

# Cornell University University Assembly

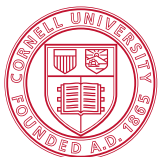
## Cornell University's University Assembly

Minutes of the April 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 4:51 pm.
    - i. *Members Present:* G. Akkan, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, K. Carter-Cram, A. Haenlin-Mott, A. Juan, J. Kruser, M. McEntee, B. Milles, S. Williams
    - ii. *Members Absent:* O. Akujuo, S. Aysola, E. DeRosa, M. Heeney, I. Hewson, D. Hiner, D. Howell, Y. Hua, J. Sun, V. Valencia
    - iii. *Also Present:* R. Platt, C. Scholl, J. Withers
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoho:no<sub>2</sub> (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 March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023](#)
  - a. M. Benda motioned to approve the minutes from the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting.
    - i. S. Williams seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- V. Open Forum
  - a. Introduction of the Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk from Cheyenne Scholl, co-chair of the Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk
    - i. C. Scholl provided an introduction and presented on the details of the Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk taking place on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> on the Agriculture Quad at 11:30am.
    - ii. J. Withers stated that the organization will hold a Panera Night on April 26<sup>th</sup>, which will donate proceeds to the fundraising the walk.
  - b. Introduction of the [proposed revisions to the University Assembly Charter](#) and [proposed revisions to the University Assembly Bylaws](#)
    - i. R. Bensel presented the proposed revisions to the charter, which will later be incorporated into a resolution to be passed by the Assembly, and provided details and the reasoning behind each revision.



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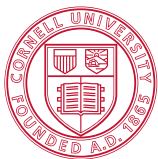
1. Discussion ensued over how the preamble would be revised; concerns about removing the line, "...and a meaningful opportunity for community participation in the development of such recommendations and resolutions," from Sub-Section 3.1.1; and the addition of the dates of the Assembly's session to line 136.
- ii. R. Bensel presented the proposed revisions to the bylaws, which will later be incorporated into a resolution to be passed by the Assembly, and provided details and the reasoning behind each revision.
  1. Discussion ensued over the use of the word "Standard" instead of "Normal", and whether the bylaws should include provisions recognizing a hybrid environment for meetings.
- iii. R. Bensel stated a suggestion from R. Platt that would include an Alumni Representative in line 106.
  1. Discussion ensued over adding a member of the alumni to the membership of the University Assembly, how this would impact the constituencies of the Assembly, how this would alter other language of the bylaws and charter, and the voting privileges an alumni member might receive.

### VI. Business of the Day

- a. Consideration of [UA Resolution #8 – Awareness, Prevention, and Training \(APT\) Measures Against Opioid Overdose Crises](#)
  - i. A. Juan presented UA Resolution #8 to the Assembly and noted increased national access to opioids.
  - ii. Questions for A. Juan led to discussions of the current state of Narcan awareness education.
  - iii. A. Haenlin-Mott put forward a motion to end debate on Resolution #8.
    1. R. Bensel seconded the motion.
    2. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent.
    3. The resolution **passed** by a vote of 10-0-1.

### VII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
  - i. D. Cady stated that the Student Assembly debated election rules through Resolutions 32 and 34 at their last meeting and whether slating would be allowed for elections proceedings. He also stated that Resolutions 31 and 33 were discussed at their last meeting.
  - ii. S. Williams stated that Resolution 31 was rejected by President Pollack as the first time a president has rejected an SA resolution this academic year.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly



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- i. K. Carter-Cram stated that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly changed their summer funding deadlines, are finalizing their Big Red Barn renovation resolution, have elected new chairs, and are in the process of elections.
  - c. Employee Assembly
    - i. A. Haenlin-Mott stated that the Employee Assembly has new seats being filled uncontested and will be slating these seats. She also stated that the Assembly had a presentation on budgeting at their last meeting and that there will be an employee forum with Christine Lovely, Chief Human Resources Officer, on April 28<sup>th</sup> during lunch.
  - d. Faculty Senate
    - i. B. Milles stated that the Faculty Senate will be meeting on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. D. Cady stated that the Executive Committee has been considering having the Assembly move to a paperless option for agendas at future meetings.
- b. Campus Codes Committee
  - i. Nothing to report.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee
  - i. Nothing to report.
- d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
  - i. Nothing to report.

### IX. Liaison Reports

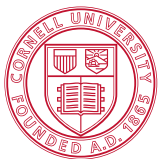
- a. A. Haenlin-Mott stated that the Campus Planning Committee meets next week.
- b. D. Cady stated that the Cornell University Borehole Observatory has given the slides from their presentation to the Sustainable Cornell Council Campus Operations Committee and that they would be posted to Box.

### X. Adjournment

- a. A. Haenlin-Mott motioned to adjourn the meeting.
  - i. K. Carter-Cram seconded the motion.
  - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cornell University  
University Assembly

*P.J. Brown*  
Clerk of the Assembly