

Cornell University University Assembly

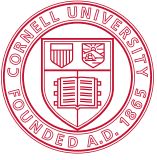
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Minutes of the January 23rd, 2023 Meeting

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. S. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:46pm.
 - i. *Members Present:* M. Benda, E. DeRosa, D. Dinner, I. Hewson, J. Kruser, P. Kuehl, M. Matthews, M. McEntee, B. Milles, C. Ting, J. VanHouten, A. Vinson, J. Wallen, S. Williams
 - ii. *Members Absent:* A. Broad, E. Crawley, A. Haenlin-Mott, M. Heeney
 - iii. *Also Present:* A. Alipour, R. DeLorenzo, L. Falkson, C. Lederman, B. Lewenstein, B. Platt, J. Withers
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoho:no (Cayuga Nation)
 - a. S. Williams stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the November 28th, 2023 meeting
 - a. P. Kuehl motioned to approve the minutes from the November 28th, 2023 meeting.
 - i. M. Matthews seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- V. Business of the Day
 - a. 2022-2023 Ombuds Annual Report with a Q&A
 - i. B. Lewenstein provided a presentation on the role of the Ombuds office on campus and highlights from the 2022-2023 school year.
 - b. Ombuds Reappointment Vote
 - i. P. Kuehl put forward a motion to reappoint B. Lewenstein by unanimous consent.
 1. A. Vinson seconded the motion.
 2. B. Lewenstein was **reappointed** by unanimous consent.
 - c. Committee Breakout Session
 - i. The assembly members met with their assigned committees for seven minutes.
- VI. Assembly Reports

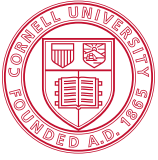


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- a. Student Assembly
 - i. P. Kuehl stated that the Student Assembly will meet on Thursday and will be hosting a speaker series honoring the Freedom of Expression theme of this year. He also stated that the assembly will be bringing back the Home Plate Initiative, that they have finished their appropriations process, and that they will be electing a new Director of Elections.
 - ii. C. Lederman stated that the Student Assembly has resolutions establishing an Ad Hoc Committee on Student Employment.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. M. Matthews stated that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly submitted their new student activity fee, which was approved. She also stated that the assembly is looking to use part of their leftover funding to help Cornell Cinema screen outdoor movies and to begin a pilot study of yoga classes at Big Red Barn. She also stated that assembly members are looking into how student organizations are funded on campus.
- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. J. VanHouten stated that the Employee Assembly had the President's Address to Staff on January 11th, which had around 100 in-person and 1,200 Zoom attendees. She also stated that the George Peter Award will be presented on February 9th and that they will be having an informational meeting for their members given their number of incidental vacancies. She also stated they are working with Human Resources on providing feedback for university policies.
- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. E. DeRosa stated that the Faculty Senate will be meeting in the beginning of February and that they hope to work with the Student Assembly to address the swim requirement for graduation.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. S. Williams stated that the Executive Committee met to discuss their goals for the semester.
 - ii. B. Milles stated that the Committee also discussed communication and meeting methods.
- b. Campus Codes Committee
 - i. R. DeLorenzo stated that the Campus Codes Committee gave feedback on new university policies that should take effect soon.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee



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- i. M. Matthews stated that the Campus Welfare Committee met to set their goals for the semester, including increasing awareness of the food pantry on-campus.
 - d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - i. J. Wallen stated that he is working on establishing the Committee's schedule.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. J. Wallen motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. M. Matthews seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
P.J. Brown
Clerk of the Assembly