



# Cornell University University Assembly

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Minutes of the April 10, 2018 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order (Chair)
  - a. Call to Order (1 minute)
    - i. G. Kaufman called the meeting to order at 4:30pm
    - ii. *Present:* J. Anderson, M. Battaglia, R. Bensele, A. Cohn, M. de Roos, M. Hatch, R. Howarth, G. Kaufman, J. Kim, J. Kruser, E. Michel, C. Schott, C. Van Loan, C. Wiggers, E. Winarto
    - iii. *Absent:* L. Copman, K. Fitch, V. Guido, E. Leow, K. Quinn
    - iv. *Others Present:* Terrill Malone
  - b. Welcome and Introduction (2 minutes)
  - c. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda (2 minutes)
- II. Transportation and Delivery Services (B. Brady, H. Steh & R. Huegerich) (20 minutes)
  - a. B. Brady, H. Steh, and R. Huegerich gave a presentation of the current transportation plan. They spoke about: the parking supply at Cornell and relevant statistics and metrics, the 2008 Campus Master Plan, parking optimization goals, a campus-wide survey, and bike and pedestrian improvement efforts.
  - b. M. Battaglia asked about the achievement of objectives and how to ensure that parking is financially feasible and accessible.
  - c. R. Huegerich said that most accounts state that most people appreciate the work that has been done. He said that there are still areas with room for improvement.
  - d. H. Steh said that her office encourages all students with need to go the Student Disability Services Office for things regarding accessibility.
  - e. J. Kruser asked if there was any feedback acquired from bikers.
  - f. R. Huegerich said that, as of now, there is no formal report or survey, but there is a campus biking coordinator.
  - g. J. Kruser said that he hopes that the employees of Cornell are considered within this process and plan, especially when it comes to low-paid employees.
  - h. B. Brady said that Transportation and Delivery Services is a part of the Transportation Task Force, and that they are working to be inclusive.
  - i. A. Cohn asked about the distribution of accessible spaces with regard to graduate students.
  - j. J. Anderson asked about parking for move-in and move-out days.

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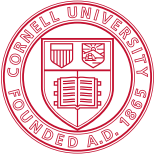
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- k. B. Brady said that, with losing 400 spaces, her team needs to look at days and events like that that may be affected.
  - l. M. Hatch asked about why there is not a report on transportation. He asked if there was any thought to alternative transportation to move people around the campus. He said that it is a major oversight that the University has not spent more time on crafting a more robust transportation plan for moving people around. He suggested that Transportation and Delivery Services focus on moving people around more efficiently.
  - m. R. Huegerich said that the Park Plus software will allow Transportation and Delivery Services to deal with hypothetical situations of shifting demand.
  - n. C. Van Loan asked if there was an item in the budget for Emeritus free parking.
  - o. B. Brady said that she is not sure, but that it is a part of a benefit package, and there is no information on the use of those permits.
  - p. M. Hatch asked if there was anything that the UA could do to support the work of Transportation and Delivery Services.
  - q. B. Brady said that the UA can help with disseminating the feedback that Transportation and Delivery Services' needs.
  - r. R. Bensel said that he likes Jeremy's point that that parking is a tax on the employees, so now there needs to be work on seeing how to reduce the overall tax on parking for permits and the impact of the tax on employees.
  - s. R. Huegerich said that there are ways that the burden of the tax can be reduced. He said that Transportation and Delivery Services is sensitive to the fact that the parking permit costs present a burden.
- III. Judicial Codes Counselor Appointment Confirmation (G. Kanter & M. Battaglia) (10 minutes)
- a. E. Michel said that, due to miscommunication, the JCC-elect was unable to make the appointment confirmation.
  - b. M. Battaglia motioned to table the appointment until the next meeting. There was no dissent. The appointment was **tabled**.
- IV. Approval of University Assembly 2018-2019 Calendar (Chair) (5 minutes)
- a. M. Battaglia asked if there are any deviations from the normal calendar.
    - i. G. Kaufman said no.
  - b. M. Battaglia motioned to approve the calendar. R. Howarth seconded.
    - i. There was no dissent. The calendar was **adopted**.
- V. Approval of the Minutes (Chair)
- a. February 13, 2018 (2 minutes)



