



Cornell University University Assembly

Minutes University Assembly March 15th, 2016 4:30pm - 6:00pm G01 Uris Hall

- Attendance:
 - *Present:* E. Baptist, M. Battaglia, M. Hatch, K. Herleman, R. Howarth, G. Kaufman, E. Loew, M. McBride, M. de Roos, R. Walroth
 - *Absent:* J. Batista, J. Burns, M. Indimine, N. La Celle, BJ Siasoco, U. Smith, P. Thompson, A. Thomson
 - *Others Present:* V. Bhaya, E. Sanchirico

I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM.
- Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - No late items requested.

II. Approval of Minutes

- February 9, 2016
 - Approved by unanimous consent.
- February 23, 2016
 - Approved by unanimous consent.
- March 8, 2016
 - Tabled by unanimous consent.

III. Reports from Assemblies

- Student Assembly
 - J. Batista was absent. G. Kaufman said that SA passed two resolutions at the previous SA Meeting. One created a First-generation student representative on the SA. The second resolution asked to create a university-wide Asian American studies major.
 - K. Herleman asked how the SA is planning to reach out to first-generation students without identifying them. G. Kaufman said that it is technically an at-large position so anyone can run. He clarified that the formal definition of a first-generation student is that neither of the student's parents received a bachelor's degree in the U.S.
- Graduate & Professional Student Assembly

- R. Walroth said that at the last meeting, the GPSA had a presentation from Maplewood developers. There was generally a positive response to what the plans are, with some concerns about whether the luxury-style apartments would be in line with keeping costs down for grad students. The GPSA has also begun to look at policies regarding romantic relationships between faculty and students.
 - G. Kaufman asked if the SA is interacting with the GPSA on this issue. R. Walroth said that so far its been a grad student matter and has been more about advisor and advisee romantic relationships, not so much with broad faculty and all students.
 - M. Hatch asked what the GPSA is doing about sustainability and carbon neutrality, and about using these units as alternative units. He said that if sustainability is an overriding purpose, and affordability is tossed back as the problem, there seems to be a disconnect between what is trying to be accomplished and housing. R. Walroth said there was a question about sustainability, and the Maplewood developers said they would have low flow toilets, etc.
 - K. Herleman said she would bring up those concerns to the Maplewood committee.
 - R. Howarth said that the Senior Leadership Action Group talked about sustainability. He said he thinks they should put some pressure on the Maplewood developers before it gets too much further on.
 - E. Loew said there are a lot of initiatives under way – most of them are very good. But it doesn't seem that carbon neutrality is one of the drivers of the sustainability.
 - E. Baptist said he assumes there are countertops that are cheaper than granite so that should be looked into.
 - K. Herleman said that if anyone wants to move on these concerns, then they can attend the Town of Ithaca city meetings because they need people to show up as members of the public.
- Employee Assembly
 - M. de Roos said that the EA is meeting with the Board of Trustees the following Tuesday.
 - She said that people who joined the EA who were elected last year were on for a one-year term. The entire representation is changing so that they can represent everyone. They would like to get someone from each college
 - M. Hatch said the UA's hope is that the new process emphasizes the great need for vigorous Employee positions in the UA. They have to think about how to use corporate influence such that an individual on an Assembly can focus on more needs. If it is a serious issue, then as a corporate body, they can get that much more purpose.
 - Faculty Senate
 - R. Howarth said the Faculty Senate is meeting tomorrow.

IV. Committee and Working Group Updates

- Executive Committee
 - A. Thomson was not present.
 - M. Battaglia said the EVC was still determining a time to meet. They are working on revising the UA charter. They are meeting with the Board of Trustees next Tuesday at 5PM. The EVC received a message from Acting President Kotlikoff thanking them for UA Resolution 8 – he greatly appreciates their condolences.

- Campus Infrastructure Committee
 - E. Loew said they are having trouble finding a time to meet. Hopefully by the next meeting they will have enough people.

- Campus Welfare Committee
 - U. Smith was not present.

- Codes & Judicial Committee
 - G. Kaufman said the CJC has not met since the last UA meeting but is planning to have a meeting this week. There are two main things on the CJC's agenda.
 - The first is a resolution to take recommendations of the OSWG.
 - The second is the staffing of the UHRB.
 - G. Kaufman asked what the UA thought about having an anonymous list of the number of UHRB applicants and their constituencies. M. Hatch suggested that the UA direct the request to the Office of Assemblies. K. Herleman said she thought it was a reasonable request.
 - G. Kaufman motioned to request that information. Motion passed by a vote of 9-0-1.

