

# Cornell University University Assembly

## Cornell University Assembly Minutes of the September 6th, 2022 Meeting 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM 401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

### **I. Call to Order**

- a. D. Cady called the meeting to order at 4:45PM.
- b. *Members Present:* G. Akkan, M. Benda., R. Bensel, A. Haenlin-Mott, P. Hanley, I. Hewson, D. Hiner., D. Howell, Ying Hua, A. Juan, J. Kruser, M. McEntee, B. Milles, J. Sun, V. Valencia
- c. *Members Absent:* O. Akujuo, K. Cram

### **II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:no' or Cayuga Nation**

### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. Beth Milles moves to approve minutes of the August 30, 2022 meeting. A Juan seconds, minutes approved by unanimous consent.

### **IV. Open Forum**

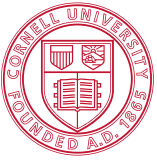
- a. R. Bensel asks if EA representatives have any updates on employee labor negotiations which have been written about in the Cornell *Sum*. A. Haenlin-Mott states that the EA can discuss the issue and ask for updates at Employee Assembly meetings if requested. R. Bensel requests discussion of the topic in the future.

### **V. Business of the Day**

- a. Planning President Pollack's visit to the UA with Joel Malina.
  - i. D. Cady confirms President Martha Pollack will visit the UA on November 15, 2022. D. Cady invites submission of written questions or discussion topics to be emailed to D. Cady or Office of the Assemblies by November 8, 2022.
- b. Election of CJC Chair
  - i. R. Bensel nominates self, D. Howell seconds.
  - ii. R. Bensel elected by a vote of 14-0-2.

### **VI. Appointment of UA Members to Committees**

- a. D. Cady requests volunteers for each committee. The following members volunteer:
  - i. **CJC:** R. Bensel; V. Valencia
  - ii. **CCITE:** P. Hanley; M. McEntee; M. Benda; I. Hewson



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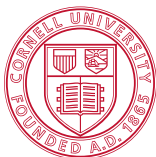
- iii. **CWC:** J. Sun; K. Cram; J. J. Kruser
- b. Appointment of Campus Operations Committee Liaison
  - i. G. Giambattista states that this position is part of the sustainable Cornell Council.
  - ii. A. Juan nominates J. Sun, R. Bensel seconds.
  - iii. J. Sun asks if there is a conflict of interest with her position as Student Assembly liaison, D. Cady states that there is not.
  - iv. J. Sun elected by a vote of 14-0-2.

### VII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
  - i. V. Valencia states that the SA passed their yearly budget.
  - ii. SA will fill the UA Representative seat at their 9/8 meeting.
  - iii. Student Assembly elections for vacant seats will take place in September and October.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
  - i. No update
- c. Employee Assembly
  - i. Employee Assembly will meet on 9/7.
- d. Faculty Senate
  - i. B. Milles states that Faculty Senate held an orientation during the previous week. This was not a regular FS meeting. B. Milles states that the meeting was well-attended and no business was transacted.
  - ii. R. Bensel estimates that 60 FS members attended orientation.

### VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. D. Howell discusses 8/31 leadership breakfasts. She states that the conversation was productive and that VP J. Malina is open to communication.
  - ii. D. Cady states that the emphasis of the conversation was mental and physical health, community and Cornell, and policy. D. Cady offers to contact administration on behalf of UA membership.
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee
  - i. No update
- c. Campus Welfare Committee
  - i. No update
- d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment



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- i. D. Hiner will send out a poll to gather information from and about CCITE members in the near future.

### **IX. Liaison Reports**

- a. No updates.

### **X. Other Business**

- a. D. Howell states that she is working with David Honan's office to schedule d. Honan's visit to the UA. D. Howell states that this will be a first step before planning to host a larger UA forum with D. Honan and the University Emergency Response Team.
  - i. J. Sun asks for information on the process of inviting speakers to UA meetings. D. Cady states that invitations are handled through Executive Committee in order to standardize the invitation process. D. Cady states that the list of speakers is shared through the distribution of meeting agendas.
- b. J. Kruser recommends inviting a speaker from the University Relations Communication Committee and states that anyone from Joel Malin's office will fit these parameters as well.
- c. D. Hiner speaks about mental health initiatives on campus. D. Howell states that there is currently an initiative for art therapy for veterans on campus.
- d. B. Milles states that the Fine Arts Department may be able to organize and participate in panels focused on art therapy initiatives.
- e. R. Benseal wishes to review the current state of Cornell Health and Mental Health services and review those organizations' experience of the Spring 2022 semester. R. Benseal states that Cornell Health was at or exceeding capacity at the end of the Spring 2022 semester and that R. Benseal personally spoke with several students who were struggling and in need of mental health services during that time.

### **XI. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Erik Kalweit*  
Clerk of the Assembly