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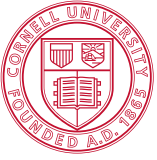
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Minutes of the March 29th, 2022 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. B. Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.
 - b. *Members Present:* I. Akisoglu, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, E. DeRosa, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, T. Fox, P. Hanley, D. Hiner, D. Howell, C. Levine, A. Ononye, J. Richards, D. Sharp, J. Withers.
 - c. *Members Absent:* V. Aymer, N. Danev, M. Louis,
 - d. *Also Present:* K. Supron, P. Mehler, S. Brylinsky, G. Giambattista, E. Kalweit
- II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. R. Bensel noted a change to an agenda item title to be “Updates on Cornell Faculty Teach-In: "Academic Freedom, Global Hubs, and Cornell's Involvement in the People's Republic of China.""
 - b. D. Cady motioned to move Presentation: “2021 Local Economic Snapshot”- Kate Supron, Cornell Community Relations from New Business to Business of the Day.
 - i. I. Akisoglu seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- III. Approval of the Minutes (03/08/2022)
 - a. T. Fox motioned to approve the minutes.
 - i. D. Cady seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- IV. Open Forum
 - a. Updates on Cornell Faculty Teach-In: "Academic Freedom, Global Hubs, and Cornell's Involvement in the People's Republic of China"
 - i. R. Bensel stated they will send out a memo.
 - b. Upcoming Visit(s)
 - i. B. Fortenberry relayed Liz Davis Frost’s Free Period Product Initiative (4/12)
- V. Business of the Day
 - a. Presentation: “2021 Local Economic Snapshot”- Kate Supron, Cornell Community Relations.
 - i. K. Supron presented on the 2021 Local Economic Snapshot.
 - ii. Discussion ensued on taxes, distribution across the government municipalities, and the relationship between the city and Cornell.
 - b. Resolution #6- Alterations to Codes and Judicial Committee Name and Function



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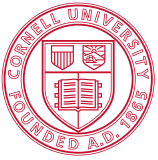
- i. J. Richards presented on the resolution.
- ii. G. Giambattista reminded the body that the Charter would override changes made to the By-Laws.
 1. Discussion ensued on possible additions to the resolution that would acknowledge this fact.
- iii. R. Bensel motioned to vote on the resolution.
 1. J. Feit seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** with 13-0-3.
 3. The resolution **passed** with 12-0-2
- c. Resolution #7- Establishing the first Tuesday in November of each year as “Election Day,” a Cornell University Recognized Civic Holiday
 - i. D. Cady motioned to amend “Election Day” to “Cornell Civic Holiday” and change Patrick Meher’s title from “Former President” to “President.”
 - ii. J. Richards motioned to vote on the amendment.
 1. A. Ononye seconded the amendment.
 2. The amendment **passed** with unanimous consent.
 - iii. Discussion ensued on university transportation, the need to engage the community before election day, facilitating service to the community, current days of service, and constituent opinions.
 - iv. J. Feit motioned to table the resolution and send it to the CWC.
 1. A. Ononye seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** with 12-0-1.

VI. New Business

- a. Resolution #8- Examining Cornell University’s Existing Waste Management Practices (including highlighted amendments)
- b. I. Akisoglu presented the resolution.
- c. J. Withers noted that they could add a project end date.
- d. S. Brylinsky stated that they could bring this through the Sustainable Cornell Council.
- e. J. Feit motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.
 - i. D. Cady seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- f. J. Feit motioned to table the resolution and send it back to committee.
 - i. T. Fox seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** without objections.

VII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly



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- i. A. Ononye reported Resolution 50: Establishing a Brooks School of Public Policy Representative on the Student Assembly and Resolution 51: Amendments to Slope Day Programming Board's Appendix B Guidelines were introduced. The SA passed Resolution 53: Expanding Printer Access on North Campus. They also discussed filling vacancies.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. No updates were available.
- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. J. Withers reported that they passed a natatorium resolution, are receiving applications for the George Peter Award for Dedicated Service, and have just started elections.
- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. E. DeRosa stated the Natatorium resolution passed. Additionally, they relayed that a forum on the Part-Time Bachelor's Degree for Non-Traditional Students will be hosted tomorrow from 3:30-5:00 PM.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. No updates.
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. No updates.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. D. Howell stated that they would like to hold a forum with the Office of Emergency Response.
- d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - i. No updates.

IX. Adjournment

- a. R. Bensel motioned to adjourn.
 - i. A. Ononye seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kassandra Jordan
Clerk of the Assembly