

Cornell University's University Assembly

Minutes of the September 19th, 2023 Meeting 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm 401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

I. Call to Order

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- a. S. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.
 - *Members Present*: A. Broad, E. Crawley, E. DeRosa, A. Haenlin-Mott, M. Heeney, J. Kruser, P. Kuehl, M. Matthews, M. McEntee, B. Milles, J. VanHouten, A. Vinson, J. Wallen, S. Williams
 - ii. Members Absent: M. Benda, D. Dinner, I. Hewson, C. Ting
 - iii. Also Present: Y. Hua, E. Kalweit, R. Platt, J. Withers
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoho:no (Cayuga Nation)
 - a. S. Williams stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. E. Crawley put forward a motion to assign members of the Assembly to the Sustainable Council Commission by unanimous consent.
 - i. J. Wallen seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the September 5th, 2023 meeting
 - a. B. Milles motioned to approve the minutes from the September 5th, 2023 meeting.
 - i. P. Kuehl seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Nothing to report
- VI. Business of the Day
 - a. S. Williams stated that she would like to set up initial UA Committee Meetings with members of the Assembly and that members of these committees should receive email communication regarding this soon.
 - b. S. Williams stated that the Skorton Center for Health Initiatives is currently looking for a UA Representative to sit on their Student Well-Being Council and called for nominations to the council.



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- i. P. Kuehl put forward a self-nomination to serve on the Student Well-Being Council for the Skorton Center for Health Initiatives.
- c. S. Williams stated that the University Assembly has an established Slack channel and that members will be added to this shortly.
- d. B. Milles stated a chair must be elected to all UA committees and that these elections must occur at a committee's first meeting.
- e. E. Crawley stated that the Sustainable Cornell Council is looking for representatives from the University Assembly for three of their committees.
 - i. J. Wallen put forward a self-nomination to serve on the Carbon Neutral Campus Committee.
 - ii. A. Vinson put forward a self-nomination to serve on the Carbon Neutral Campus Committee.
 - iii. M. Matthews put forward a self-nomination to serve on the Education and Engagement Steering Committee.
 - iv. P. Kuehl put forward a nomination for A. Vinson to serve on the Campus Operation Steering Committee.

VII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
 - i. P. Kuehl stated that the Student Assembly has been working on staffing positions, is awaiting exciting resolutions, and has successfully had their first appropriations meeting. He also stated that the assembly is working on revising their charter and bylaws.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. M. Matthews stated that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly has been working on staffing their positions and is working on approving their internal budget and the Graduate and Professional Student activity fee.
- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. J. VanHouten stated that the Employee Assembly has submitted a time change resolution to President Pollack and that they are voting on two new resolutions. She also stated that they discussed elections at their first meeting and will continue to work on filling committee positions. She also stated that they are looking for volunteers for the employee celebration on October 14th.
- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. E. DeRosa stated that the Faculty Senate met on September 13th and discussed the new generative AI resource provided for faculty. She also stated that the Senate discussed adding new academic titles and whether



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these would replace current academic titles. She also stated that the Dean of Continuing Education introduced herself to the Senate at this meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. B. Milles stated that the committee established a meeting time and discussed the importance of establishing committee chairs.
- 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. J. Wallen motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. M. Heeney seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

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