

Cornell University University Assembly

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Minutes of the March 19th, 2024 Meeting

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

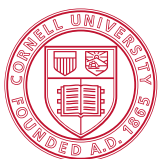
- I. Call to Order
 - a. S. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:48pm
 - i. *Members Present:* M. Benda, A. Broad, E. Crawley, E. DeRosa, D. Dinner, A. Haenlin-Mott, M. Heeney, P. Kuehl, M. McEntee, B. Milles, J. VanHouten, J. Wallen, S. Williams
 - ii. *Members Absent:* I. Hewson, M. Matthews, C. Ting, A. Vinson
 - iii. *Also Present:* K. Jaffry, O. Karim, C. Lederman, N. Maggard, R. Platt, J. Withers

- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogõho·noꞓ (Cayuga Nation)
 - a. S. Williams stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.

- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. J. Wallen put forward the talking point for open forum on blue shuttle revitalization.

- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the
 - a. B. Milles motioned to approve the minutes from the March 5th, 2024 meeting.
 - i. E. Crawley seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

- V. Open Forum
 - a. Inclusions for Resolution Regarding the Interim Expressive Activity and Anti-Doxxing Policies
 - i. E. Crawley stated that the Executive Committee is preparing a resolution on the Interim Expressive Activity and Anti-Doxxing policies and requested feedback on what the Assembly would like to revise for the policy.
 1. Discussion ensued over how best for the assembly to respond to the policies.
 - ii. D. Dinner put forward a motion to amend agenda item VI(c) to include a workshop on the resolution responding to policies in place of committee breakouts.
 1. S. Williams accepted the motion.
 - b. Blue Light Shuttle Revitalization

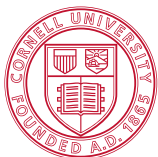


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- i. J. Wallen stated that he is drafting a resolution advocating for the reinstatement of the blue light shuttle service and welcomed any collaborators on the resolution.
 1. S. Williams stated that the resolution could be introduced at the assembly's next meeting or the meeting after.

VI. Business of the Day

- a. Proposal for Action: Addressing the Increase in Parking Fines and Decrease in Parking Availability
 - i. M. Heeney stated that she is considering bringing a resolution to the assembly petitioning the university to establish an advisory board on parking on campus.
 1. Discussion ensued over how to provide parking services on campus, overcrowding, communication with the transportation department on campus, past inequity in the implementation of the ParkMobile system, student violations of parking guidelines, and inadequate transportation on campus.
- b. Introduction of Resolution 1 – Establishing the IT Shared Governance Committee
 - i. N. Maggard introduced the resolution to the assembly establishing a committee to work on the structure of IT Shared Governance and stated that the resolution would be voted on at the assembly's next meeting.
- c. Resolution Workshop
 - i. Discussion ensued over issues they would like to address in the resolution, including the punitive nature of the resolution; the constrictive nature of the resolution; the importance of creating a community of safety; acknowledging that the limitations of the policies warrant the assembly's rejection of it in the opening statement of the resolution; clarifying the ambiguity about whether registering events were required or encouraged; curbing the university's discretion; acknowledging the threat of the Title VI lawsuit and its impact on the assembly's response to the policies; acknowledging the policymaking process as an issue alongside the policies; problems with the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards; the importance of collecting feedback from constituencies; selecting one representative to serve on a committee regarding the policy.
 - ii. M. Heeney put forward a motion to extend the meeting by ten minutes.
 1. J. Wallen seconded the motion.
 2. The meeting was extended by unanimous consent.
 - iii. S. Williams called for volunteers to work on and present the resolution at the assembly's next meeting.



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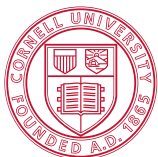
1. E. Crawley, D. Dinner, S. Williams, and B. Milles volunteered to work on the resolution.

VII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
 - i. P. Kuehl stated that the Student Assembly has begun a speaker series, with its first speaker visiting on March 21st to present on legacy admissions at Ivy League universities. He also stated that the assembly passed a resolution calling for the suspension of the Interim Expressive Activity Policy and that the sign-up period for their elections closes next Friday. He also stated that the ESG committee is reviewing the university's policy on investments and that he will be presenting for the Board of Trustees.
 - ii. C. Lederman stated that the Assembly's next speaker will visit on April 9th and will be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. M. Heeney stated that Graduate and Professional Student Assembly will be holding elections soon, are introducing transit as a topic of conversation to the University Assembly, and have been discussing their role in addressing the Interim Expressive Activity Policy.
- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. E. DeRosa stated that the Faculty Senate had the Provost and General Counsel speak about the Interim Expressive Activity Policy at their last meeting. She also stated that a committee will be established to craft a new policy and there will be a Faculty Senate representative on this committee.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. S. Williams stated that she will be presenting for the Board of Trustees this week.
 - ii. E. Crawley stated that the committee met with the Vice President and General Counsel Donica Thomas Varner to discuss the creation and release of Interim Expressive Activity Policy and the Title VI investigation occurring at the university.
 - iii. P. Kuehl put forward a motion to extend the meeting by five minutes.
 1. M. Heeney seconded the motion.
 2. The meeting was extended by unanimous consent.
- b. Campus Codes Committee



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- 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. Adjournment

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

This meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

P.J. Brown

Clerk of the Assembly