

Cornell University University Assembly

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Minutes of the March 8, 2022 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. B. Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM.
 - b. *Members Present:* I. Akisoglu, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, N. Danev, E. DeRosa, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, T. Fox, P. Hanley, D. Hiner, D. Howell, A. Ononye, J. Richards, D. Sharp, J. Withers
 - c. *Members Absent:* V. Aymer, C. Levine, M. Louis
 - d. *Also Present:* S. Swanson, C. Liang
- II. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogohono (Cayuga Nation)
 - a. B. Fortenberry recited the Land Acknowledgement.
- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. J. Feit motioned to add UA Resolution 3: Increasing the Number of Sustainable Waste Receptacles on Campus.
 - i. I. Akisoglu seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- IV. Business of the Day
 - a. Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (OSCCS) - Christina Liang, Director
 - i. C. Liang presented on the (Director) Student Code of Conduct
 - ii. Discussion ensued on procedure, ramifications of the informal resolution process, interactions with federal and state laws, code councilor roles, mitigating bias, and resolution turn-around time.
 - b. UA Resolution 5: Support for Faculty Senate Proposed Resolution: Inclusion and Prioritization of a New Natatorium in the 'Do the Greatest Good' Capital Campaign
 - i. D. Howell stated that UA R5 was brought forward to the Faculty Senate. They haven't received any comments and would like to bring the resolution forward for a vote.
 - ii. A. Ononye motioned to vote on the resolution.
 1. D. Cady seconded the motion.
 2. The resolution was **passed** with 16-0-1.
- V. Late Addition
 - a. I. Akisoglu presented UA Resolution 3: Increasing the Number of Sustainable Waste Receptacles on Campus.
 - i. Discussion ensued on the resolution material, position of the Campus Sustainability Office, and other possible solutions.



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- ii. A. Ononye motioned to table the resolution.
 - 1. D. Sharp seconded the motion.
 - 2. The resolution was **tabled** with 11-5-1.

VI. Assembly Reports

a. Student Assembly

- i. A. Ononye stated they passed SA Resolution 43: Proposed Charter Amendment To The Process of Conducting Referenda, SA Resolution 44: Resolution Commending the Service of Wendy Treat, Office of the Assemblies Senior Coordinator, and SA Resolution 45: Amendments to Election Rules for Spring 2022. They also reported the SA solidified its election calendar.

b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

- i. P. Hanley stated they are going to vote on Resolution 3 and Resolution 5.

c. Employee Assembly

- i. J. Wither relayed VP Mary Opperman's visit to the last EA meeting. They also reported that the Elections Committee is currently planning for the spring election and the Welfare Committee presented on the UA Resolution 5.

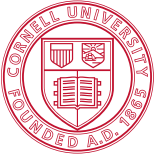
d. Faculty Senate

- i. E. DeRosa stated that Senator Newman is bringing the revised Natatorium resolution to a vote. They also reported VP Donica Varner visited the Faculty Senate. Additionally, a presentation on a pilot program to create a flat cost for student books was held. E. DeRosa stated that they will be bringing more Senate reports on the Part-Time Bachelor's Degree for Nontraditional Students.
- ii. D. Cady asked about the pilot program and talked to a similar Instant Access program presented to the Student Assembly.
 - 1. E. DeRosa noted that the program presented to the Faculty Senate was different from the Instant Access pilot program.
- iii. P. Hanley motioned to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.
 - 1. J. Feit seconded the motion.
 - 2. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

- i. B. Fortenberry stated that on March 25th they will be presenting on the UA to the Board of Trustees. They encouraged the body to email feedback on what to present and noted that it would last 6 minutes.



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1. G. Giambattista stated there was an invitation sent out to the UA members.
 2. B. Fortenberry also reminded the body of the upcoming social with the Board of Trustees' executive members.
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. J. Richards stated that they will be bringing forth a resolution in the next meeting.
 - c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. D. Howell stated they have just finished UA Resolution 5 and are shifting their attention to crisis response and communication.
 - d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - i. I. Akisoglu stated that there were no updates.
- VIII. Liaison Reports
- a. I. Akisoglu stated that the CPC discussed a new sports recreational activity and is still selecting sites. They note that this runs counter to the Campus Master Plan.
 - b. R. Bensel asked what happens to Barton Hall.
 - i. I. Akisoglu stated that this was not discussed but speculated that after the new space is built it may be torn down.
 - c. J. Richards asked if there was any discussion about possible disturbances to the synchrotron.
 - i. I. Akisoglu stated that there were no issues identified during the meeting but there might be some concerns.
 - d. P. Hanley asked if they talked about the Natatorium.
 - i. I. Akisoglu stated that the discussion of the natatorium didn't come up in conjunction with the new athletic building.
- IX. Adjournment
- a. P. Hanley motioned to adjourn.
 - i. J. Feit seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kassandra Jordan
Clerk of the Assembly