- Textbook Pricing Working Group
 - There were no updates.
 - R. Walroth asked if there was anything the Assembly could do to make the Cornell Store lower the prices of course packets. G. Kaufman said it was complicated; he encouraged R. Walroth to join the committee.
 - E. Baptist asked if the question was about course packets as an alternative to textbooks. R. Walroth said there has been an increase in the price of course packets this semester and that it was not related to the price of textbooks.

V. Liaison Updates

- Council of Sexual Violence Prevention
 - K. Herleman said there were no updates.

- Campus Planning Committee
 - M. Hatch said the CPC had updates from the head of Campus Planning and Space Use. They learned that there are 26 people on staff dealing with space planning at Cornell. There has not been anything in the center of the discussion for planning for climate change.
 - R. Howarth said LEAD certification is not particularly effective, so Cornell

- needs to do more than that.
 - E. Baptist said he wonders if it is possible to see who ensured that Cornell would build a net zero building on Roosevelt island.
 - R. Walroth said the primary stakeholders in Maplewood development are Grad/prof students as well as people who are living there.
 - M. Hatch said there has to be more creative thought put into this, by embedding carbon neutrality into everything that they do.
- Policy Advisory Group
 - There were no updates.
- Student Health Fee Advisory Committee Liaison
 - There were no updates.
- Student Insurance Advisory Committee Liaison
 - There were no updates.

VI. Business of the Day

- Consent Item: UA Resolution #8: Expressing Condolences and Appreciation for President Elizabeth Garrett
 - The resolution was passed unanimously, by a vote of 9-0-0.
- For Vote: UA Resolution #7: Requesting Information on the Cost of Carbon Neutrality
 - G. Kaufman: said he presented this resolution a few weeks ago and then last week. He said he thinks it would be most respectful for the Assembly to wait for some time before formally voting on this resolution.
 - M. Hatch said he thinks they can keep their eyes peeled for interesting developments.
 - K. Herleman said they may be able to center their concerns about this issue around Maplewood since it is a a current issue. She also agreed that they should wait to vote on the Resolution because people are taking time to grieve and they want to make sure they have everyone's full attention. The resolution was tabled by a vote of 7-1-1.
- Preliminary Discussion Concerning Charter & Bylaw Updates
 - M. Battaglia said that he and J. Blair began the process of reviewing the UA charter and bylaws.
 - E. Loew: said he think it is important to consider the wording; the Assembly has to be willing to word it in a certain way that they have some sort of power.
- Annual Update from the Judicial Codes Counselor
 - E. Sanchirico, the JCC, said that the JCC office has 4 law students. They just concluded their interview process for the next JCC and Associate JCC. She said the JCC office is very grateful that the UA approved their request to

have an advisor – they use him on a daily basis. This year has been a busy one; they have seen an uptake in the number of students being referred to the JCC. They have had 72 cases this year: 32 are Campus Code of Conduct cases, 26 dealing with Academic Integrity, and 14 are Policy 6.4 cases (which require the bulk of their time and resources). The timeline they are looking at for Policy 6.4 investigations is around 6 months. One new thing is that WPLR did a training for advocates involved in Policy 6.4.

- E. Sanchirico said attorneys and students are still frustrated with the Policy 6.4 process. Some of those issues have involved timeliness and confidentiality breaches.
- In terms of Academic integrity, JCC representation is more limited. They do accompany students to a hearing in front of the NIHB. This year, two clients had to have cases redone because procedural deficiencies could not be corrected with just a hearing.
- The JCC has only seen 4 temporary suspensions within their office this year. She said temporary suspension is something that should be employed under extraordinary circumstances. Temporary suspension should not imply that student’s guilt has been predetermined.
- M. Battaglia asked if there was anything the Assembly could do to support the JCC office. E. Sanchirico said they have been in constant communication with Carol Grumbach.
- M. Hatch asked how many Academic Integrity cases the JCC has had this year. E. Sanchirico said they have had 26.
- R. Walroth asked if Academic Integrity also included falsification of research data. E. Sanchirico said that would fall under it.
- G. Kaufman said he would reach out to E. Sanchirico to come to the CJC and that he is looking forward to working with her. E. Sanchirico said she thinks including Professor Claremont would be a good idea, too.
- M. Battaglia thanked her for her time.

VII. Late Additions to the Agenda

- No late items were requested.

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vishal Bhaya
Assemblies Clerk