



Minutes
University Assembly
April 18, 2017
4:30pm – 6:30pm
701 Clark Hall

I. Call to Order

- a. G. Kaufman called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.
- b. *Present:* E. Baptist, J. Berger, L. Copman, M. de Roos, K. Fitch, M. Hatch, R. Herz, R. Howarth, G. Kaufman, A. Loiben, M. McBride, M. Munasinghe, S. Park, N. Rogers, U. Smith, A. Waymack, E. Winarto
- c. *Absent:* J. Kruser, E. Loew, C. Van Loan
- d. *Others present:* M. Battaglia, V. Bhaya, G. Giambattista
- e. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - i. There was a request to hold an Executive Session after the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. 3.21.2017 Meeting Minutes, 2017
 - i. **Tabled** to next meeting.
- b. 4.11.2017 Meeting Minutes, 2017
 - i. **Tabled** to next meeting.

III. Assembly Reports

- a. EA Chair
 - i. No updates.
- b. SA President
 - i. J. Berger said that President Pollack will be attending the next SA Meeting.
- c. Dean of Faculty
 - i. M. Hatch said that the Faculty Senate discussed the deliberations of the tuition committee, presented by Barbara Knuth.
 - ii. They also discussed a resolution on honesty and reliable information.
 - iii. A third issue they extensively discussed was about the appropriateness of the actions of the Judicial Administrator (JA). One member of the Faculty Senate brought up the point that these are issues that should be discussed and worked through in the University Assembly. The Faculty Senate picked up on it because they saw an absence of action by the UA.
 - iv. R. Howarth said there is a Faculty Senate meeting tomorrow and they will vote on the proposed changes of the academic calendar.
- d. GPSA President
 - i. N. Rogers said the GPSA voted in new voting members for next year. They had an update on Maplewood and the developers have broken ground on that.
 - ii. The GPSA passed the web accessibility resolution and also voted to fund Big Red Barn for bike racks and a piano.

- iii. They recommitted to come back to the sexual relationships policy at their last meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. The Executive Committee approved the academic calendar for next year.
- b. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. U. Smith said that the CWC passed the tobacco-free campus resolution.
- c. Campus Infrastructure Committee
 - i. J. Kruser said the CIC primarily discussed ways to encourage community support for Cornell projects revolving around carbon neutrality efforts.
- d. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. M. Battaglia said the CJC met yesterday to focus on UHRB applications and went through about half of them. They will be meeting next week again to finish them. They also briefly discussed other current issues.
 - ii. The CJC will be meeting this summer to keep the ball rolling on issues, and they are looking at the possibility of livestreaming meetings to increase accessibility.

V. Liaison Reports

- a. Policy Advisory Group
 - i. E. Winarto said that PAG has not met but received a document about whistleblower protection.
- b. Student Health Advisory Committee
 - i. J. Berger said the SHAC has not met.
- c. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. M/ Hatch said that the CPC discussed the Housing Master Plan and how there will be a targeted increase in enrollment in five years which means there has to be an increase in housing. They want to try to increase freshman and sophomore housing to full capacity and their hope is to get 1500 new students on north campus.
 - ii. They also discussed utilities and increasing the water tank on East Hill because of Maplewood as well as the growth of the East Hill area for housing.
- d. Transportation Hearing and Review Boards
 - i. K. Fitch said there were no updates.
 - ii. M. Hatch said it may be useful at some point to ask that there be a concerted effort in transportation for all constituencies.
 - 1. U. Smith said the EA passed a resolution to have a Transportation Task Force and they will be voting on those members this Wednesday.
 - iii. R. Howarth said at the last meeting of the Senior Leaders Climate Action Group, they discussed the University's consideration to put a monorail on Tower Road.

VI. Business of the Day

- a. For Discussion: UA Resolution #7: Recognition of Outstanding Support to AY 2017 Legislative Session
 - i. G. Kaufman said every year, the UA chair sponsors a resolution thanking everyone involved in the University Assembly. He asked that the Assembly not pass this today so that they can make sure they include everyone.
 - ii. U. Smith motioned to add “Arvind Natarajan” and “Natalie Hofmeister” to the list of graduate and professional students. The motion **carried**.
- b. For Discussion: UA Resolution #8: Welcoming President Pollack to Cornell University
 - i. G. Kaufman said this resolution thanks interim president Hunter Rawlings and Provost Kotlikoff as Acting President, and welcomes President Martha Pollack. By a vote of 14-0-0, the motion **passed**.
- c. For Discussion: UA Resolution #9: Tobacco-Free Campus Referendum
 - i. U. Smith said that this resolution spells out clearly what the CWC has done over the past few semesters. They are going to hold a campus-wide referendum to gauge whether the campus would like to go tobacco-free. The referendum would be by a simple majority of the individuals that participate in the vote, rather than taking a quorum.
 - ii. M. Hatch asked U. Smith if at the end of two years, it may be possible that the campus will not be tobacco-free.
 1. U. Smith said that if this referendum were to pass, there may a working group that would create a two-year project plan to become tobacco-free. He said they are only posing to ask a question now, not the specific process about how to be tobacco-free.
- d. N. Rogers asked if we have asked administration how they feel.
 - i. G. Kaufman said administration basically said that they cannot guarantee it will happen, but they would prefer a mechanism for how tobacco-free they would like to move. He said this referendum assumes the most extreme scenario, which is that Cornell goes fully tobacco-free
 - ii. G. Giambattista said the formal response was what G. Kaufman said about getting the temperature of the whole community and then accommodating the many different views that people have about this issue.
- e. K. Fitch said that they should give more options in the referendum to gear which way the community wants to go.
 - i. U. Smith said a referendum is by definition a yes or no question and that we have no idea about smoking behavior on campus, so they need to ask a question to get a pulse of the student body.
- f. M. Munasinghe asked if we get demographic information through the referendum because she said that information may be informative.
 - i. G. Giambattista said typically it is just by constituency and that the Assembly can approve the referendum before it goes out.
- g. There was a motion to amend the last line of the resolution. The resolution was **amended** by a vote of 14-0-1
- h. By a vote of 9-5-2, the resolution was **tabled**.

VII. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. G. Giambattista said the Assemblies' academic calendar voting will occur in the next 4-5 weeks.
- b. Executive Session
 - i. An Executive Session was called.

VIII. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Vishal Bhaya
Assemblies Clerk