



Cornell University
University Assembly

Minutes

University Assembly

November 28, 2017 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Room 401, Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order (Chair)
 - a. Call to Order (1 minute)
 - b. Roll Call:
 - i. *Present:* J. Anderson, M. Battaglia, R. Benschel, L. Copman, M. de Roos, M. Hatch, R. Howarth, N. Jaishighani, G. Kaufman, J. Kim, J. Kruser, E. Loew, A. Martinez, E. Michel, K. Quinn, U. Smith, C. Van Loan, A. Waymack, E. Winarto
 - ii. *Absent:* K. Fitch, U. Smith
 - c. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda (1 minute)
 - i. M. Battaglia's offered his resolution and motioned to amend the agenda. A. Waymack seconded.
 1. G. Kaufman called the question.
 2. 14-0-1, the agenda was **amended**.
- II. Approval of the Minutes (Chair)
 - a. October 17, 2017 (2 minutes)
 - i. A. Waymack motioned to table the minutes.
 1. There was no dissent. The minutes were **tabled** by unanimous consent.
- III. Assembly Reports
 - a. Student Assembly (J. Kim) (2 minutes)
 - i. J. Kim said that there was a presentation by VP Lombardi and last week the Student Assembly passed a Queer Housing resolution.
 - b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (E. Winarto) (2 minutes)
 - i. E. Winarto said that the GPSA viewed a couple of presentations at their meeting.
 - c. Employee Assembly (U. Smith) (2 minutes)
 - i. J. Kruser said that there were a few presentations and President Pollack and VP of Human Resources Opperman will be at the next meeting EA meeting.
 - d. Faculty Senate (C. Van Loan) (2 minutes)
 - i. No updates
- IV. G. Kaufman said that he was contacted by the President's office, and that he will be meeting with President Pollack concerning the Judicial Administrator's reappointment process.
- V. Office of the Complainant's Advisors (C. Kim) (20 minutes)
 - a. C. Kim discussed raising awareness of the Office of the Complainant's Advisors, Title 6.4, and the complainant process. She said that in their second year, they have handed about 20 different cases. She said that their office mirrors that of the Judicial

Codes Counselor to the Office of the Judicial Administrator. She said that many students with Title IX cases are often unaware of the availability of the Office of the Complainant's Advisors. She said that has been issues with visibility and getting a website up and running. She said that they are hoping to get guidance from the University Assembly. She also said that they are hoping to acquire more resources and support from and partnership with different offices at Cornell.

- i. M. Battaglia said that there is current work being done to provide the Office of the Complainant's Advisors with credibility and visibility, as far as being recognized by the University Assembly. He asked if there was anything else that the University Assembly could do to help?
 1. C. Kim said that they have asked that when a complaint is filed with the Title IX Office, the complainant is offered the information for the Office of the Complainant's Advisors, but, on the website, it is difficult to find information regarding the Office of the Complainant's Advisors. She also said that, if they can't get the Title IX Office to explain what a complainant advisor and procedure advocate does, they would look to producing a website, and potentially utilize a campus-wide listserv. She also said that the Office of the Complainant's Advisors will also be working with Residential Advisors.
- ii. G. Kaufman asked if the Office of the Complainant's Advisors has been in contact with the Orientation Steering Committee?
 1. C. Kim said no.
- iii. J. Anderson asked a procedural question about letter notification?
 1. C. Kim said that that would be a resource to consider, but that she is not sure if the Office of the Complainant's Advisors is on that list.
- iv. A. Waymack asked if there were any foreseeable issues that might arise by raising the visibility and use of the Office of the Complainant's Advisors?
 1. Julia said no, and that the only goal is to achieve an equivalence with the Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor.
 2. C. Kim said that there is a disparity at the student level, so the Office of the Complainant's Advisors would like to be on par with the Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor.
- v. A. Waymack asked about foreseeing avoiding Title IX cases with the Department of Education?
 1. C. Kim said that they want to position themselves in a way where they can support students that need it.
 2. Julia said that the process is very steered by the Title IX Office, but that they are hopeful.
- vi. R. Bensek asked why it is so easy for the defendant to find access to resources?

