



Cornell University Employee Assembly

MINUTES **Employee Assembly Meeting** **Wednesday, June 3, 2015** **12:15 -1:30 pm** **701 Clark Hall** **"Being an active Voice for Cornell Staff"**

I. Call to Order

G. Mezey welcomed the old and new members and called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m.

Present: M. de Roos, S. Cowles, T. Grove, S. Jenks, B. Kepner, A. Kohut, J. Kruser, E. Lee, G. Mezey, B. Nicholson, R. Onyejuruwa, M. Pilgrim, B. Siasoco, M. Seymour, D. Sun, P. Thompson
Absent: N. Bell, W. Esty, C. Ferguson

Also Present: U. Smith, G. Giambattista, A. O'Donnell

II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda

None

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from May 20th were deferred for approval until June 17th meeting.

IV. Business of the Day

A. Executive Committee Elections

G. Mezey asked to defer chairing the meeting in order to proceed with the elections.

S. Jenks volunteered to run the election of Chair and asked for nominations.

M. Stefanski Seymour nominated Tanya Grove and Tanya accepted.

P. Thompson nominated Greg Mezey and Greg accepted.

BJ Siasoco self nominated.

Nominations were closed, and the candidates were each given two minutes to speak on their qualifications to be Chair.

T. Grove gave some background on herself, explained why she was running for Chair and then answered several questions from the members.

G. Mezey then gave some background on himself, explained why he wished to remain as chair, and answered similar questions from the members.

BJ Siasoco was the final candidate to give background on himself, explain why he wished to move from Executive Vice Chair to Chair, and then answered similar questions from the members.

The EA went into closed session for deliberations.

The members voted by secret ballot and there was a three-way tie. The Parliamentarian was deemed ineligible to vote, that left G. Mezey and BJ Siasoco for a run off vote.

The members voted by secret ballot once again, and **BJ Siasoco was determined to be the winner.**

BJ Siasoco assumed the leadership over the meeting.

BJ Siasoco then asked for candidates for Executive Vice President.

G. Mezey accepted the nomination of EVP.

Nominations were closed, and the members voted by secret ballot and **G. Mezey was elected EVP with unanimous vote of confidence.**

BJ then asked for candidates for Vice Chair for Internal Operations

M. Stefanski Seymour nominated Tanya Grove and Tanya accepted.

T. Grove nominated Pilar Thompson and she declined.

S. Jenks nominated M. Stefanski Seymour and she also declined.

Nominations were closed, and the members voted by secret ballot and **Tanya Grove was elected Vice Chair of Internal Operations with a unanimous vote of confidence.**

BJ Siasoco then asked for nominations for Vice Chair of Communications.

Billy Kepner self nominated.

S. Jenks nominated Eric Lee, and Eric accepted.

Nominations were closed, and the candidates were given two minutes to speak on their qualifications to be Communications Chair.

The EA went into closed session for deliberations.

The members voted by secret ballot and **Billy Kepner was determined to be the winner.**

BJ Siasoco then asked for nominations for Vice Chair for Finance.

M. Pilgrim nominated Steve Jenks, and Steve accepted.

B. Kepner nominated Pilar Thompson, and Pilar accepted.

Nominations were closed and the candidates were given two minutes to speak on their qualifications to be Vice Chair of Finance.

The EA went into closed session for deliberations.

The members voted by secret ballot and **Pilar Thompson was determined to be the winner.**

BJ Siasoco then asked for nominations for the position of Parliamentarian

P. Thompson nominated Steve Jenks and Steve accepted.

S. Jenks nominated Mikale Pilgrim and Mikale accepted.

Nominations were closed and the candidates were given two minutes to speak on their qualifications to be Parliamentarian.

The members voted by secret ballot and **Mikale Pilgrim was determined to be the winner.**

There was a motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes and the members voted in favor.

V. Old Business

A. George Peter Award for Dedicated Service Ceremony

T. Grove announced there would be a GPADS ceremony tomorrow at 11am at the AHDC lobby in the Vet Collete, and the KUDOS lunch is June 11th at the Statler Hotel, and encouraged everyone to attend in support.

VI. Adjournment

BJ Siasoco thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting at 1:39pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amy O'Donnell