

# Cornell University University Assembly

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Minutes of the November 30th, 2021 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

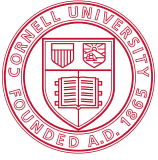
401 Physical Science Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
  - a. B. Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.
  - 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, C. Levine, J. Richards, D. Sharp, J. Withers.
  - c. *Members Absent:* V. Aymer, M. Louis, A. Ononye
- II. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogoho:no (Cayuga Nation)
- III. Late Additions
  - a. No late additions were proposed.
- IV. Approval of the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Minutes
  - a. R. Bensel motioned to approve the November 16, 2021 minutes.
    - i. T. Fox seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- V. Open Forum
  - a. B. Fortenberry read the upcoming and scheduled visits.
- VI. New Business
  - a. U.A. Resolution #3 -- Increasing the Number of Sustainable Waste Receptacles on Campus
    - i. I. Akisoglu presented the resolution.
    - ii. J. Feit wanted to formally place the resolution on the CCITE committee's floor.
    - iii. Discussion ensued on implementing gentler language in the last clause of the resolution, gathering more data and research of this technology on Cornell's campus, the possibility of a pilot program, and receptacle placement.
    - iv. N. Danev motioned to send the resolution back to the sponsors.
      1. J. Richards seconded the motion.
      2. N. Danev retracted their motion.
    - v. I. Akisoglu motioned to refer the resolution to the CCITE committee.
      1. J. Feit seconded the motion.
      2. The motion **passed** with 16-0-0.
- VII. Assembly Reports
  - a. Student Assembly
    - i. D. Cady reported the SA is focused on byline funding.
  - b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
    - i. P. Hanley reported the GPSA discussed COVID-related restrictions regarding food and is working on the byline funding proposal.



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- c. Employee Assembly
      - i. J. Withers reported President Pollack, Vice President Opperman joined the last meeting and fielded questions. They also appointed EA members to UA committees.
    - d. Faculty Senate
      - i. E. DeRosa reported they had a technical difficulty with the voting link for resolutions and will be reporting the results in the next meeting.
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee
    - i. B. Fortenberry reported that the Executive Committee did not meet.
  - b. Codes and Judicial Committee
    - i. J. Richards reported discussion and resolutions on renaming and defining the role of the CJC.
  - c. Campus Welfare Committee
    - i. D. Howell reported the CWC met on Monday. They have three vacancies. The CWC has discussed resolutions on how to support people after a crisis. Additionally, they reported an askance about the state of the pools in Helen Newman.
  - d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology and the Environment
    - i. I. Akisoglu reported the CCITE will be workshopping Resolution #3.
- IX. Liaison Reports
  - a. Ombudsman Search Committee
    - i. D. Cady stated that they will report soon.
  - b. N. Danev asked about attending a Student Health Benefits/Student Health Insurance Committee meeting.
    - i. P. Hanley offered to send the meeting link
  - c. Carbon Neutral Campus Committee
    - i. I. Akisoglu reported the Green Hydrogen Working Groups discussed fuel cells versus combustion gas turbines. The CNCC discussed the Bohr Hole Observatory. They discussed the first approval by the FAA, Cornell as an operator versus out-sourcing, and spreading the fact the Observatory's purpose of testing the efficacy of the Earth Source Heating Project.
- X. Open discussion
  - a. N. Danev asked about parking discounts for students who work with local groups (i.e. firefighting) in the community.
  - b. R. Bensel stated they should schedule a discussion session about parking.
  - c. J. Withers proposed to invite Bridget Brady to talk about this transportation issue.
- XI. Adjournment
  - a. D. Cady motioned to adjourn
    - i. R. Bensel seconded the motion.



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- ii. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kassandra Jordan  
Clerk of the Assembly