1. C. Kim said that, at request, the Title IX Office said that they would mention the Office of the Complainant's Advisor, however, they were told that any further promotion of the Office of the Complainant's Advisor would potentially deter students.
- vii. J. Kruser asked, at what point would the Office of the Complainant's Advisor like to be involved in the process?
 1. C. Kim said that, ideally, contact with a student would be before he or she enters the Title IX Office, to further support the student in their decision to file a report, or not.
 2. J. Kruser said that there would need to be some sort of oversight and official operating processes.
- viii. A. Martinez asked about why there may be opposition?
 1. C. Kim said that, from the Title IX Office's perspective, it might be a deterrent to a student to tell him or her that he or she could wait to file a report, and first speak to the Office of the Complainant's Advisor.
- ix. C. Van Loan asked if other universities with offices like the Office of the Complainant's Advisors encounter the same issues?
 1. C. Kim said that it is difficult to tell because the Office of the Complainant's Advisors is new at Cornell.
- x. J. Anderson said that he is concerned that if the Office of the Complainant's Advisors is in all the cases at once, then the Office of the Complainant's Advisors will need to be expanded because it will reach capacity. He asked if there were plans to expand the Office of the Complainant's Advisors?
 1. C. Kim said that their office has expanded to include another person. She said that, in the case that the Office of the Complainant's Advisors is overwhelmed, they can reach out to the Law School and the University for help, but capacity is not a concern of theirs.
- xi. J. Kruser said that he encourages the Office of the Complainant's Advisors to reach out to the Codes and Judicial Committee and the Campus Welfare Committee. He said that there could potentially be a resolution drafted to help the Office of the Complainant's Advisors.
- xii. N. Jaisinghani mentioned the use of social media as a means of expanding visibility.
- xiii. L. Copman mentioned that there should be increased collaboration between the Office of the Complainant's Advisors and Kara Miller.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee (A. Waymack) (2 minutes)
 - i. A. Waymack said that everything is good.
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee (M. Battaglia) (2 minutes)

- i. M. Battaglia said that the last CJC meeting of the semester is Wednesday.
 - c. Campus Welfare Committee (J. Anderson) (2 minutes)
 - i. J. Anderson said that the CWC had a meeting today to discuss goals for next semester, as well as a few other things.
 - d. Campus Infrastructure Committee (N. Jaisinghani) (2 minutes)
 - i. N. Jaisinghani said that the CIC has one more resolution, and they meet Wednesday.
- VII. Liaison Reports
 - i. Since the time was exhausted, there were no Liaison Reports.
- VIII. Business of the Day
 - a. Resolution 6: Integrating Sustainable Investments into Endowment Reports (N. Jaisinghani) (20 minutes)
 - i. N. Jaisinghani briefly presented the resolution.
 - ii. J. Goldberg said that there are two main pieces of the resolution, with one regarding investments and investment disclosures.
 - iii. R. Howarth said that he likes the intent of the resolution, but he said that on lines 23 and 24, there is an issue because of the greenhouse gas accounting, which has actually gone up.
 - iv. R. Howarth motioned to strike lines 23 through 27. The motion was seconded.
 - 1. A. Waymack called the question. There was no dissent.
 - 2. The resolution was amended to strike lines 23 through 27 from the resolution.
 - v. M. Battaglia motioned to amend line 19 to replace the word “divulged” with the word “informed.” R. Bensel seconded the motion. There was no dissent to voting.
 - 1. There was no dissent. The resolution was amended by unanimous consent.
 - vi. M. Battaglia motioned to strike lines 29 through 31. J. Anderson seconded. There was no dissent.
 - 1. R. Howarth said that he is opposed to striking the language.
 - 2. J. Goldberg said that she agrees with R. Howarth.
 - 3. A. Waymack said that this issue deserves confrontation, so she agrees with R. Howarth.
 - 4. M. Battaglia withdrew the motion.
 - a. There was no dissent
 - vii. M. Battaglia motioned to amend line 41 to strike “a paltry” and replace it with the word “only.” R. Howarth seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
 - 1. G. Kaufman moved to replace “a palty” on line 41 with “only.”

- a. There was no dissent. The resolution was amended by unanimous consent.
- viii. N. Jaisinghani motioned to amend line 44 to replace “remedy this inadequacy” with “improve this score.” The motion was seconded.
 - 1. There was no dissent. The resolution was amended by unanimous consent.
- ix. M. Battaglia motioned to add “Be it therefore resolved, that the University Assembly requires the following:”. R. Bensel seconded the motion.
 - a. M. Battaglia withdrew the motion.
- x. A. Waymack motioned to strike lines 70 through 111 and replace it with a standard signature block. M. Battaglia seconded the motion.
 - a. E. Loew asked about crediting the sponsors and people that worked on the resolution.
 - b. J. Goldberg said that people that worked on the resolution can be given credit elsewhere.
 - c. M. Battaglia called the question. There was no dissent.
 - i. By a vote of 16-0-1, the resolution was amended to strike the signatures on lines 70 through 111.
- xi. A. Waymack moved the question. There was no dissent.
 - 1. By a vote of 16-0-1, the resolution was adopted.
- xii. R. Howarth moved to have the University Assembly thank the people whose names were stricken. There was no dissent. The University Assembly applauded the creators of the resolution.
- xiii. A. Waymack motioned to do the committee reports quickly. M. Battaglia seconded. There was no dissent.
- b. Resolution 5: Bylaws Change Clarifying the Charge of the Codes & Judicial Committee (M. Battaglia) (10 minutes)
 - i. Since the time was exhausted, this was not discussed at the meeting.
- c. Update regarding Ad Hoc Committee on Hate Speech (C. Hodges & M. Battaglia) (10 minutes)
 - i. Since the time was exhausted, this was not discussed at the meeting.
- IX. Late Additions to the Agenda (1 minute)
- X. Adjournment (1 minute)
 - a. The time was exhausted and the meeting ended at 6:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Terrill Malone
Clerk of the University Assembly