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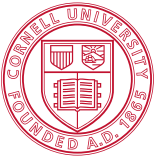
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Minutes of the November 2nd, 2021 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6 PM

401 Physical Science Building and Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. B. Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 4:31pm.
 - b. *Members Present:* I. Akisoglu, V. Aymer, M. Benda, R. Bense, D. Cady, N. Danev, E. DeRosa, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, T. Fox, P. Hanley, D. Hiner, C. Levine, M. Louis, A. Ononye, J. Withers
 - c. *Members Absent:* D. Howell, J. Richards, S. Tanis
 - d. *Also Present:* D. Honan, R. Malina, W. Treat.
- II. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogohono (Cayuga Nation)
- III. Late Additions
 - a. There were no late additions to the agenda.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes (October 19, 2021)
 - a. T. Fox motioned to approve the minutes.
 - i. E. DeRose seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion was passed with unanimous consent.
- V. Open Forum
 - a. CUPD Chief Honan
 - i. D. Honan gave a presentation and answered questions posed by E. DeRosa, R. Bense, I. Akisoglu, D. Cady, T. Fox, and J. Feit.
 - b. President Pollack and Vice President visit to the University Assembly 11/16/21
 - i. Qualtrics survey for question submitting forthcoming – deadline for submission is deadline 11/8/21
 1. B. Fortenberry stated that a survey will be sent out after the meeting and would collect their questions for President Pollack.
 - c. Meeting and Membership Attendance Policy Reminder
 - i. B. Fortenberry and J. Feit asked the member to be mindful of this policy and reminded the body this would apply to their committees as well.
- VI. Business of the Day
 - a. Resolution #2: Calling on Cornell University to Appropriately Recognize and Honor Veteran's Day
 - i. Discussion ensued by A. Ononye, N. Danev, J. Feit, E. DeRosa, P. Hanley, D. Cady, J. Withers, and R. Malina.
 - b. N. Danev proposed the amend line 5 to read "This resolution calls on University Administration to establish Veterans Day as a University-holiday where courses are canceled and University affiliates are not required to work." and lines 47-49 to read



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“Be it finally resolved, the Cornell University Administration will cancel both course attendance and required work for University affiliates each academic year on November 11th, the date of the nationally recognized holiday.”

- i. D. Cady seconded the amendment.
- ii. Discussion ensued by J. Feit, N. Danev, A. Ononye, J. Withers, D. Cady, E. DeRosa, and P. Hanley.
- iii. A. Ononye motioned to vote on the resolution.
 1. P. Hanley seconded the motion.
 2. The motion **passed** 10-4-2
- c. N. Danev motioned to vote on the resolution.
 - i. D. Cady seconded the motion.
 - ii. The resolution **passed** with 8-6-2
 - iii. J. Feit motioned to reconsider the vote.
 1. R. Bensele seconded the motion.
 2. Discussion ensued by N. Danev, V. Aymer, and J. Feit.
 3. R. Bensele motioned to reconsider.
 - a. J. Withers seconded.
 - b. Discussion ensued by D. Cady and J. Withers.
 - c. The motion **failed** with 7-8-1
- d. I. Akisoglu motioned to extend the meeting by ten minutes.
 - i. J. Feit seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

VII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
 - i. A. Ononye did not share in the interest of time.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. P. Hanley stated they passed a resolution on paperless agendas, approved a budget, reviewed character amendments on extending the deadline for the current by-line funding cycle, and created a mechanism to fill vacancies.
- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. J. Withers stated that they concluded elections and they have 5 new members.
- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. E. DeRosa stated they will be considering a resolution on increasing transparency for the tenure process. They will also be considering a resolution called “Global Hugs” coming from the Vice Provos for International Affairs. Additionally, President Pollock will also be visiting during their next meeting.



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VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. J. Feit stated they discussed meeting attendance and the upcoming visit from Vice President Malina and President Pollock. They stated there a few items on the agenda to be discussed including current on energy usage, PeKing University, repairs and maintenance to university faculties, the staff experience in the past year, and the financial health of the university including financial aid.
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. No one was available to speak to this committee.
- c. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment.
 - i. I. Akisoglu stated that one member for the EA had to resign last week, and they invite the EA to re-elect a representative. They also reported they met with Spring Buck, the Associate Director of Facilities Management Operations at Cornell to discuss the placement of waste and recycling receptacles around campus and was invited to submit location proposals.
 1. J. Withers stated they would follow up on the EA seat.
 2. D. Cady asked about the timeline of submissions.
 - a. I. Akisoglu stated they met on Friday. They also stated that the submitting proposed location doesn't guarantee the implementation of infrastructure. They did not have the impression that it would take a long time to implement.
 - b. B. Fortenberry talked to his experience with waste management.

IX. Adjournment

- a. D. Cady motioned to adjourn.
 - i. J. Feit seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kassandra Jordan
Clerk of the Assembly