



Cornell University
University Assembly

Minutes
University Assembly
February 23rd, 2016
4:45pm-6:30pm
Physical Science Building 401

Attendance:

Present: J. Batista, M. Battaglia, M. Hatch, K. Herleman, M. Indimine, G. Kaufman, M. McBride, N. La Celle, U. Smith, A. Thomson, R. Walroth

Absent: E. Baptist, J. Burns, R. Howarth, E. Loew, M. de Roos, BJ Siasoco, P. Thompson

Others present: P. Biedenweg, G. Giambattista

I. Call to Order

M. Battaglia called the meeting to order at 4:31pm

II. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to table the Minutes from February 9th 2016; they were tabled by unanimous consent.

III. Reports From Assemblies

Student Assembly

J. Batista stated that there were follow ups with the international students. R. Walroth asked about DACA students, and if the issues around their new financial aid status was generally approved of. J. Battsta stated that many students were happy with the changes, but that there was still no student representation on Dean Kotlikoff's Financial Aid committee

Graduate & Professional Student Assembly

They passed two resolutions: Resolution 4 on the endorsement of the best practice for faculty advisers document and Resolution 5 concerning the creation of the College of Business. The synergy groups would be worked on to determine the standing of the College of Business and the faculty advisors would also be talked to.

Employee Assembly

There were no updates from the Employee Assembly.

Faculty Senate

Dean Burns was still absent for medical reasons. M. Hatch stated that the nominees have been established for the senate and new leadership would soon take place. M. McBride asked about the Dean of Faculty and the nominees. There are 7 candidates (stated that gender was well balanced in

candidates), 4 for associate deans and 4 for the general committees. G. Kaufman asked if the nominations were available. M. Hatch stated that the nominations are available on the dean of faculty website.

IV. Committee Updates

Executive Committee (EVC)

A. Thomson stated that the entire assembly has been invited to meet with the trustees on March 22nd. They may reschedule their normal meeting. There was a request by the Dean of the Law School to have a member of the UA be appointed to the CJC Search Committee as soon as possible. ACT On It, a student advocacy group, will be holding a meeting/dinner next Tuesday, March 1st, from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the Memorial Room to discuss campus issues such as sexual assault. The Assemblies has been invited so an email will be sent to all members. Also, the Provost sent an invitation to present to the UA topics which are important to the University. They need to determine a date for this meeting. The Executive Committee of the UA was notified that they need a member to represent the UA in the CJC Search Committee. G. Kaufman volunteered to be on the Committee; there was no dissent so G. Kaufman was appointed to the CJC Search Committee. M. Hatch asked about the Leadership Breakfast. M. Battaglia explained the Leadership Breakfast and said the last meeting they spoke of the College of Business as well as government issues in general. Acting President Kotlikoff, the Dean Dutta of the Johnson School and the Dean of the Business School. There was a discussion about the College of Business and how to avoid conflicts between the Assemblies and the Administration. M. Hatch explained another topic that was brought up was the “Cornell experience” for graduates and undergraduates. Acting President Kotlikoff spoke of the Oversight Curriculum Committee. He discussed the university curriculum and if there would be student input into the advantages of taking more classes. M. Hatch suggested this Committee would be a good opportunity for Graduate or Undergraduate students. The discussion came out of the business school in increasing synergy and reducing duplication. In to cover bigger issues, M. Hatch was suggesting individuals join the discussion.

Campus Infrastructure Committee

M. Hatch stated that they had a good meeting. They were preparing a resolution on sustainability.

Campus Welfare Committee

U. Smith stated that discussion had focused on holiday decorations. There was a meeting today about the University Diversity Officers and how the committee wanted to create an over the office structure of diversity support structures. There was concerns about decentralization. Disability Inclusion and ADA coordinator. There would most likely be a formal resolution on this issue.

Codes & Judicial Committee

The CJC had set dates to meet alternate Tuesdays in 103 Day Hall. Staffing the UHRB applications would be sent out next month. They were still a member short on the CJC because Kaufman was serving as Chair and as SA Rep. There was a motion to appoint him chair. By a vote of 9-0-1 the motion was approved.

Textbook Pricing Working Group

They would be meeting next Monday and hoped to produce a resolution by the end of the year. R. Walroth asked about a spike in textbook prices and said this was brought up at the GPSA meeting. G. Kaufman stated they outsourced the printing of course packets, and this has increased the costs. They may be able to decrease it, but it will depend on contracts. U. Smith stated that he

worked in the past on Book accessibility, and believed there was more to do in terms of the benefits of resources for students, especially with disability.

V. Liaison Updates

Council on Sexual Violence and Prevention

They felt they were receiving inadequate support. K. Herleman said she would be reaching out to student leaders to make sure all concerns were being addressed.

Campus Planning Committee

M. Hatch stated Professor Steve Wolf felt concerned that the CPC did not have enough appointments to the committee.

Policy Advisory Group

G. Kaufman stated that he resigned from the PAG this semester, because of class conflicts. K. Herleman was appointed to the PAG.