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- i. M. Battaglia motioned to **amend** the minutes to correct the attendance record.
    1. M. Battaglia motioned to call the question. The motion was seconded. There was no dissent.
      - a. The amendment was **adopted**.
    - ii. J. Anderson motioned to approve the minutes. There was no dissent.
      1. The minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.
  - b. February 27, 2018 (2 minutes)
    - i. M. Battaglia motioned to **amend** the minutes. There was a second.
      1. The amendment was **adopted** by unanimous consent.
    - ii. M. Battaglia motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded.
      1. The minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.
  - c. March 13, 2018 (2 minutes)
    - i. J. Kruser motioned to approve the minutes. M. Battaglia seconded the motion. There was no dissent. The minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.
  - d. March 27, 2018 (2 minutes)
    - i. M. Battaglia motioned to approve the minutes. J. Kruser seconded the motion. There was no dissent. The minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.
- VI. Introduction to coming Code changes (M. Battaglia) (5 minutes)
  - a. M. Battaglia said that after receiving comments from the President's Office, the amendments to the Campus Code of Conduct have been moving along through the CJC. He said that the CJC is hoping to hold a public forum next week to solicit feedback and question. He said that he hopes that the changes come to the UA for a vote at the last meeting in May.
  - b. M. de Roos asked how the forum for the Hate Speech and Harassment Working Group went.
  - c. M. Battaglia said that he thinks that it went well, but the forum in question is for the other amendments to the Campus Code of Conduct.
- VII. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee (E. Michel) (1 minute)
    - i. No Updates
  - b. Codes and Judicial Committee (M. Battaglia) (2 minutes)

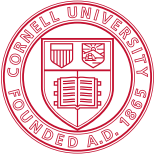


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- i. M. Battaglia said that the Hate Speech and Harassment Working Group is having two fora this week. He said that the UHRB applications have closed, and that the CJC is awaiting the applications.
      - ii. G. Kaufman asked if M. Battaglia emailed G. Giambattista, and if he did not, G. Kaufman said that M. Battaglia should email her.
        1. M. Battaglia said no, but that he would.
  - c. Campus Welfare Committee (J. Anderson) (2 minutes)
    - i. No Updates
    - ii. L. Copman asked about the tobacco referendum.
    - iii. J. Anderson said that it did not take place because the Office of the Assemblies did not have the availability to support it with other current events. He also said that, after speaking with Cornell Health, the fact the e-cigarettes were not included was raised.
  - d. Campus Infrastructure Committee (C. Schott) (2 minutes)
    - i. C. Schott mentioned the work on the of the assemblies and the resolutions in discussion relating to campus infrastructure.

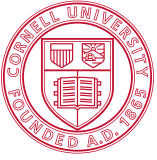
### VIII. Business of the Day

- a. Resolution 9: Reinstating the Budget Planning Committee (J. Anderson) (5 minutes)
  - i. J. Anderson said that he wants to vote on this resolution today.
  - ii. M. Battaglia said that he noticed that, in the Bylaws, it says that committees must hold at least one open meeting per semester.
  - iii. G. Kaufman asked if that relates to standing committees or associated committees.
    1. M. Battaglia said that it is unclear.
  - iv. M. Battaglia motioned to **amend** line 83 in the Appendix to add “, but must hold at least one open meeting per semester.” at the end of the sentence. R. Howarth seconded.
    1. J. Anderson motioned to call the question. R. Howarth seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
      - a. The amendment was **adopted**.
  - v. J. Anderson motioned to call the question. M. Battaglia seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
    1. By a vote of 13-1-1, the resolution was **adopted**.
- b. Resolution 12: Increasing Access to Gender Neutral Bathrooms on Campus (C. Schott) (5 minutes)



