)
 3. A. Martinez – should call on the Administration to engage in PowerMapping; particularly in terms of the current call to question about authorities of the assemblies.
 4. Amendment at Line 48: “Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Campus Planner.”
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Call the question on the amendment
 - i. Amendment passed 12-0-3
 5. C. Van Loan – Strategic plans are a huge amount of work. The Task Force is currently underway. Suggests talking to the president to find out what her plans are. Does not think this is a good time. There should be discussion.
 6. R. Howarth – we have not had integration
 - a. Lines 16-17 amendment:
 - i. Amendment:
 1. Whereas, the SLCAG is working to integrate **climate** solutions and sustainability into the campus culture and strategic planning process,
 - ii. 15-0-2 Amendment passes
 7. A. Waymack moved to refer resolution back to the CWC until the next meeting.



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8. M. Battaglia encouraged the interim time to engage the administration.
 9. A. Waymack moved the question
 - a. Unanimous consent – referred back to the CWC
- c. Resolution 4: Addressing Housekeeping Changes and Laying the Groundwork for a Holistic Evaluation of the Campus Code of Conduct (M. Battaglia) (30 minutes)
- i. M. Battaglia – reviewed changes in the resolution since it was introduced.
 - ii. proposed amendments as follows:
 1. *Line 243 to read: Whereas, the Judicial Administrator informed the Committee that there are students who remain indefinitely suspended and requested it be made clear that for those students the petition procedures in the Code at the time of their indefinite suspension govern their return; and*
 - 2.
 3. *Line 250 to read: Whereas, those students who are currently indefinitely suspended will continue to remain suspended and would use the petition procedures in the Code at the time of their indefinite suspension; and*
 - 4.
 5. *Line 272 to read: [Add footnote reading "The Code previously allowed for indefinite suspension. While indefinite suspensions are no longer given, any student indefinitely suspended at the time of indefinite suspensions being removed shall continue to be indefinitely suspended and subject to the petition provisions in-place in the Code at the time of the indefinite suspension"*
 - iii. Amendments approved by unanimous consent
- d. Resolution 5: Bylaws Change Clarifying the Charge of the Codes & Judicial Committee (M. Battaglia)
- i. M. Battaglia briefly introduced the resolution, which was subsequently tabled until the next University Assembly meeting.
- VII. Late Additions to the Agenda – there were no late additions to the agenda
- VIII. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 6:13