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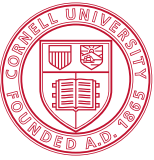
Cornell University's University Assembly

Minutes of the March 25th, 2025 Meeting

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

701 Clark Hall | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. A. LaGressa called the meeting to order at 4:49pm.
 - i. *Members Present:* D. Bateman, M. Benda, J. Butcher, E. Crawley, Z. deRham, E. DeRosa, E. Gainor, A. Haenlin-Mott, O. Karim, A. LaGressa, N. Maggard, S. Matan, S. Resue, C. Tarala, W. Treat, A. Vinson
 - ii. *Members Absent:* N. Brennan, D. Dinner, A. Garcia-Ortiz, S. Modadugula
 - iii. *Also Present:* A. Breitstein, E. Kalweit, M. Kotlikoff, R. Platt, J. Withers, M. Yant Kinney
- II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoho:nq̓ (Cayuga Nation)
 - a. A. LaGressa stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Business of the Day
 - a. Presentation by President Michael Kotlikoff and Interim Vice President for University Relations Monica Yant Kinney
 - i. M. Kotlikoff provided remarks to the assembly on the current campus climate and Cornell's response to recent federal government decisions impacting universities.
 - ii. M. Kotlikoff and M. Yant Kinney answered questions from the assembly.
 - b. O. Karim put forward a motion to consider the previous question.
 - i. The motion was **approved** by unanimous consent.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the March 11th, 2025 meeting.
 - a. E. DeRosa motioned to approve the minutes from the March 11th, 2025 meeting.
 - i. M. Benda seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- V. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - a. A. LaGressa called for late additions to the agenda. None were put forward.
- VI. Business of the Day
 - a. Discussion of Resolution 1: Supporting the Establishment of Campus-Wide Community Restorative Days



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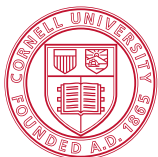
- i. C. Tarala stated a series of updates made to the resolution after the assembly's discussion of the resolution at their last meeting.
 - ii. The assembly discussed the resolution.
 - iii. O. Karim put forward a motion to table the resolution.
 1. E. DeRosa seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent.
- b. Introduction of Resolution 2: Supporting Universal Access to Menstrual Hygiene Products
 - i. C. Tarala introduced Resolution 2 to the assembly.
 - ii. The assembly discussed the resolution.
 - iii. O. Karim put forward a motion to amend the resolution to strike "[Cornell Bleeds Red?]" from line item 50.
 1. D. Bateman seconded the motion.
 2. The amendment **passed** by unanimous consent.
 - iv. M. Benda put forward a motion to table the resolution.
 1. C. Tarala seconded the motion.
 2. The motion to table **passed** by unanimous consent.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. M. Benda stated that the committee is working on meeting agendas.
- b. Campus Codes Committee
 - i. Nothing to report.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. Nothing to report.
- d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - i. Nothing to report.

VIII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
 - i. Z. deRham stated that the SA passed a resolution recommending that faculty universally include grading schemes on syllabi.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. O. Karim stated that the GPSA is holding elections and passed three resolutions establishing a special committee handling special grants; calling for Cornell to protect DACA community members through implementation protection programs and training; and calling for the



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Cornell to rescind statements the Department of Homeland Security used to revoke graduate student Momodou Taal's visa.

- c. O. Karim put forward a motion to extend the meeting by fifteen minutes.
 - i. Z. deRham seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent.
- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. E. DeRosa stated that President Kotlikoff and VP Honan both presented at the Senate's last meeting.
- e. Employee Assembly
 - i. E. Crawley stated that the Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX presented at the assembly's last meeting and that they have discussed their organizational meeting. She also stated that they discussed preparing for the TCAT stop shortage.

IX. Liaison Reports

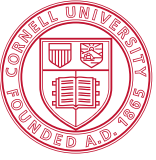
- a. Sustainable Cornell Council's Education & Engagement Steering Committee
 - i. E. Crawley stated that the committee does not meet until April 15th.
- b. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. Nothing to report
- c. Coalition for Sexual Violence Prevention
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee
 - i. Nothing to report
- e. Sustainable Cornell Council's Carbon Neutral Campus Steering Committee
 - i. Nothing to report
- f. Sustainable Cornell Council's Campus Operations Steering Committee
 - i. Nothing to report

X. Adjournment

- a. O. Karim motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. C. Tarala seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
P.J. Brown
Clerk of the Assembly



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