

## Cornell University's University Assembly

Minutes of the August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Meeting 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm 701 Clark Hall | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
  - a. W. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:51 pm.
    - i. *Members Present*: M. Benda, E. Crawley, D. Dinner, A. Haenlin-Mott, M. Heeney, I. Hewson, J. VanHouten, P. Keel, B. Milles, C. Ting, A. Vinson, J. Wallen, S. Williams
    - ii. Members Absent: O. Akujuo, S. Aysola, D. Hiner, J. Sun
    - iii. Also Present: E. Kalweit, J. Withers, J. Zhang
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoho:no (Cayuga Nation)
  - a. S. Williams stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. There were no late additions.
- IV. Welcome from the 2023-2024 UA Chair
  - a. S. Williams congratulated UA members on entrance into the 2023 year and shared excitement for the work to come.
- V. Approval of the 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule
  - a. B. Milles motioned to approve the 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule.
    - i. M. Heeney seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- VI. Appointment of Committee Chairs and Members
  - a. S. Williams noted a desire to postpone appointment to ensure committee appointments stay equitable.
    - i. P. Keel noted his favor.
    - ii. M. Matthews questioned why members couldn't currently be appointed from the UA.
      - 1. S. Williams stated that this is possible.
    - iii. M. Benda noted that nominations for Committee Chairs could be helpful so that meetings could be scheduled.

- 1. S. Williams questioned if M. Benda had any interests in mind to nominate.
- iv. E. Crawley questioned if the postponement of the vote occurred, how this would play out given that it is currently unsure when other bodies will meet.
  - 1. S. Williams noted that the SA would meet on Thursday, and that most bodies should have met before the next UA meeting in the 2 weeks.
  - 2. E. Kalweit noted that the GPSA meeting would occur after the next UA meeting.
- v. B. Milles questioned if a gauge of interest could occur for those currently in the meeting.
  - 1. S. Williams gave support.
- vi. J. Withers noted that the Faculty Senate already gave their appointments.
- vii. S. Williams confirmed her desire to postpone some appointments in wait for appointments from other bodies. S. Williams asked for any interest in chairing a committee.
- viii. S. Williams requested volunteers for committees.
  - 1. C. Ting nominated herself for the Codes and Judicial Committee.
  - 2. D. Dinner nominated herself for the Codes and Judicial Committee.
  - 3. M. McEntee nominated herself for the Codes and Judicial Committee.
  - 4. M. Benda nominated herself for the Campus Welfare Committee.
  - 5. A. Haenlin-Mott nominated herself for the Campus Welfare Committee.
  - 6. M. Matthews nominated herself for the Campus Welfare Committee.
  - 7. A. Vinson nominated himself for the Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment.
  - 8. J. Wallen nominated himself for the Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment.
  - 9. I. Hewson nominated himself for the Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment.

## VII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
  - i. P. Keel noted work SA did over the summer to streamline internal processes and ensure high engagement across campus communities, noting the incoming presence of Fall elections coming soon.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly



- i. M. Matthews noted that the GPSA was not in session over the summer, with the first meeting coming next Monday to plan byline funding and slowly begin to modernize bylaws, as well as adjust policies and process for organizational funding.
- c. Employee Assembly
  - i. J. VanHouten noted the EA retreat including planning and the introduction of a new resolution to adjust meeting times.
- d. Faculty Senate
  - i. C. Spack, standing in for E. DeRosa, noted that the first Faculty Senate meeting is occurring in the next week where all the different committee chairs give overviews on the roles of different committees for new senators.
    C. Spack noted continued work over the summer to improve the Faculty Senate website.

## VIII. Adjournment

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

This meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jenny Zhang* Clerk of the Assembly