

Cornell University Assembly

Minutes of the May 1, 2018 Meeting 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM 401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order (Chair)
 - a. Due to a lack of quorum, the
 - b. Call to Order (1 minute)
 - i. G. Kaufman called the meeting to order at 4:47pm
 - ii. *Present*: J. Anderson, M. Battaglia, R. Bensel, L. Copman, M. de Roos, K. Fitch, M. Hatch, G. Kaufman, E. Loew, C. Schott, C. Van Loan
 - iii. *Absent*: A. Cohn, V. Guido, R. Howarth, J. Kim, J. Kruser, E. Michel, K. Quinn, C. Wiggers, E. Winarto
 - c. Welcome and Introduction (2 minutes)
 - d. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda (2 minutes)
- II. Business of the Day
 - a. Resolution 15: Opposing the Merger of the College of Human Ecology and the ILR School (J. Anderson) (5 minutes)
 - i. J. Anderson motioned to amend the resolution with extensive language that he sent to the body. M. Battaglia seconded the motion.
 - 1. M. Battaglia motioned to amend the amendment to read "Be it Therefore resolved that Provost Kotlikoff and President Pollack withdraw the idea of a merger from consideration and that they review other recommendations, including creating a center for the social sciences." The motion was seconded.
 - a. M. Battaglia motioned to call the question on the amendment. There was a second. R. Bensel dissented.
 - b. R. Bensel said that he does not support the creation of a center for the social sciences, but that he supports the resolution.
 - i. By a vote of 8-1-2, the amendment was adopted.
 - c. M. Hatch said that the language should not include the word "reconsideration," because the merger should be taken off the table.



- 2. M. Hatch motioned to amend lines 37 and 38 the resolution to read "The ILR faculty, the dean of ILR, and the former deans of the ILR school" M. Battaglia seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
 - a. J. Anderson motioned to call the question. L. Copman seconded the motion. There was no dissent. The amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.
- 3. M. Battaglia motioned to call the question on J. Anderson's amendment. There was no dissent. The amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.
- 4. R. Bensel motioned to amend the resolution to replace "overwhelming" with "all strongly." There was no dissent.
 - a. M. Battaglia motioned to call the question. J. Anderson seconded. There was no dissent. The amendment was adopted.
- 5. M. Battaglia motioned to call the question on the resolution. J. Anderson seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
- 6. By a vote of 9-0-2, the resolution was adopted.
- ii. M. Battaglia said that the way that the committee co-chairs presented the idea of the merger is unclear and unpopular, so should it be taken off the table.
- iii. R. Bensel said that, with the option of the merger still on the table, it is difficult to discuss other options. He said that it is bothersome because, leaving it on the table suggests that, no matter the strong community sentiment, the administration can do what they want, which isn't a good thing. He said that he supports passing this resolution.
- b. Resolution 16: Examining Cornell's Policies for Temporary Disability Parking to Ensure Financial Accessibility and Equal Access (M. Battaglia) (10 minutes)
 - i. M. Hatch motioned to amend the agenda to move resolution 16 to the end of the agenda. M. Battaglia dissented.
 - ii. M. Battaglia said that this resolution examines Cornell's policy for temporary disability parking. He said that, in the case of an injury, students must pay full price for disability parking, whereas faculty have temporary disability parking for free for up to eight weeks. He also said that women that are pregnant also have to pay for temporary parking permits, which is incongruent with EEOC discrimination policies.
 - iii. K. Fitch said that he is glad that this was brought up.



- iv. E. Winarto said that the thoughts regarding pregnant women were put in after a presentation, in which more substance was added to the resolution.
- v. M. Hatch asked if there was a way to pass this resolution.
 - 1. M. Battaglia said that he asks that this resolution be tabled and voted on at the next UA meeting.
- vi. R. Bensel-Point of Information-is there a motion to suspend the rules to pass this resolution.
 - 1. G. Kaufman said yes, but, he said that, for the process, he recommends passing this resolution next week.
- vii. M. Hatch motioned to table the resolution until the next meeting. M. Battaglia seconded the motion. There was no dissent. The resolution was tabled until the next meeting.
- Resolution 17: In Support of Cornell Employee Assembly Resolution #11:
 Promoting Staff Participation in Cornell Campus Climate Change Literacy Goals
 (M. Hatch) (5 minutes)
 - i. M. Hatch said that there has been activism in supporting climate change literacy goals for employees. He said that this is a campus wide issue, and that it should be endorsed by the University Assembly.
 - ii. M. Hatch motioned to adopt the resolution. There was a second. There was no dissent.
 - 1. L. Copman asked about the purpose of the resolution.
 - iii. K. Fitch motioned to call the question on the resolution. R. Bensel seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
 - 1. By a vote of 11-0-1, the resolution was adopted.
- d. Resolution 18: Call for the Development of a Cornell Comprehensive Transportation Plan (M. Hatch) (5 minutes)
 - i. M. Hatch said that this resolution calls for steps toward a comprehensive transportation plan. He explained a bit of backstory to the development of the resolution. He said that this resolution supports a previous resolution that was rejected by the President, but that this resolution addresses resources.
 - ii. R. Bensel asked M. Hatch about parking tickets, and if that is a part of the jurisdiction of M. Hatch's committee.
 - iii. M. Hatch said that this resolution does not speak to parking fees.
 - iv. M. Battaglia said that the UA must be informed in the case that parking fees are increased.