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- i. I. Wallace, a representative from the Campus Infrastructure Committee, said that Cornell should be a leader in increasing access to gender neutral bathrooms.
- ii. C. Schott motioned to **amend** line 25 to read “**Be it further resolved**, that Willard Straight Hall enters a trial period in which all bathrooms on the fourth floor be designated all-gender, the Office of Campus and Student Life will administer a survey at the end of the period to gauge user experience;” J. Anderson seconded the amendment.
  1. J. Kruser asked if anyone has reached out to student and campus life about conducting a survey.
    - a. I. Wallace said no.
    - b. J. Kruser said that there should be contact with that group.
  2. J. Anderson asked about the content that would be sought from the survey.
    - a. I. Wallace said that the survey would gauge very strong positive or negative experiences and opinions.
  3. M. Hatch suggested that survey be much broader.
  4. J. Anderson said that he echoes C. Wiggers’ point.
  5. R. Bensel said that social practice is often different than what one would expect when one creates new policies.
  6. E. Winarto thanked I. Wallace for his clarification. She asked about the length of trial period.
    - a. I. Wallace said maybe a few months or the semester.
  7. By a vote of 6-4-6, the amendment was **adopted**.
- iii. J. Anderson said that, sense he senses that everyone is not sold on this resolution, he feels that it might be best to send this resolution back to the Campus Infrastructure Committee.
- iv. J. Kruser said that he supports J. Anderson’s point, and that he supports that resolution’s goal, but he said that the necessary work on the resolution has not been done, nor has there been contact.
- v. M. Battaglia motioned to refer the resolution back to the CIC. J. Anderson seconded the motion.
  1. M. Hatch motioned to call the question. There was a second. There was no dissent to the motion
    - a. The motion was **adopted** and the resolution was sent back to the CIC.

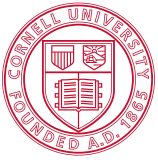


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- c. Resolution 14: Making Cornell's Economics program STEM-certified (C. Schott) (5 minutes)
  - i. C. Schott said that he has sent amendments to the body. He said that this resolution calls for an assessment of STEM CIP codes for the extension of professional training for international students. He said that he thinks that this would be useful for every single major. He said that this is just a technical change. He said that he has not been able to speak with every single dean and department yet. With that, a formal motion to **amend** the resolution was called. The motion was seconded.
  - ii. R. Howarth said that he appreciates the effort to broaden the resolution.
  - iii. M. Hatch asked about why this resolution is not in the EPC.
    - 1. C. Van Loan said that this may start the conversation.
  - iv. M. Battaglia asked about the feasibility of the application timeline.
    - 1. C. Schott said that that timeline for that application is just for the Economics program. He said that it is realistic to meet the deadlines.
  - v. M. Hatch motioned to call the question on the **amendment**. J. Anderson seconded the motion. There was no dissent. The amendment was **adopted** by unanimous consent.
  - vi. M. Battaglia motioned to call the question on the resolution. There was a second. There was no dissent to voting.
    - 1. By a vote of 15-0-1, the resolution was **adopted**.
  - vii. M. Hatch motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. M. Battaglia seconded the motion. There was no dissent. The motion was **adopted** by unanimous consent. The meeting was extended by 15 minutes.

### IX. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly (J. Kim) (2 minutes)
  - i. J. Kim said that he expects that the elections results will released soon. He said that President Pollack and VP for Student and Campus Life Lombardi will be at the meeting.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (E. Winarto) (2 minutes)
  - i. E. Winarto said that the Graduate and Professional Student Trustee election is taking place, and voting is taking place next week. She said that, at the next meeting, the GPSA will be hearing a presentation on the Social Sciences by the committee sanctioned by the Provost.
- c. Employee Assembly (C. Wiggers) (2 minutes)



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- i. C. Schott said that President Pollack was in attendance. He said there were questions about sexual assault and harassment, retirement, federal policies and compensation for employees.
  - d. Faculty Senate (C. Van Loan) (2 minutes)
    - i. There were no updates.
- X. Liaison Reports
  - a. Policy Advisory Group (E. Winarto) (1 minute)
    - i. E. Winarto said that the group has not met.
  - b. Transportation Task Force (K. Fitch) (1 minute)
    - i. There were no updates.
  - c. Council on Sexual Violence Prevention (K. Quinn) (1 minute)
    - i. There were no updates.
  - d. Student Health Benefits Advisory Council (J. Anderson) (1 minute)
    - i. There were no updates.
  - e. Campus Planning Committee (M. Hatch) (1 minute)
    - i. M. Hatch said that McGraw hall will be renovated. He said that this fits well with the Budget and Planning Committee. He also mentioned the upcoming Biennial. He added that the University will address the issues of climate change and emerge as a leader.
    - ii. M. Battaglia asked about the University's deferred maintenance problem.
    - iii. M. Hatch said that that is another area for investigation.
    - iv. R. Bensel asked if McGraw Hall would be able to be saved.
    - v. M. Hatch said that the exterior will be saved, and that the interior will have considerable renovations. He said that the departments will be moved in the meantime.
- XI. Late Additions to the Agenda (2 minutes)
- XII. Adjournment (1 minute)
  - a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Terrill Malone  
Clerk of the Assembly