



Minutes
University Assembly
April 11, 2017
4:30pm – 6:00pm
401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order
 - a. G. Kaufman called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.
 - b. *Present:* L. Copman, M. de Roos, M. Hatch, G. Kaufman, J. Kruser, E. Loew, A. Loiben, M. McBride, M. Munasinghe, S. Park, N. Rogers, U. Smith, A. Waymack, E. Winarto
 - c. *Absent:* E. Baptist, J. Berger, R. Herz, R. Howarth, C. Van Loan
 - d. *Others present:* V. Bhaya
 - e. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - i. M. Hatch said he thinks the Judicial Administrator (JA) should come to the UA and present her interpretation of the Code as well as its strengths and weaknesses so that the UA can better respond to current issues.
 1. G. Kaufman said that the JA and JCC will come to one of the next UA meetings. The Agenda was amended to have this discussion.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 3.21.2017 Meeting Minutes, 2017
 - i. Approval of Minutes was **tabled** to the next meeting.
- III. Assembly Reports
 - a. EA Chair
 - i. U. Smith said the EA charter was revamped and they are waiting to hear back about the approval of their charter so they can hold elections some time in the proposed calendar.
 - b. SA President
 - i. M. McBride said that the new SA president is Jung Won Kim.
 - c. Dean of Faculty
 - i. M. Hatch said the Faculty Senate will have a discussion on the Campus Code of Conduct.
 - d. GPSA President
 - i. N. Rogers said that the Graduate students voted on graduate student unionization and their responses are leaning towards no, as of now.
 - ii. Three resolutions were introduced at the last GPSA meeting.
 1. One resolution dealt with giving funds to the Big Red Barn.
 2. The second resolution dealt with web accessibility.
 3. The third resolution dealt with consensual sexual relationships between faculty and students.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. No reports.

- b. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. U. Smith said the CWC has been working on the tobacco-free campus resolution for the past semester.
 - c. Campus Infrastructure Committee
 - i. J. Kruser said the CIC has been looking at R6. Their next meeting is later this week and they will have some discussion about how to promote Cornell's efforts towards carbon neutrality.
 - d. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. M. Battaglia said the CJC is still working on transcript notation policy, and is also working with the Office of Risk Management to modify the definition of student under the Campus Code of Conduct.
 - ii. The JCC Search Committee chose Ryan Parker as the next Judicial Codes Counselor (JCC). They received 22 applications from staff, 13 from graduate students, 15 from undergraduates, and 4 from faculty. This was a large increase over last year.
 - iii. There was a motion to confirm M. Battaglia as CJC chair. He was **confirmed** by a vote of 14-0-1.
- V. Liaison Reports
- a. Policy Advisory Group
 - i. No updates.
 - b. Student Health Advisory Committee
 - i. No updates.
 - c. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. M. Hatch said that there was a discussion about solar installations, as well as about how Cornell land planners and facilitators can engage the community.
 - d. Transportation Hearing and Review Boards
 - i. No reports.
- VI. Business of the Day
- a. Appointment of Ryan Parker as Judicial Codes Counselor for AY 2018-2019
 - i. By a vote of 12-0-1, Ryan Parker was **confirmed** as JCC.
 - b. For Vote: UA AY 2016-2017 Resolution #6: "Commitment to Web Accessibility"
 - i. J. Kruser said UA Resolution #6 helps Cornell move towards a position of its values. The Resolution encourages the administration and several functionaries to develop a policy on web accessibility. This would only apply to websites newly created after the implementation of the policy or websites that were recently revamped.
 - ii. N. Rogers asked if J. Kruser spoke to University Relations about the August 1 deadline. J. Kruser said he is willing to extend the deadline.
 - iii. U. Smith said the EA passed this resolution and that the President is considering it by the August 1 deadline. U. Smith said he does not think it is unrealistic.
 - iv. J. Kruser said he has met with each of the organizations mentioned in the resolution multiple times.

- v. J. Kruser said there is no expectation of 100% accessible sites. He said that they look at scale of how much do they conform with the policies and set a benchmark for acceptable levels of conformance.
- vi. A. Waymack asked if this policy only applies to cornell.edu domains.
 - 1. J. Kruser said that his intent is that the policy only applies to cornell.edu websites.
- vii. M. Munasinghe brought forward her amendments from her email.
 - 1. The resolution was amended by a vote of 14-0-1.
- viii. There was a motion to amend line 59 to remove 5.08 standards and only have WPAA standards.
 - 1. A. Waymack said she is against the amendment because administration would use it as a reason to not approve the resolution.
 - 2. U. Smith said that he does not agree and that he does not think any Assembly should make a decision or should pass a resolution based on what they think administration would do, because if it is not accepted, an explanation is always needed.
 - 3. By a vote of 13-0-2, the amendment passed.
- ix. The resolution passed by a vote of 14-0-1
- c. For Discussion: Tobacco-Free Referendum
 - i. U. Smith said the CWC would propose a resolution at the next meeting that would declare the UA's intent to hold a campus-wide referendum asking the question, "Should Cornell launch a two-year initiative to become tobacco-free?" The resolution would specify that the referendum would be held in the Fall, and would state that the outcome of the referendum must be respected by the administration.

VII. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. M. Hatch said the UA can have a more substantive discussion about the CJC and JA at the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vishal Bhaya
Assemblies Clerk