



Cornell University University Assembly

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Minutes of the March 21st, 2023 Meeting

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

701 Clark Hall | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. D. Cady called the meeting to order at 4:54 pm.
 - i. *Members Present:* G. Akkan, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, K. Carter-Cram, M. Heeney, I. Hewson, D. Howell, Y. Hua, A. Juan, J. Kruser, M. McEntee, B. Milles, J. Sun, S. Williams
 - ii. *Members Absent:* O. Akujuo, S. Aysola, E. DeRosa, A. Haenlin-Mott, D. Hiner, V. Valencia
 - iii. *Also Present:* I. Chasen, E. Kalweit, R. Platt, K. Supron
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoho:no (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. No late additions were reported.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from February 21st, 2023
 - a. S. Williams motioned to approve the minutes from the February 21st, 2023 meeting.
 - i. A. Juan seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Introduction of [UA Resolution #6 – Declaring Cornell University a Purple Heart Facility](#)
 - i. D. Howell presented U.A. Resolution #6 to the Assembly, which requests the designation of Cornell University as a Purple Heart University on behalf of the community of veterans on campus.
 1. D. Howell stated that the Resolution would be open for comment and that she intends to call the Resolution to a vote at the next meeting.
 - b. Introduction of [UA Resolution #7 – Protecting the Right to Protest](#)
 - i. I. Chasen and S. Williams presented U.A. Resolution #7 to the Assembly, which promotes free expression and the right to protest on campus.



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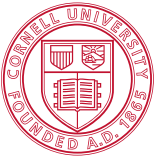
1. S. Williams stated that the Resolution has also been introduced and passed unanimously in the Student Assembly.
- ii. Questions for I. Chasen and S. Williams led to discussions of the intent of the Resolution; the impact of the Resolution on the President's actions toward free speech; the publicity campaign that will accompany the Resolution; how the Resolution will impact future speakers and whether it will impact their ability to speak on campus; and the implementation of the Resolution.

VI. Business of the Day

- a. Presentation: 2022 Cornell [Local Economic Snapshot](#) and an overview of [Cornell's Office of Community Relations](#) from Kate Supron, Campus-Community Liaison in the Office of Community Relations
 - i. K. Supron provided a presentation on the function of the Office of Community Relations, the partnerships the Office has made with groups in the Ithaca community, and on the impact of Cornell University on the local economy of Ithaca and Tompkins County.
 - ii. Questions for K. Supron led to a discussion over the Office's calculation of only full-time employees for employee spending to avoid double-counting students, whether student spending was impacted by the pandemic, how non-profit organizations fit into local contribution statistics, and the inclusion of local public transport in local contribution statistics.

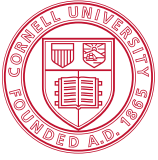
VII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
 - i. D. Cady stated that the Student Assembly has passed S.A. Resolutions 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30. He stated that these included an equivalent to U.A. Resolution 7 and internal structure changes to the Assembly. He also stated that the Assembly has approved the
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. K. Carter-Cram stated that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly passed the Resolution securing vending machines for healthcare products on campus, Big Red Barn renovations, and are working on elections and graduate and professional student parking.
 1. M. Heeney stated that there will be a rally for the Graduate Student Union on Friday, March 24th at 11:00am.
 - ii. D. Cady motioned to extend the meeting by five minutes
 1. R. Bensel seconded the motion.



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2. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent.
 - c. Employee Assembly
 - i. M. Benda stated that the Employee Assembly had a presentation from the Title IX office at their last meeting, will have a presentation on budget planning at their next meeting, and is working on elections.
 - d. Faculty Senate
 - i. B. Milles stated that the Faculty Senate passed resolutions securing academic freedom in the global hubs, harmonizing tenure clocks in the S.C. Johnson College of Business, and supporting the funding of an MD gynecologist at Cornell Health.
- VIII. Committee Reports
- a. Executive Committee
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - b. Campus Codes Committee
 - i. R. Bensel stated that the last resolution the Assembly passed was approved by President Pollack.
 - ii. D. Cady motioned to task the Campus Codes Committee to revise and update the bylaws and charter of the University Assembly.
 1. M. Heeney seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
 - iii. R. Bensel stated that the Campus Code Committee would likely take up the issues of freedom of speech on campus that U.A. Resolution #7 addresses.
 - c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. A. Juan stated that the Campus Welfare Committee will meet on March 22nd at 12:15pm.
 - d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - i. I. Hewson stated that the Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment met to discuss the election of a committee chair and sustainability practices on campus.
- IX. Liaison Reports
- a. Sustainability Cornell Campus Operations Committee – J. Sun
 - i. J. Sun stated that the Committee received updates from Working Groups and had three guest presenters on earth source heat, sustainable asset management, and campus reuse efforts.
- X. Adjournment



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- a. R. Bensel motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. M. Heeney seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

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