Student Health Fee Advisory Committee Liaison

A. Thomson stated there were no updates.

Student Advisory Committee

M. Indimine stated there were no updates.

VI. Business of the Day

Judicial Administrator Annual Update with Q&A

M.B. Grant stated that she served as the JA for 16 years. She was now Senior Associate Dean of Students for Inclusion, Community Support, and Engagement. She stated that she had not signed off on the JCC Report because it was not compelling. She decided not to address the JCC report in her own report. She had it published at the beginning of January. Last year she requested that Title IV work be moved. The Code of Conduct made it difficult for the community to understand that the JCC office was not operating in an adversarial way. They were continuing to improve Policy 6.4 and would be working with PAG. They continue to see an increase in the number of sexual assault cases, stalking, and other. The CCC was how sexual misconduct cases were handled prior to fall of 2013. M.B. Grant stated that she handled a majority of these cases. After this time Policy 6.4 handled the measures. An investigation started in the JAs office, which would then go to a review panel that could be appealed. She stated that around 2006-2007 there were 8,9,10 sexual misconduct cases, and in 2011 the number went up past 15 cases. They would offer counseling and at the time, and starting in 2012 the CCC found a gap in the reporting. There were campus partners that would not report. The JA's office saw an increase in reports, but not in cases. This was because these partners would not report their information to the JA office. The number of cases were being handled differently because J. Kunk-Czaplicki now would meet with many of those making complaints. M.B. Grant stated that temporary suspensions were rare, out of 900 cases only 7 received the punishment. The purpose of a temporary suspension was making sure that there was no worry about possible alternate attacks. The University Hearing Review Board would have the ability to review these cases. They continue to have conversations outside of the Code, to make sure the decisions being made were the best options. She would not tell complainants of the possibility.

M. Battaglia asked if there were any ways the UA could help J. Kunk-Czaplicki's transition. She stated she felt good about the changes, having more investigators under the code would help. The director of the office no longer does investigations, but given the fact that many staff are new,

makes it more of a priority. 129 V states that complainants and respondents have the ability to request review. She wanted the UA to continue to think about how that would be possible. G. Kaufman wanted to ask about the number of students who was a referral but was not expelled suspended or merited suspensions. He believed more detail and information would provide. M.B. Grant stated that the vast majority was about adolescent behavior, and not serious crime. She was open to including more information on that receiving community service, and other actions. G. Giambattista asked about the biggest challenges facing the JA office. J. Kunk-Czaplicki stated that dating violence, domestic violence and stalking currently falls under the Code, and there is increasing overlap between the Title IV office and theirs. There was a need to discuss the overlap and find out how to best address these complaints. J. Kunk-Czaplicki stated more partnerships and conflict resolution would provide, and policy development, with administrators and students. M.B. Grant stated that clearing up how hearings were accomplished could be reduced to being more student oriented and away from legalese. K. Herleman asked if there were long-term degree outcomes after cases had been adjudicated by any groups. M.B. Grant stated the only group that did research was Professor Karns out of ILR, who did analysis on the long-term financial impacts of being a survivor of sexual assault. J. Kunk-Czaplicki stated that retention was a key part of the University's role. M. McBride stated that the JAO had not been clear about the enforcement of the Good Samaritan protocol. J. Kunk-Czaplicki stated the office would often mitigate sentences for these cases.

Resolution #6 Requesting Specific Information on Labor Conditions at Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar

A. Thomson discussed his proposed amendments. There was a motion to amend. There was dissent. R. Walroth stated the Weill Cornell Medicine Dean and Provost for Medical Affairs Laurie Glimcher would be stepping down and suggested removing her from the list of recipients in favor of the current WCMC dean. He withdrew his dissent after learning that Dean Glimcher would be serving through the end of 2016. By a vote of 10-0-1 the amendment was approved. M. Battaglia conveyed a message on behalf of VP J. Malina stating that administration was confident of the quality of the working conditions, that all Cornell employees worldwide were held to the same standards, and that the Administration had offered to send four students to NYC to meet with WCM-Q alumni about such concerns. A. Thomson said that if fair working conditions were being upheld, he wanted the Cornell Community to prove it. M. McBride yielded to Michael Ferrer and stated that his organization was in approval of the current resolution. J. Battista was grateful for the support of students and it was difficult to pass resolutions that did not receive proper feedback. There was a motion to Call the Question. By a vote of 10-0-1, the Resolution was Adopted.

Resolution #7: Requesting Information on the Cost of Carbon Neutrality

G. Kaufman suggested this Resolution be approved because it would allow for a greater request of information about the costing of carbon neutrality. There was a motion to amend line 11, 13, 23, and 29 to include "and benefits". G. Kaufman stated that the benefits would be being carbon neutral and was curious about what the change to "costs and benefits" would bring, since it would be hard to quantify what the benefits are. K. Herleman stated that cost-benefit analysis is very relevant to the groups they reach out to. M. Hatch stated that. He wanted to mention that he expects that there should be connection between what they ask for in the Assembly and what Professor Howarth and other community members on the President's Senior Leadership Committee. He hopes that they would bring it to the table, discuss it and bring up the question of the benefits of carbon neutrality. By a vote of 10-0-1 the resolution was amended. R. Walroth stated that this resolution would be helpful if Assembly members would have to concern their constituents with increased costs that would go into the budget. There was a motion to extend the meeting by

ten minutes. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a motion to vote. K. Herleman stated that benefits would be economic gains of going carbon neutral. She requested that G. Kaufman and her meet to include more specific language. A. Thomson said that more specific language would promote more specific feedback. There was a motion to table Resolution 7. The resolution was tabled.

VII. Adjournment

M. Battaglia adjourned the meeting at 6:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vishal Bhaya, Peter Biedenweg & Gabriela Borges
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