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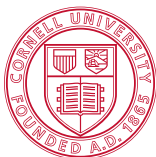
Minutes of the January 29, 2019 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building

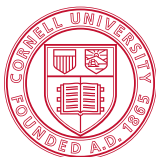
- I. Call to Order
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 - i. M. Battaglia called the meeting to order at 4:32pm
 - b. Roll Call:
 - i. *Present:* I. Allen, J. Anderson, D. Barbaria, K. Barth, M. Battaglia, R. Bensel, D. Geisler, M. Hatch, D. Hiner, T. Onabajo, J. Pea, A. Viswanathan, C. Wiggers, E. Winarto
 - ii. *Absent:* L. Copman, V. Devatha, R. Howarth, L. Kenney, E. Loew, C. Van Loan
 - c. Welcome and Introduction
 - i. M. Battaglia welcomed everyone back to the Assembly.
 - d. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. 11-13-18 Meeting Minutes
 - i. There was no dissent. The minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.
 - b. 11-27-18 Meeting Minutes
 - i. There was no dissent. The minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.
- III. Assembly, Committee, and Liaison Reports
 - a. Student Assembly
 - i. D. Barbaria mentioned that there are seats open on the Student Assembly, and that special elections will be taking place in the coming weeks.
 - b. GPSA
 - i. E. Winarto said that there has been a lot of discussion on a University Core Values statement, and that Vice President for Human Resources Mary Opperman visited the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly to discuss the values statement.
 - c. Employee Assembly
 - i. C. Wiggers said that last semester the Employee Assembly finished working on its forum and submitted its report the Vice President for Human Resources Mary Opperman.
 - ii. R. Bensel asked what the report said.

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- iii. C. Wiggers said that the report said a lot, covering a broad spectrum of issues.
- d. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. There were no updates
 - ii. M. Hatch asked D. Barbaria if the committee has had any contact with the University attorneys.
 - iii. D. Barbaria said that that will happen very soon.
- e. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. T. Onabajo said that the Campus Welfare Committee is continuing to work on the Tobacco referendum and a resolution to expand childcare facilities. She also said that the committee has one faculty representative vacancy and one employee representative vacancy.
- f. Executive Committee
 - i. J. Anderson said that one meeting has to be moved, as it was scheduled during February break. He asked for a show of hands, and the Assembly indicated its preference for the meeting date to be rescheduled to March 5, 2019.
 - ii. J. Anderson said that the University Assembly Executive Committee will be meeting with Executive Vice President Joanne DeStefano, Provost Michael Kotlikoff, and Vice President for University Relations Joel Malina to discuss the Budget Planning Advisory Committee.
 - iii. R. Benseal asked about what will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting.
 - iv. J. Anderson said that topics like the Budgeted Advisory Planning Committee, the Campus Code of Conduct amendments, sustainability initiatives, guest speakers, etc. will be discussed at the meeting.
 - v. R. Benseal said that he suggests that someone from the Endowment Office visit the Assembly to explain why it is underperforming.
- g. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. K. Barth said that the committee is interested in reconnecting with the Assemblies to build relationships and establish its visibility across campus. He said that committee has often been seen as roadblock, rather than as catalyst for change. He also said that the Campus Masterplan will also be revised in the future.



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- ii. M. Hatch suggested that members of the University Assembly take some time to read about and understand the committee, because it impacts the entire University.
- iii. T. Onabajo asked to what extent are the recommendations of the committee considered by the President of the University, and how long it takes to see recommendations implemented.
- iv. K. Barth said that there was no direct answer.
- v. R. Bensel asked if the Campus Planning Committee has jurisdiction in New York City at the Cornell Tech Campus.
- vi. K. Barth said that he has no knowledge of that at the moment.
- vii. D. Barbaria asked if it would be possible to have the meeting dates of the committee posted on the Office of the Assemblies website.
- viii. M. Battaglia said that it should be possible.
- ix. M. Hatch said that there are ways through which big endeavors emerge without the inclusion of the Campus Planning Committee, so he said that it would be helpful to utilize that platform as representatives of the many different constituent groups of the University.
- h. Student Health Benefits Advisory Council
 - i. J. Anderson said that a meeting will be happening on Friday. He said that the council does not do very much in the spring because the Student Health Fee recommendations have already been given to Vice President for Student and Campus Life Lombardi.
 - ii. R. Bensel said that there is a shortage of psychological staff.
 - iii. E. Winarto said that the Council is aware but does not know what is going to happen.
- i. President's Council on Sexual Violence Prevention
 - i. E. Winarto said that there has been no meeting.
- j. Policy Advisory Committee
 - i. E. Winarto said the committee discussed Policy 4.19 – Personal and Private Use of University Property and Facilities – which, she said, did not exist before, but clarifies permissible, private activities in University facilities, and how to receive approval.

IV. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 5:13pm