

Cornell University University Assembly

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Minutes of the March 5th, 2024 Meeting

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

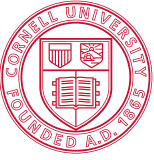
- I. Call to Order
 - a. S. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:50pm.
 - i. *Members Present:* A. Broad, E. Crawley, E. DeRosa, A. Haenlin-Mott, M. Matthews, M. McEntee, B. Milles, C. Ting, J. VanHouten, A. Vinson, J. Wallen, S. Williams
 - ii. *Members Absent:* M. Benda, D. Dinner, M. Heeney, I. Hewson, P. Kuehl
 - iii. *Also Present:* E. Kalweit

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

- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. No late additions were received.

- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the
 - a. C. Ting motioned to approve the minutes from the February 6th, 2024 and February 20th, 2024 meetings.
 - i. M. Matthews seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

- V. Open Forum
 - a. Discussion Topics for the Board of Trustees Meeting/Presentation
 - i. S. Williams stated that she would be presenting to the Board of Trustees on March 22nd and called for any topics to discuss in her presentation.
 1. Discussion ensued over including reimagining the role of trustees in the receiving student demands; gaining clarity over the discretion of the Board of Trustees; and how the Interim Expressive Activity Policy addresses safety and whether the Board of Trustees can oversee de-escalating training through an intermediary.
 - b. Establishing a Working Group on the Interim Expressive Activity Policy
 - i. S. Williams stated that the Executive Committee will be meeting with the General Counsel on Friday, March 8th to discuss the Interim Expressive Activity Policy and aims to propose the next steps for revising the policy.



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She also stated that she hopes to have a resolution prepared by a working group for the assembly's meeting on March 19th that encompasses all the assembly's feedback.

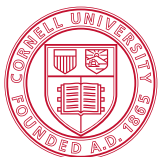
1. Discussion ensued over the best response to the policy for the assembly to take; how employees can engage in providing feedback on the policy without job protection in doing so; shifting the role of the assembly to engage in policy in its formulation stage as opposed to its feedback stage; and finding a method for the policy to more effectively address freedom and safety on campus.
- c. Timeline for Upcoming Activity
 - i. S. Williams stated that any relevant information for inclusion on S. Williams's report to the Board of Trustees is due by 2pm on March 6th and that visual aids for the Board of Trustees meeting are due by March 15th. She also stated that anything members want to be reflected in the Executive Committee's meeting with General Counsel should be sent by the end of the day on March 7th and that she will send an email regarding details of the assembly's resolution on the policy discussed.

VI. Business of the Day

- a. University Hearing and Review Panel Applications
 - i. S. Williams stated that the University Hearing and Review Panel are soliciting applications, which are open and due March 31st.
- b. Committee Breakouts
 - i. The assembly members met with their respective committees for seven minutes.

VII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
 - i. C. Ting stated that the Student Assembly passed their recent election rules, including a tabling requirement's replacement of the petitioning requirement. She also stated that they have collaborated with SUNY's Student Assembly to host their annual conference on campus. She also stated that Dean Love will speak with the assembly in two weeks to collect feedback on the Interim Expressive Activity Policy.
 - ii. J. Wallen stated that the assembly passed a resolution calling for the suspension of the Interim Expressive Activity Policy.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. M. Matthews stated that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly meets next week and has successfully passed a resolution exempting affinity



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groups from tier membership requirements for funding. She also stated that the assembly is looking ahead to elections in April and early May.

- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. J. VanHouten stated that the Employee Assembly held a town hall on the Interim Expressive Activity Policy and that the assembly will be discussing the town hall at their next meeting. She also stated that the assembly is working on a resolution supporting DEI initiatives and that they are organizing upcoming speakers and elections.
- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. E. DeRosa stated that the Faculty Senate had three opportunities for feedback provision on the Interim Expressive Activity Policy and the Provost and General Counsel will visit the senate's next meeting to discuss a resolution requesting greater consultation for policymaking.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. E. Crawley stated that the Executive Committee has been discussing their thoughts on the Interim Expressive Activity Policy and the upcoming presentation for the Board of Trustees meeting.
 - ii. S. Williams stated that she welcomed suggestions for any other issues the assembly would like to address.
- b. Campus Codes Committee
 - 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. C. Ting motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. E. Crawley seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:36pm.

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