- v. L. Copman motioned to amend line 94 to read ", incorporate transportation planning for the new Maplewood development and the proposed East Village development." M. Hatch seconded the motion.
 - 1. M. Hatch called the question. There was a second. There was no dissent. The amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.
- vi. M. Hatch called the question on the resolution. R. Bensel seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
 - 1. By a vote of 11-0-1, the resolution was adopted.
- e. Resolution 19: Affirming Cornell's Commitment to Ethical Investments and Financial Transparency (C. Schott) (5 minutes)
 - i. A community member (Zach) said that he parceled out many resolved clauses that make the resolution more concise. He said that, now, there is a shorter version and a longer version of the resolution.
 - ii. R. Bensel motioned to amend the resolution with extensive language revisions as sent to the body. L. Copman seconded the motion.
 - 1. M. Battaglia said that he does not support striking all of the clauses that are stricken in the amendment to the resolution.
 - 2. E. Winarto said that she does not support striking lines 56 and 57.
 - 3. M. Battaglia motioned to amend the amendment with extensive language. R. Bensel seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
 - 4. M. Hatch called the question. M. Battaglia seconded the motion. There was no dissent. The amendment to the amendment was adopted.
 - iii. L. Copman motioned to call the question. J. Anderson seconded the motion.
 - 1. By a vote of 11-0-1, the amendment was adopted.
 - iv. R. Bensel said that he would like to know to what the "guidelines" in resolution are referring.
 - v. A community member said that this resolution sees the relationship with the Office of Investments as a feedback relationship, so that the office may be provided with feedback from the Cornell community.
 - vi. R. Bensel said that the relationship does not sound like a feedback relationship. He further questioned the resolution's creator regarding the meaning of "guidelines," as it appears in the resolution.
 - vii. M. Hatch said that he doesn't think that the "guidelines" can be prescribed, but that he would like people with expertise to develop them.



- viii. M. Battaglia said that the resolution could be postponed to next week if there are still concerns.
- ix. R. Bensel motioned to table the resolution. M. Battaglia motioned to table the resolution. C. Schott dissented to tabling the resolution.
- x. M. Battaglia motioned to amend line 74 of the resolution to read "Office of University Investments revaluates their distressed government debt thesis"
 R. Bensel seconded the motion.
 - M. Battaglia motioned to call the question. There was a second.
 There was no dissent. The amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.
 - 2. K. Fitch motioned to call the question on the resolution. M. Battaglia seconded the motion. There was no dissent.
 - a. By a vote of 10-0-1, the resolution was adopted.
- f. Draft of Code Amendments (M. Battaglia) (5 minutes)
 - i. M. Battaglia motioned to extend the meeting by five minutes. K. Fitch seconded the motion. There was no dissent. The motion was adopted, and the meeting was extended by five minutes.
 - ii. M. Battaglia said that there are ten amendments to the Campus Code of Conduct. He said that he has met with other assemblies, and that he has held open office hours. He said that he welcomes discussion on the amendments.
 - iii. L. Copman asked about the indefinite suspension change.
 - iv. M. Battaglia motioned to postpone this item to the next meeting. There was no dissent. This item was postponed.
- g. Draft of Appendix A Amendments of University Assembly Bylaws (M. Battaglia) (5 minutes)
 - i. M. Battaglia said that this codifies the process in which UHRB applicants will be selected.
 - ii. M. Battaglia said that, at the last meeting the Assembly formally requested that the Office of the Assemblies to release the UHRB deanonymization key for applicants as soon as possible.
 - iii. M. Battaglia motioned to have "The University Assembly [by means of the chair] contact Vice President Joel Malina to direct the Office of the Assemblies to provide the chair of the Codes and Judicial Committee with the deanonymization key and resumes for the University Hearing and Review Board applications by 5pm on May 3."



- 1. M. Hatch said that a date should be put on the request.
- 2. M. Hatch motioned to amend "as soon as possible" with "by 5pm on May 3." J. Anderson seconded amendment. There was no dissent. The amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.
- 3. M. Battaglia said that he requests the chair to mention that this was a request last week.
- 4. M. Battaglia motioned to amend the request to change "University Official" to "Joel Malina" There was a second. The amendment was adopted.
- 5. M. Battaglia motioned to call the question. There was a second. There was no dissent.
 - a. By a vote of 11-0-0, with the Chair voting in favor, the motion was adopted.
- h. Draft of Code Amendments: New Judicial Administrator Reappointment Procedures (M. Battaglia) (5 minutes)
 - i. There was no discussion on this topic.
- III. Adjournment (1 minute)
 - a. No other items on the agenda were discussed. The assembly lost quorum and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terrill Malone Clerk of the Assembly