

# Cornell University University Assembly

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Minutes of the February 21st, 2023 Meeting

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
  - a. D. Cady called the meeting to order at 4:48 pm.
    - i. *Members Present:* G. Akkan, S. Aysola, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, K. Carter-Cram, E. DeRosa, A. Haenlin-Mott, M. Heeney, I. Hewson, D. Howell, A. Juan, J. Kruser, M. McEntee, B. Milles, V. Valencia, S. Williams
    - ii. *Members Absent:* O. Akujuo, E. DeRosa, D. Hiner, Y. Hua, J. Sun
    - iii. *Also Present:* E. Kalweit, J. Malina, M. Pollack, J. Withers
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohono (Cayuga Nation)
  - a. D. Cady stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. D. Cady called for late additions to the agenda.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - a. S. Williams motioned to approve the minutes from the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting.
    - i. M. Heeney seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- V. Open Forum
  - a. President Pollack and Vice President Malina visit: 15-minute President's remarks and 15-minute Q&A.
    - i. M. Pollack provided academic and leadership updates to the University Assembly. She also discussed inflation and the University's efforts on salaries and student tuition; parking on campus and transportation to campus using the TCAT; the Graduate Student Union and the rally recently held by graduate students outside of Day Hall; how the University Assembly can assist in communicating support to the University during international catastrophes such as the earthquake in Turkey; and the issue of burnout and fatigue.
    - ii. Questions for M. Pollack and J. Malina led to discussions on [Resolution 5](#); the University's grading system; filling the vacancies in the TCAT transportation system; Greek life on campus and the implementation of



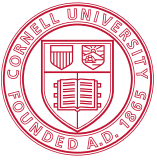
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policies toward fraternities; and selectivity of clubs and club culture on campus.

### VI. Business of the Day

- a. [Resolution 4 – On Revision of Codes and Judiciary Committee Responsibilities.](#)
  - i. R. Bensel presented the resolution as amended by the Codes and Judicial Committee following revisions from J. Malina to the Assembly.
  - ii. A. Juan motioned to vote on the resolution.
    1. S. Williams seconded the motion.
    2. The motion to vote on the resolution **passed** by unanimous consent.
    3. The resolution **passed** by a vote of 13-0-3.
- b. [Resolution 5 – Dependable and Inclusive Supply of Pharmaceutical and Essential Nonprescription Supplies to the Assembly.](#)
  - i. D. Cady presented the resolution to the Assembly and noted the amendments to the resolution from the Assembly at their last meeting.
  - ii. R. Bensel motioned to vote on the resolution.
    1. B. Milles seconded the motion.
    2. The motion to vote on the resolution **passed** by unanimous consent.
    3. The resolution **passed** by a vote of 15-0-1
- c. Vacancy for Chair of the Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
  - i. B. Milles provided details on the vacancy and asked the Assembly for any volunteers to occupy the position.
  - ii. D. Cady noted that the Committee needs an interim chair to continue their proceedings.
  - iii. D. Howell nominated I. Hewson to fill the vacancy.
    1. I. Hewson **accepted** the nomination.
- d. Vacancy for University Assembly Liaison to the Campus Planning Committee
  - i. D. Cady provided details on the vacancy and asked the Assembly for any volunteers to occupy the position.
  - ii. R. Bensel asked whether A. Haenlin-Mott could serve as liaison as the sa
  - iii. R. Bensel nominated A. Haenlin-Mott to fill the vacancy.
    1. S. Williams seconded the nomination.
    2. A. Haenlin-Mott **accepted** the nomination.

### VII. Assembly Reports

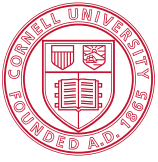


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- a. Student Assembly
  - i. V. Valencia stated that the Student Assembly has passed five resolutions on establishing a committee for international students; working to get non-prescription emergency contraception vending machines on-campus; amending their bylaws to establish an Office of Ethics; co-op housing on-campus; and a statement supporting Muslim students.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
  - i. K. Cram stated that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly introduced the equivalent of the University Assembly's Resolution 5 and is working on funding.
  - ii. R. Bensel asked for K. Cram's remarks on the recent graduate student demonstration given M. Pollack's remarks.
    - 1. M. Heeney stated that graduate students are unhappy with the voting down of the ratification of the Graduate Student Union.
    - 2. K. Cram stated that the Assembly does not have a stance on the issue as it has not yet been brought up.
- c. Employee Assembly
  - i. A. Haenlin-Mott stated that the M. Pollack recently visited the Employee Assembly and that the Assembly had been working on the well-attended President's Address to Staff before then. She also stated that the Assembly has been working on their Priorities Poll and HR's employee survey results.
- d. Faculty Senate
  - i. E. DeRosa stated that the Faculty Senate discussed the ILR's merging of two departments into a new Global Labor and Work department. She also stated that the Senate will be voting on Resolutions on tenure clocks in the S.C. Johnson College of Business, the establishment of a medical gynecologist at Cornell Health, and academic freedom in the global hubs.

### VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. D. Howell stated that the Executive Committee is working on removing gendered language from the university charter based on a past amendment from the Assembly.
    - 1. D. Cady stated that he will meet with J. Malina to discuss the possibility of making changes in the Assembly's bylaws.
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee
  - i. R. Bensel stated that the Codes and Judicial Committee has discussed revising the Assembly's charter and bylaws.



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- c. Campus Welfare Committee
  - i. A. Juan stated that the Campus Welfare Committee is working on a resolution to support Cornell Health for opioid overdose prevention. He also stated that they are working on a presentation from Cornell Health to the Assembly.
- d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
  - i. Nothing to report.

### IX. Adjournment

- a. A. Juan motioned to adjourn the meeting.
  - i. S. Williams seconded the motion.
  - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*P.J. Brown*

Clerk of the Assembly