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University Assembly Meeting Agenda

November 3, 2026

4:45-6:15pm

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

I. Call to Order
   a. Roll Call
   b. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogo̱ho:no̱ (Cayuga Nation)
   c. Approval of the October 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes
   d. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda

II. Business of the Day
   a. **Presentation on Cornell Title IX**: Katie King, *Associate Vice President of Cornell Office of Civil Rights*
   b. **Resolution 1**: Supporting the Establishment of a Joint Commission on Sexual Violence
      1. Sponsored by: Nicholas Maggard, Andi Garcia-Ortiz, Chris Schaffer, Carl Cornell

III. Assembly Reports
   a. Student Assembly
   b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
   c. Employee Assembly
   d. Faculty Senate

IV. Committee Reports
   a. Executive Board
   b. Campus Codes Committee
   c. Campus Welfare Committee
   d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment

V. Liaison Reports
   a. Campus Planning Committee
   b. Coalition for Sexual Violence Prevention
   c. Sustainable Cornell Council's Carbon Neutral Campus Steering Committee
   d. Sustainable Cornell Council's Education & Engagement Steering Committee
   e. Sustainable Cornell Council's Campus Operations Steering Committee
   f. Sustainable Computing Working Group

VI. Open Forum

VII. Adjournment

University Assembly

Cornell University Assembly

Minutes of the October 20th, 2026 Meeting

4:46 PM – 5:41 PM

Zoom

I. Call to Order
   a. Chair N. Maggard called the meeting to order at 4:46 PM.
   b. Members Present: E. Akcan, A. Barnes, M. Benda, S. Bruyere, J. Butcher, E. Chaudhuri, C. Cornell, D. Freeman, A. Haenlin-Mott, A. Keshri, N. Maggard, E. Porter, S. Resue, C. Schaffer, E. Snell II, C. Tarala, A. Vink
   c. Members Absent: A. Garcia-Ortiz, N. Brennan, K. Kopko
   d. Also Present: S. Jackson

II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogo̱ho꞉no (Cayuga Nation).
   a. N. Maggard stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.

III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
   a. None.

IV. Approval of the Sept 29th meeting minutes
   a. C. Cornell motioned to adopt the September 29th meeting minutes. The meeting minutes had been adopted with unanimous consent.

V. Business of the Day
   a. Presentation on AI and Sustainability: Steve Jackson, *Vice Provost for Academic Innovation*
      i. S. Jackson provided information regarding early steps on Sustainable Computing at Cornell, such as adding computing as campus sustainability focus area and developing methodologies for tracking computing-specific

energy and water usage, the Sustainable Computing Working Group and their duties, and findings from the Cornell Unplug initiative.

ii. S. Jackson took questions from the Assembly regarding the effectiveness of differentiating individual awareness and institutional changes and plans on implementing institutional changes in the future.

VI. Assembly Reports

a. Student Assembly

i. The Student Assembly discussed resolutions surrounding recent events that ask for policy changes on the attitudes that the administration has towards sexual violence response. The Student Assembly had also recently presented a resolution asking for the termination of flock contracts immediately on campus. In addition, all 14 Student Assembly committees are now active. Elections have begun, and call for candidates for four first year seats, one transfer seat, two students in the College of Arts & Sciences, one student in the Dyson School, and one Veterans representative, have also been sent out.

b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

i. The GPSA is in the process of collecting information from Graduate and Professional Students about the impact that they may be experiencing from anything around the moratorium on event permits.

c. Employee Assembly

i. The Employee Assembly had a meeting on October 7th. The presentation regarding projected endowment benefit changes for staff had been postponed to October 21st upon the presenter's request. The Employee Assembly passed a resolution on budget allocation and held discussions regarding committee work, the Executive Committee statement that went out to all staff, the Town Hall presented to the staff, the faculty resolution for a no confidence vote that moved into executive session, and current political issues. There was also a reminder of the open UA staff positions to all staff.

d. Faculty Senate
    i. The Faculty Senate met on October 14th, and President Kotlikoff answered questions from Senators and faculty, with most topics concerning Jane Doe's case and the university's response to it. Two agenda items, Dean Dunifon speaking about faculty roles in implementing Task Force recommendation and Laura Weiss from the SHARE Office helping faculty understand those resources and how they can help students, were postponed to a future meeting. The Faculty Senate then debated the no confidence resolution. The Faculty Senate is meeting again on October 28th and will begin with additional debate on the no confidence resolution.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee
    i. The Executive Committee met on September 20th after the UA meeting to discuss the Jane Doe case and the university's response it.
b. Campus Codes Committee
    i. No updates.
c. Campus Welfare Committee
    i. The Campus Welfare Committee met on October 15th with a discussion on topics that the committee would like to address and to determine next steps for the committee. The committee's next meeting was on October 27th.
d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
    i. The Committee met on September 29th and noted two priorities:
        1. Sustainability: concerning the recently added challenges due to AI enthusiasm, single-use plastics, and bike lane safety issues.
        2. Affordability: concerning mainly about the recent rises in housing costs for graduate students, faculty, and staff.

