



Minutes
University Assembly
November 29th, 2016
4:30pm – 6:30pm
401 Physical Science Bldg.

I. Call to Order

- a. G. Kaufman called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.
- b. *Members present:* E. Baptist, J. Berger, L. Copman, M. de Roos, K. Fitch, M. Hatch, R. Herz, R. Howarth, G. Kaufman, J. Kruser, M. McBride, M. Munasinghe, S. Park, N. Rogers, U. Smith, C. Van Loan, E. Winarto
- c. *Members absent:* E. Loew
- d. *Also present:* V. Bhaya, G. Giambattista
- e. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - i. M. Hatch said he would like to report on the Campus Planning Committee along with the Campus Infrastructure Committee.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. November 1st, 2016
 - i. Tabled to next meeting.
- b. November 15, 2016
 - i. Tabled to next meeting.

III. Assembly Reports

- a. EA Chair
 - i. The EA held a transportation forum – parking seemed to be major point of contention.
 - ii. U. Smith talked with President-elect Martha Pollack and she was reassuring about the priorities she had with staff.
 - iii. The EA will be meeting next week to discuss a resolution regarding web accessibility, a resolution endorsing the Ithaca Plan, and 2 resolutions about LGBT inclusion (regarding Benefits and preferred names in University systems).
- b. SA President
 - i. J. Berger said the SA had a presentation from VP Lombardi on the Housing Plan. Vice President Lombardi and Provost Kotlikoff will speak at their next and final meeting.
 - ii. The SA Restructuring Committee will be meeting for their first time this week.
- c. Dean of Faculty
 - i. C. Van Loan said the Faculty Senate will pass a resolution on the Sanctuary Campus.
 - ii. There is a Town Hall meeting for employees tomorrow and Friday regarding the academic calendar.
- d. GPSA President

- i. N. Rogers said the GPSA had the Housing Plan presentation from Provost Kotlikoff, U. Smith talked about biased reporting, and the Judicial Administrator also attended the GPSA meeting.
- ii. The GPSA passed a resolution unanimously endorsing the Sanctuary Campus resolution.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. No reports.
- b. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. U. Smith said that the CWC came up with a pretty complete recommendation on how to proceed with a tobacco-free campus. The CWC felt it would be best to do a campus-wide referendum, so the UA will have to clarify the process that the CWC will use for referendum.
 - ii. U. Smith said it is important to think about the tobacco-free campus as part of a larger health initiative.
- c. Campus Infrastructure Committee
 - i. J. Kruser said that one of the things the CIC is working on is a memo for increased outreach.
 - ii. M. Hatch said there are important dimensions of Cornell's planning that continue to be of value, despite changes that are taking place in the overall American climate.
 - iii. The CPC had an update on Maplewood housing; there has been an increase in beds to about 890. Community concerns had been discussed and the design has been changed to adjust to the needs. They are looking at heating alternatives.
 - iv. At the President's Campus Sustainability Summit, Interim President Hunter Rawlings said he was certain the new president will commit to carbon neutrality by 2035.
- d. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. M. McBride said that the CJC was looking at the relationship of the Office of Assemblies to the CJC. They are going to push through the discussion of the annotation process to next semester. M. McBride said hopefully he is meeting with the Registrar to get perspective on this issue.

V. Business of the Day

- a. For Consent: Approval of Vacancy Nominations to the University Hearing and Review Boards
 - i. M. McBride said for vacancies, they have been following the ranking of best candidates from the last staffing process.
 - ii. The two vacancies were approved by a vote of 17-0-0.
- b. For Vote: UA Resolution #1: Updating and Clarifying UA Charter and Bylaws

- i. Charter, Article IV, Section 4.1
 - 1. By a vote of 14-0-0, the changes to 4.1 were approved and discussion was moved to Section 4.3.
- ii. Charter, Article IV, Section 4.3
 - 1. N. Rogers motioned to **amend** lines 174-180 to “removal of a member of the Assembly is solely the authority of the constituent assembly whom the member represents.”
 - 2. M. Munasinghe said that she agrees with the message of the amendment but not with the wording itself.
 - 3. S. Park said she does not think a constituent assembly should be responsible for someone’s placement on the University Assembly.
 - 4. The amendment was **withdrawn**.
 - 5. There was a motion to refer the resolution to the Exec. Committee. By a vote of 2-10-2, the resolution was **not referred**.
 - 6. There was a motion to divide Section 4.3 from the rest of the resolution. The motion **passed** by a vote of 14-0-1.
 - 7. There was a motion to refer Section 4.3 to the Executive Committee. The motion **passed** by a vote of 14-0-1.
- iii. Charter, Article V, Section 5.3
 - 1. There was a motion to pass lines 198-215. The motion was **passed**.
- iv. There was a motion to approve all the charter changes (Section 4.1 and 5.3). The motion **passed** by a vote of 14-0-1.
- c. For Vote: UA Resolution #3: Endorsing “The Ithaca Plan: A Public Safety Approach to Drugs and Drug Policy”
 - i. Lines 60-63 were **amended** to “legislation **necessary**.”
 - ii. Line 63 was **amended** to “**have** been achieved”
 - iii. UA Resolution 3 **passed** by a vote of 13-0-1.
- d. For Introduction: UA Resolution #4: 2016-2017 Cornell University Campus Code of Conduct Update Part 2: Accepting Recommendation from Outdoor Space Working Group
 - i. M. McBride said UA Resolution #4 changes the Campus Code of Conduct to reflect University policies regarding amplified sound and protests.
 - ii. There was a **Call to Question**.
 - iii. UA R4 **passed** by a vote of 13-0-1.
- e. For Introduction: UA Resolution #5: In Support of Making Cornell A Sanctuary Campus
 - i. E. Winarto said that this resolution calls on the administration for continued support on DACA programs and to commit to protection of diversity on campus.

- ii. M. McBride said he does not think it is the administration's role to explicitly denounce every act of violence or to provide legal services to students.
- iii. U. Smith said that we had 26 bias/hate crime incidences after the recent presidential elections. He said that administration does not make a statement on every incident but that it is the role of the administration to show that they care. He also said that it is the duty of administration to provide financial and legal services to students.

VI. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. No late items were requested.

VII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vishal Bhaya
Assemblies Clerk