



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Thursday, November 16, 2017 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. Call to Order at 4:30pm

II. Open Microphone

- a. VP of University Relations Malina spoke to the Student Assembly about University Policy 4.18 to provide context and explanation. He said that, since Cornell is considered a non-profit (and is therefore tax-exempt), the IRS strictly prohibits any non-profit from engaging in any political campaign activity. He said that University resources cannot be utilized, which includes the use of the cornell.edu email address. He said that there are different carve outs for independently registered organizations. He encouraged everyone to read the policy and familiarize themselves with the policy.
 - i. M. Valadez asked if students are prohibited for certain types of policy. He answered some questions from the Student Assembly.
 - 1. VP Malina said that political campaign activity is not the same as political policy activity. It won't impact advocacy at all.
 - ii. D. Barbaria asked if there were any consequences.
 - 1. VP Malina said that there is no penalty or enforcement.

III. Announcements and Reports

- a. Rep Wallace: Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil
 - i. Trans awareness week. Honors lives' lost due to anti-transgender violence.

- b. M. Valadez said that the SA has cosponsored funds for the Thanksgiving dinner taking place next week.
- c. G. Kaufman said that the SA has offered special funding to a couple of different groups hosting cool activities in the coming weeks.

IV. Presentations

- a. VP Lombardi & Provost Kotlikoff: North Campus Residential Expansion (5:15-5:45)
 - i. VP Lombardi gave a presentation on the housing updates the North Campus Residential Expansion. He said that, since approval of the project, there has been engagement with Residential Student Congress and faculty-in-residence. He said that there are issues of resources and space. He said that deferred maintenance and capacity needs to be addressed. He said that there has also been a focus on having housing support for continuing enrollment growth. He spoke about the overall plan, residential trajectory, site selection, and the project sequence. He said that it will take approximately five and a half years (2023) to complete. He said that the next steps will be to finalize the building layouts, continue working with the Residential Student Congress, and have open forums as the designs take shape.
 - 1. G. Kaufman said that he is concerned about an increase in the number of students because the faculty to student ratio would go up.
 - a. Provost K. responded.
 - 2. O. Corn asked what will be done for the students that want to stay on campus.
 - a. Provost K. said, for sophomores wanting to stay on campus, they are virtually limited to West Campus, and that this plan addresses the concern.
 - 3. C. Schott asked about how the program is going to be financed. He also asked about leaked

information about international student enrollment and tuition costs.

- a. Provost K. said that there is no intention to decrease the acceptance of international students with need. He said that housing is not paid for by financial aid at all. He said the mechanism used will be to borrow money through a public-private partnership, but the long-term expense is enormous, so what has been preferred is to borrow the money, and have a careful plan to pay the interest.
4. T. Cabbell asked how this plan will impact transfer students.
 - a. VP Lombardi said that they are building 2,000 beds, but not enrolling that many students and that transfer students will not be impacted.
5. J. Sanon said that there are problems on North Campus, especially in the Low Rises. She asked about mitigating the pressure to force triples on North Campus.
 - a. VP Lombardi said that this plan accomplishes addressing the factors mentioned.
6. T. Ball asked about an update on the community forum for this plan and any collaboration with the College of Engineering on the expansion.
 - a. VP Lombardi said that they will get to the point of having a forum. He said that it is a great idea to collaborate and that it will be explored.
7. R. Herz asked about the transportation plan for North Campus with the expansion.
 - a. VP Lombardi said that there has been discussion with transportation to determine the implications of the expansion and the needs of transit and parking.

- b. Engaged Cornell (5:50)
 - i. Mike Bishop, the Director of Student Leadership in the Office of Student Engagement, presented on the Engage Cornell program, staying connected, deepening relationships, supporting scholarships, awarding grants to faculty, and funding for abroad experiences.
 - 1. M. Peralta-Ochoa asked about any sort of instruction in immersion of different cultures.
 - a. Mike Bishop said that each student is required to complete different task, including a 90-minute workshop and reflection to support them in engaging and immersing in different cultures to be effective in those off-campus communities.
 - 2. O. Egharevba asked about how the program reaches first-year students.
 - a. Mike Bishop said that just this year, there has been a focus on sophomore and junior students. He said that there have been different networking events, including during orientation, to reach out to first-year students.
- c. Presentation from two representatives.
 - i. They spoke on their plans, initiatives, and town-halls. They spoke on their hope to include many different organizations.
 - 1. V. Devatha asked about collaboration between the committee and Ithaca College.
 - a. She (rep) said that, in the past, there has not been much interaction.
 - 2. T. Ball said that he is concerned with crowding out the social spaces of Ithaca College.
 - a. She (rep) said that that is definitely not the intention
- d. D. Barbaria motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.
 - i. No dissent. **Adopted** by unanimous consent.

e. J. Pollard motion to amend the agenda to move up resolution 17.

i. V. Devatha said that the byline needs to be presented.

1. Motion failed

V. Byline Reports

a. Convocation Committee

i. G. Kaufman said that the Appropriations Committee gave them an addition \$2

1. Motioned to approve.

a. By a vote of 15-0-1, approved.

b. WSH Student Union Board

i. G. Kaufman said that they had about \$40,000. The Appropriations Committee made recommendations for resource funding. He said that everyone is on the same page.

1. G. Kaufman motioned to approve.

a. By a vote of 16-0-1, approved

c. CUPB

i. G. Kaufman said that they applied for a funding increase- it should cover all of their expenses.

1. Motion to vote. It was seconded.

a. By a vote of 15-0-1, approved

d. Outdoor Odyssey

i. G. Kaufman said that Outdoor Odyssey requested a funding increase, and the Appropriations Committee granted that funding increase.

1. R. Herz motioned to table. By a vote of 13-5-_ the motion pa

e. Alternative Breaks

i. G. Kaufman said that Alternative Breaks requested an increase of \$2.50. The Appropriations Committee granted increase of \$2.

1. O. Corn motioned to table. By a majority, it was tabled.

f. Club Insurance

- i. Motion to table. By a majority, it was **tabled**.
- g. M. Indimine motioned to amend the agenda.
 - i. Motion adopted by a majority.

VI. Business of the Day

- a. Resolution 14: Increasing the Transparency of WCM-Q
- b. Resolution 17: Declaring Support for Wind Development on Campus
- c. Resolution 19: Preventing the Use of University Resources for Political Purposes

VII. New Business

- a. Resolution 21: Queer-Inclusive Housing
 - i. I. Wallace said that the purpose of this house is to promote the academic development and engagement of queer, LGBT+, and queer people of color.
 - 1. R. Herz motioned to move to Business of the Day
 - a. Motion was **adopted** by a 2/3 majority.
 - ii. O. Egharvba asked about the number of beds.
 - 1. I. Wallace said that there will be 22 beds.
 - iii. M. Valadez praised I. Wallace for his work and efforts on this resolution.
 - iv. O. Corn motioned to vote.
 - 1. D. Barbaria dissented.
 - v. D. Barbaria motioned to add Kianna Early '18 as a third co-sponsor to the resolution on line 7 of the resolution.
 - 1. By a vote of 19-0-1, the resolution was **amended**.
 - vi. R. Herz motioned to vote. It was seconded.
 - 1. By a vote of 19-0-1, the motion was adopted.
- b. Resolution 22: Spring 2018 Election Rules

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Executive Session

- a. University of Puerto Rico Discussion