

# Cornell University University Assembly

## Cornell University's University Assembly

Minutes of the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

701 Clark Hall | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
  - a. S. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:56 pm
    - i. *Members Present:* M. Benda, A. Broad, E. DeRosa, D. Dinner, A. Haenlin-Mott, I. Hewson, J. Kruser, P. Kuehl, M. Matthews, M. McEntee, B. Milles, J. VanHouten, J. Wallen, S. Williams
    - ii. *Members Absent:* E. Crawley, M. Heeney, C. Ting, A. Vinson
    - iii. *Also Present:* E. Kalweit, D. Lee, R. Platt
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohono (Cayuga Nation)
  - a. S. Williams stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Approval of the Minutes from the October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 meeting
  - a. M. Matthews motioned to approve the minutes from the October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 meeting.
    - i. P. Kuehl seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- IV. Open Forum
  - a. Feedback on Letter to UA Members / Review of Survey Answers
    - i. S. Williams stated that the Executive Committee is currently reviewing answers given to the survey they have sent out and that the Assembly is able to do the same.
  - b. Encouraging Conversations About Challenging Moments
    - i. The Assembly discussed the best ways to remain productive given challenging moments occurring for the university population as a body of shared governance.
- V. Business of the Day
  - a. Questions for Q&A Portion of President Pollack's Visit on 11/28
    - i. S. Williams stated that any questions the Assembly would like to ask President Pollack for her visit on 11/28 should be sent to herself or E. Crawley as soon as possible.



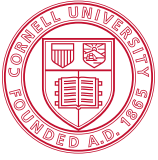
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### VI. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
  - i. P. Kuehl stated that the Student Assembly is wrapping up their appropriations cycle with contention and is considering working on a Cornell-specific generative AI resource for when the university population has an issue on campus.
  - ii. J. Wallen also stated that the Assembly will be sending out a referendum regarding median grades.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
  - i. M. Matthews stated that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly passed their student activity fee for the year at their last meeting.
- c. Employee Assembly
  - i. J. VanHouten stated that the Employee Assembly has scheduled many guest speakers for their upcoming meetings, including a speaker from United Way, and that they sent out their first *EA Voice* newsletter for the semester. She also stated that the Assembly filled two seats and many committee positions.
- d. Faculty Senate
  - i. E. DeRosa stated that the Faculty Senate had a visit from President Pollack at their last meeting where she discussed ways to model talking across difference and deescalating campus tension. She also stated that the new Director of Transportation discussed TCAT service and that the Vice Provost of Academic Innovation spoke about ethics in the classroom. She also stated that the Assembly is considering a resolution to remove median grades from transcripts.

### VII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. S. Williams stated that the Executive Committee discussed the Assembly's past meeting, President Pollack's visit, and the feedback from the survey the committee sent out to the Assembly.
- b. Campus Codes Committee
  - i. D. Dinner stated that the Campus Codes Committee elected a new chair and that they discussed a meeting time, but that they had not met yet.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee
  - i. M. Matthews stated that the Campus Welfare Committee set a meeting time. She also stated that they have discussed the state of the aquatic complexes on campus as well as food contamination and insecurity on campus.
- d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment



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- i. J. Wallen stated that the Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment has discussed initiatives relating to busing, accessibility, and composting.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. J. Wallen motioned to adjourn the meeting.
  - i. J. Kruser seconded the motion.
  - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:34pm.

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