VIII. Liaison Reports

a. Campus Planning Committee
    i. The Campus Planning Committee discussed campus road reconstruction and the phases with which it is to be accomplished. It is currently in design. The City of Ithaca came to discuss other areas that they are considering. There will be more information after a scheduled December meeting.
b. Coalition for Sexual Violence Prevention
    i. No updates.
c. Sustainable Cornell Council's Carbon Neutral Campus Steering Committee
    i. No updates.
d. Sustainable Cornell Council's Education & Engagement Steering Committee
    i. No updates.
e. Sustainable Cornell Council's Campus Operations Steering Committee
    i. No updates.
f. Sustainable Working Group
    i. No updates.

IX. Open Forum

a. The Assembly discussed the Faculty Senate's no confidence resolution and if the UA should respond.

X. Adjournment

a. C. Cornell motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting had been adjourned with unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Yao
Clerk of the Assembly

Resolution 1: Supporting the Establishment of a Joint Commission on Sexual Violence

Abstract: This resolution expresses the University Assembly's support for the establishment of a Joint Commission on Sexual Violence, in partnership with the constituent assemblies, and affirms the UA's commitment to participating in its formation and work.

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Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 10/27/2026

Whereas, sexual violence causes profound and lasting harm to members of the Cornell community, undermining the safety, well-being, and ability of students, faculty, and staff to fully participate in university life;

Whereas, the prevention of sexual violence and the development of effective institutional responses require transparency and meaningful participation from all constituencies of the University;

Whereas, the University Faculty Committee has introduced a resolution entitled *A Sustained Faculty Commitment to Preventing Sexual Violence*, which proposes a comprehensive approach to addressing sexual violence through research, community engagement, and institutional accountability;

Whereas, the proposed Faculty Senate resolution invites the Student Assembly, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, Employee Assembly, and University Assembly to co-convene a Joint Commission on Sexual Violence, composed of members appointed by each participating body;

Whereas, per the University Faculty Committee, "*This Commission should build upon and extend the work of the Sexual Assault Task Force by engaging with the Cornell community in an ongoing dialogue aimed at identifying strategies for reducing rates of sexual misconduct on campus, evaluating the effectiveness of approaches that have been implemented, improving university systems to support survivors and respond to sexual assault, and fostering a vibrant social life free of sexual violence.*";

Whereas, Article II of the University Assembly Charter establishes the Assembly's purpose as improving and sustaining the involvement of the campus community in the governance of matters affecting the broad campus community, and Article III authorizes the Assembly to examine matters concerning the welfare of the campus community and make recommendations thereon;

Whereas, the University Assembly, through its representation of undergraduate students, graduate and professional students, faculty, and employees, is uniquely positioned to facilitate dialogue and cooperation across Cornell's constituent governance bodies;

Be it therefore resolved, that the University Assembly expresses its strong support for the establishment of a Joint Commission on Sexual Violence, as proposed by the University Faculty Committee, and affirms its willingness to serve as a co-convening body alongside the Faculty Senate, Student Assembly, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, and Employee Assembly;

Be it further resolved, that the University Assembly supports a Commission charged with facilitating sustained community engagement, evaluating the effectiveness of existing prevention and response measures, identifying opportunities for institutional improvement, and developing recommendations for consideration by the participating assemblies and University administration;

Be it further resolved, that the University Assembly supports a structure in which each participating assembly retains the authority to appoint its own representatives to the Commission, and in which the Commission reports regularly to the participating assemblies regarding its activities, findings, and recommendations;

Be it further resolved, that the University Assembly authorizes its Chair to collaborate with the leadership of the constituent assemblies to develop the Commission's charge, membership, and structure;

Be it further resolved, that the University Assembly calls upon the University administration to provide adequate staffing and resources to enable the Commission to meaningfully fulfill its responsibilities, consistent with the proposal of the University Faculty Committee;

Be it finally resolved, that this resolution shall be transmitted to the Faculty Senate, Student Assembly, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, Employee Assembly, and Office of the President as an expression of the University Assembly's commitment to sustained, collaborative action to prevent sexual violence and strengthen the safety and well-being of the Cornell community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Maggard

Chair of the University Assembly

Andi Garcia-Ortiz

Executive Vice Chair of the University Assembly

Chris Schaffer
Dean of Faculty
Carl Cornell
Chair of the Employee Assembly