



Minutes
Employee Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, June 4, 2014
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.
701 Clark Hall

“Being an active Voice for Cornell Staff”

I. Call to Order

B. Schaffner called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Present:, N. Bell, D. Brooks., B. Cristelli, L. Croll Howell, M. de Roos, B. Esty, C. Ferguson, T. Grove, H. Hall, S. Jenks, E. Lee, G. Mezey, L. Morris, J. Rogan, B. Schaffner, BJ Siasoco, M. Stefanski Seymour, P. Thompson

Absent: J. Ballerstein

Also Present: A. O’Donnell, J. Blair

II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda

There were one late addition to the agenda. T. Grove asked for a few minutes to share info from Gary Stewart from Government Relations.

III. Approval of Minutes 5/21/2014

G. Mezey motioned to approve the amended minutes. The motion was seconded and the EA unanimously approved the minutes.

IV. Business of the Day

a. Vote – Executive Board

Chair seat

G. Mezey, T. Grove and BJ Siasoco were each nominated for Chair prior to the meeting. Each candidate accepted the nomination, then took a few minutes to explain to the EA a bit of background, as well as why they were seeking to be the Chair. The candidates fielded questions from the members. All candidates said they would be open to the Vice Chair position if they were not elected as Chair. C. Ferguson motioned to close debate, the motion was seconded.

The voting was done by secret ballot. (While the Office of Assemblies counted the votes, the meeting resumed.)

VII. New Business – Late Addition

T. Grove explained about the invitation from Gary Stewart. There was a brief discussion, and

the members felt they would like to hear more from Gary Stewart in person. It was decided they would invite him to the following EA meeting to discuss.

IV. Business of the Day

a. Vote – Executive Board (resumed)

B. Schaffner announced Greg Mezey as the new Chair of the Employee Assembly. G. Mezey thanked the members and made a few brief comments.

Executive Vice Chair seat

BJ Siasoco accepted the nomination. T. Grove declined the nomination and said she thought this could be a new era for the EA. G. Mezey called for unanimous consent to make BJ Siasoco the Executive Vice Chair. There was no dissent.

Vice Chair for Internal Operations seat

G. Mezey nominated Pilar Thompson to be the Vice Chair for Internal Operations for a second term. She accepted the nomination. G. Mezey called for unanimous consent to make Pilar Thompson the Vice Chair for Internal Operations. There was no dissent.

Vice Chair for Finance seat

P. Thompson nominated Curtis Ferguson to be the Vice Chair for Finance. He accepted the nomination. G. Mezey called for unanimous consent to make Curtis Ferguson the Vice Chair for Finance. There was no dissent.

Communications Chair seat

Eric Lee announced he would like to remain as the Chair of the Communications Committee. G. Mezey called for unanimous consent to make Eric Lee the Chair of the Communications Committee. There was no dissent.

Parliamentarian seat

B. Schaffner nominated Steve Jenks to be the Parliamentarian. He accepted the nomination. G. Mezey called for unanimous consent to make Steve Jenks the Parliamentarian. There was no dissent.

G. Mezey thanked everyone for participating and asked the new officers to stay after the meeting for a few minutes to debrief.

V. Report from the Chair

B. Schaffner thanked all the members for their support the last year. T. Grove noted that B. Schaffner make a great presentation to the Board of Trustees the week before.

VI. Old Business

No items

VII. New Business

a. EA retreat

G. Mezey asked the members to hold Wednesday, July 30th for a summer retreat. There was a brief discussion, and G. Mezey asked that any other ideas, input, feedback be sent to him by email.

T. Grove said she would like to see guidelines for EA members in regards to participation in EA meetings, committees, etc. A campus bus tour and some fun were also suggested.

P. Thompson will reach out to those who ran for the open seat and ask if there are interested in any committee positions. M. Stefanski Seymour asked that the committee vacancy list be circulated.

Other New Business

J. Blair from the UA then asked the EA to send in their ideas, issues, etc. for the UA to move forward. He also said he would like to have some input into the guests for the Leadership Breakfasts. He said the UA is always looking for better ways to engage and communicate in order to keep protests and complaints from becoming issues if possible.

VIII. Adjournment

BJ Siasoco motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the EA meeting of June 4, 2014 was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.