

MINUTES
Student Assembly
Thursday, January 30, 2014
4:45PM-6:30PM
Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by U. Smith at 4:45PM.

Members Present: S. Ali Khan, S. Balik, J. Batista, Y. Bhandari, G. Block, E. Bonatti, I. Chen, T. Drucker, R. Gademsky, I. Harris, M. Henderson, T. Hittinger, J. Hutson, L. Liu, M. Lukasiewicz, S. Lutsic, Y. Ma, N. Mileti, U. Smith, , T. Talbot, B. Thompson, N. Tulsy, N. Vasko, L. Wershaw, Z. Zhou

Member Late (Unexcused): M. Stefanko

Members Absent: A. Murphy

Also Present: J. Berger, A. Muglia

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by M. Henderson to edit the Minutes to clarify that Unknown (56:00) is him speaking. No dissent. **Motion Approved.**

Motion to approve the minutes by U. Smith. No dissent. **Motion Approved.**

III. Open Mic

No items presented.

IV. Announcements and Reports

Dining Committee Update – R. Gademsky

- First meeting was held on Tuesday.
- Students brought issue of Risley Dining being shut down on Fridays to the Committee. The dining hall requires 200 people to eat there in order for it to remain open on Fridays.

University Assembly Update – M. Lukasiewicz

- UA met on Tuesday, discussed a resolution regarding Group Misconduct.
- Also discussed the issue of transportation, particularly to do with TCAT.

Retreat Announcement – S. Balik

- SA members' retreat on Saturday. Activities on leadership and teamwork.

CALS Diversity Showcase Announcement – N. Tulsy and U. Smith

- As part of Towards New Destinations, grant recipients present their diversity projects and accomplishments. Friday, January 31st in Weill Hall.

GPSA Collaboration on R. 19 – J. Batista

- Sponsors of R. 19 are working with the GPSA and their Diversity Committee on how to move forward and find something more friendly.

- An email will be going out requesting suggestions on how to make the resolution more effective.

Faculty Panel Update – U. Smith

- Participated in a faculty panel on engaging men of color. One takeaway is that faculty members could reach out to their advisees a couple times a semester.

Appendix B Information Session Announcement – G. Block

- Appendix B is the document that governs the funding that is given out to groups.
- Information session about the process in McGraw 165 on Monday, February 3rd.
- Appropriations Committee will be meeting on Mondays again.
- *U. Smith*: Liaisons to By-line funded organizations are expected to be there.

Elections Committee Update – A. Muglia

- Elections Committee met on Tuesday. Discussed debates for each of the individual college elections and trying to increase attendance at debates.
- All election materials are currently online.

Committee Meeting Times Summary – All Chairs

- *Committee on Dining Services*: Every other Tuesday from 5:00pm-6:00pm (locations change)
- *Committee on Community Life*: Every Tuesday in Clark 247
- *Student Assembly Financial Aid Review Committee*: TBD
- *Diversity Affairs Coalition*: Every Friday at 8:00am in Statler G71
- *Committee on Inclusion and Diversity Initiatives*: Every Wednesday at 7:00pm in Willard Straight 4th Floor Conference Room
- *Appropriations Committee*: Every Monday at 4:30 in McGraw 145
- *Communications Committee*: Every Friday at 3:00pm in Willard Straight 4th Floor Conference Room
- *Elections Committee*: Every other Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Willard Straight 4th Floor Conference Room
- *Executive Committee*: Every Sunday at 1:00pm in Willard Straight 4th Floor Conference Room

KTPYW Announcement – I. Harris

- Know The Power of Your Words initiative holding “Dining with Diverse Minds” events in the Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room on Friday, February 7th from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

Community Life Update – M. Stefanko

- Mental Health training starts on Tuesday. There are currently 43 people signed up, and we have a few more spots. The training consists of 4 sessions from 6:00pm-8:00pm on consecutive Tuesdays starting this coming week.

Guest Announcement – U. Smith

- Based on the initiatives Members are putting effort towards, guests will be brought in. Cornell Police Chief Kathy Zoner will be a guest at next week’s meeting.

V. Business of the Day

R. 29: Student Supported Net-Print Improvements – M. Henderson, M. Stefanko, and Emma Johnston

- There are three parts to the resolution: encouraging NetPrint operators to use 100% recycled paper, recommending that NetPrint operators charge a reduced fee for printing on the backside of paper, and ensuring that the double-sided option is the default option.
- G. Block: The most effective part of this resolution is the double-sided default part. There will be resistance with the recycled paper since there is a noticeable cost increase. What if the operators say they will use the paper, but only with a cost increase. *Response:* The majority of the cost comes from toner and printer upkeep. If they wanted to increase the cost, we would ask the SA for their input and try to figure out what students want. Our priority, however, is to reduce cost for students.
- B. Thompson: Have you talked to students about the 2 cent dip in prices in order to print front and back? Is this an effective incentive? *Response:* Yes, we think that it will be effective.
- **Motion to Call the Question** by G. Block. No Dissent.
- Community votes in favor of the resolution, 1-0-0. Two votes allocated in favor of the resolution.
- **Resolution Passes** 27-0-0
- Point of Order by E. Bonatti: If there is only one person in the community, does the community still get two votes? *Response by U. Smith:* Yes.

VI. New Business

R. 30: Supporting a Human Ecology Quick Print Station – I. Harris

- This resolution is in support of establishing a Quick Print station in the Human Ecology complex. The Human Ecology Undergraduate Dean’s council inspired the idea. Unlike many other colleges, there isn’t a printing station in the Human Ecology buildings other than a hard to access one in the Dean’s lounge.
- **Motion to move the item to Business of the Day.** No Dissent. Item is open for general discussion.
- G. Block: In support of the resolution, as it helps formalize the process for improvements of this nature and provides another realm of support.
- **Motion to Call the Question** by G. Block. No Dissent.
- Two community votes allocated in favor of the resolution.
- **Resolution Passes** 27-0-0
- U. Smith: Commended I. Harris for maintaining a connection to his constituent college and advocating for their needs.

R. 45: Enhancing Cornell Health Awareness – S. Lutsic and R. Gademsky

- The goal of this resolution is to display pertinent nutritional information in all dining halls, add more menu items to the nutrition database, and generally improve the Cornell Dining experience for everyone. This is a long term goal and the Dining Committee will meet a few more times to determine exactly what the final goal is.
- T. Hittinger: This initiative works well with the Cornell Dining app that we were working on. This is a long term goal, Cornell Dining should be proactively collecting nutritional information.

- S. Balik: Why is this on the backburner for Cornell Dining? *Response:* The Cornell Dining staff nutritionist likes to be very specific and exact when putting nutritional information out there, which takes more time. There are over 30,000 ingredients they use and in the all-you-care-to-eat facilities, nothing is standardized.
- M. Stefanko: Please clarify the details of the sub-committee. Also, what is the Class of 2017 commission? *Response:* Cornell Dining has promised that there will be a meeting. There will also be a Food Science Professor and the head of the Hillel/Kosher Initiative. The Class of 2017 commission is a group of freshman that want to improve the freshman experience.
- B. Thompson: Why not focus on the menu items that we currently have the data on? *Response:* The focus is on that, but also on providing the support to put in the manpower to catalogue the nutritional information.
- L. Liu: Is this limited to the all-you-care-to-eat facilities? *Response:* No, the goal is for this to be in all facilities. But the focus is on the freshman class' needs.
- T. Drucker: Another idea: using smaller bowl to encourage more portion size control.
- Representatives Warshaw, Zhou, Bhandari, Mileti, Bonatti, Tulsy, and Ali Khan all echoed opinion about the resolution. Generally the representatives are in support of the resolution and offered their views on how to improve the resolution.
- J. Batista: **Motion to Table** the resolution discussion. No dissent.

U. Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Brian Murphy
 Clerk, Office of the Assemblies